



# Agility Association of Canada

## Rulebook Update v. 8.5 January 1, 2022

Please save or print this update and include it with your AAC Rulebook, v8.0, effective January 2020. Any rule changes related to Regional and/or National competition, or to the National Team, can be found elsewhere (see [www.aac.ca](http://www.aac.ca) for links).

### A-Rule Changes Effective January 1, 2022:

- **Addition of solid coloured weave poles to the equipment list** - All poles shall be marked with contrasting colours in an alternating or repeating pattern along the full length of the pole (such as, but not limited to, striping or banding) to increase the visibility of the poles. *Alternatively, solid colour poles may be used if they are of a maximum of two contrasting colours used in an alternating pattern. For example, blue – yellow – blue – yellow, etc.* All colouring and patterns on weave poles must be painted or extruded into the plastic to lessen the chance of injury as dogs push through the poles. (210608)
- **Course Copies** – The trial secretary (or trusted designate) must keep the courses confidential until two hours prior to the start time, each day, as indicated on the trial premium. This includes posted and electronic copies
- **Deadlines for Submitting Trial Applications** - Any club or group which has not yet hosted an AAC-sanctioned trial must make written application for approval no less than **six (6) weeks** prior to the proposed trial date, with such application including all completed forms (judge and class information). For all clubs who previously hosted AAC-sanctioned trials, trial applications may be submitted without judge and class information up to one year prior to the date of the trial. The deadline for approval of trials will be **six (6) weeks** prior to the date of the trial, by which time all required information must be submitted.  
Groups or clubs that change published Judges, ring sizes, classes offered, etc., after submitting a trial application and before the **six (6) week** deadline for final trial approval must communicate the change(s) to the Trial Approval Coordinator. Any changes made after this time will result in a Change of Information Fee, unless the host can show cause.
- **Late Trial Applications** - Late trial applications, defined as applications received by the Trial Approval Coordinator after **the six (6) weeks** are allowed only under the following conditions:  
**The late trial application is received by the Trial Approval Coordinator not less than four (4) weeks before the first day of the requested trial date. On condition that Course Approvers have been arranged and notified that the judge is submitting courses late.**
- **Equipment & Trial Site Inspections** - Approval of the Regional Director or their designated representative is required for all equipment and all sites. It is the responsibility of the host club to contact the Regional Director to arrange the necessary equipment and trial site inspections and should be completed and fully approved prior to applying for a trial. **Trial application may be submitted minimum of six (6) weeks before the trial date. Host clubs, Regional Directors, and Trial Approval coordinator must retain a copy of inspection form (s). Inspection forms must be submitted to the Trial Approval coordinator by either the Director or the person doing the inspection, and not the host club. All forms must be submitted to the Trial Approval Coordinator within 7 days of the inspection.**  
Established clubs applying to hold AAC sanctioned events must ensure that all the necessary equipment, (equipment inspection is defined as ALL the equipment a club owns, regardless of when any additional pieces of equipment have been added on a later date) as well as their agility trial site(s), have been inspected and approved within the five (5) years prior to the trial date. **Re-inspections for both equipment and sites will take place 6 weeks prior to the end of their five (5) year period, (anniversary date of inspection), if a trial is to take place on/after said re-inspection date, a minimum of six (6) weeks before that trial. Clubs are responsible for regular maintenance of their site(s) and equipment between inspections. When host clubs own more than one piece of equipment (e.g. two sets of anything) Inspection forms must be noted with which piece was inspected on each form (e.g.; Set #1 and Set #2). When there are not duplicate full sets of equipment, forms must denote #s of said obstacles.**
- **Responsibilities of Hosting Clubs** - **Trial Score results must be received by the AAC Registrar, electronically, within 8 calendar days from the last day of the trial**

**B-Rule Changes Effective July 1, 2022:**

- Table removed from the list of approved AAC obstacles allowable in all standard classes and its use as an endpoint in Snooker and Gamblers. (210812)

**C-Pending Rule Changes:**

**Effective January 1, 2023:**

- Hogback (Oxer) Style of Broad Jump removed from equipment list (201110)