



NATIONAL MOTIONS SINCE JANUARY 2010

NATIONALS 2009

KNOCKED BARS AT REGIONALS AND NATIONALS

090402 That, at Regional and National Championships, knocked jumps to be taken again later in the course not be re-set.

CARRIED.

NATIONALS 2010

PENALTY FOR SUBMITTING LATE COURSES FOR REGIONALS/NATIONALS

100112 IN RECONSIDERATION OF the previous motion, move that “the penalty for late submission of Regionals and nationals courses be a 1 year suspension from judging regionals or nationals for the first offense; a 3 year suspension from judging regionals or nationals for the second offense; and permanent suspension from judging regionals or nationals for the third offense.

CARRIED.

REGIONAL/NATIONAL COURSE COORDINATOR

100204 MOVED by Gail Thompson and seconded by Carole Cote that John Willis be appointed the 2010 Regionals/Nationals Course coordinator.

CARRIED.

REGIONAL/NATIONAL COURSE DESIGN GUIDELINES AND CHECKLISTS

100110 MOVED by Claire Duder and SECONDED by Jane that the Regional /National course guidelines be approved as is.

CARRIED.

100111 MOVED by Claire Duder and SECONDED by Gail Thompson to reconsider the motion regarding regional and national course guidelines.

CARRIED.

100202 MOVED by Claire Duder and SECONDED by Gail Thompson that the revised Regionals/Nationals Course design Guidelines and checklists be approved as amended.

CARRIED.



DOG RUNNING CLEAN WITH TIMER MALFUNCTION (E-TIMER)

100811 Moved by Rob Struthers and Seconded by Claire Duder that at Regionals and Nationals in the event that a dog runs clean but cannot be assigned a time due to timer malfunction, the handler will have a choice of running again for time only OR accepting a score equivalent to a clean run at standard course time.

If the handler elects to re-run for time only then they must run the entire course as it is designed without any non-completions. This is to ensure that the handler still maintains a degree of accuracy while re-running.

In the event that the team incurs a non-completion they will be whistled off and the score will be reverted to a score equivalent to a clean run at standard course time. Should the re-run be over the SCT then the time faults will be applied.

Ruling to take effect at the 2010 National Championships.

CARRIED.

DOG RUNNING WITH FAULTS AND TIMER MALFUNCTION (E-TIMER)

100812 Moved by Rick Whiting and Seconded by Matt Bonner that in the event that a dog that DOES NOT run clean but cannot be assigned a time due to timer malfunction, the handler will have a choice of running again with a clean slate (all faults & time would count) or to keep their current score with the Standard Course Time. Ruling to take effect at the 2010 National Championships.

CARRIED.

NATIONALS 2011

110108 Moved by Jane and Seconded by MJ to amend Motion 101102 [18 November 2010] to allow Laurie Burdon and Darlene McCuaig to purchase the 2009 National Equipment they stored at a 25% reduction of the cost.

CARRIED.



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MEDIA MATERIALS FOR MAJOR AAC EVENTS

- 110307** Moved to develop media information materials to announce major AAC events, which would include:
- News release templates to be used for Nationals, Regionals and World Team program
 - Fact sheets (history of dog agility, history of AAC in Canada, agility events at-a-glance)
 - Development of a b-roll for TV/web reporters
 - Use of AAC archived photos of dogs/handlers (copyrighted to AAC)
 - Downloadable AAC logo templates (in various colours/formats) for use by hosts of Nationals and Regionals events

CARRIED.

NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE BID PROCESS

- 110204** Moved by Claire and Seconded by Jason that, effective immediately, the NSC will accept bids submitted up to 18 months in advance of a projected regional date, and up to 24 months in advance of a projected national date.

CARRIED.

- 110205** Moved by Claire and Seconded by Jason that the NSC will approve or decline bids to host regionals and nationals no later than 6 months before the projected regional event, or 12 months before a national event.

CARRIED.

NATIONALS EQUIPMENT STORAGE CONTAINER RESPONSIBILITY

- 110304** Moved by Jerry and Seconded by Claire that the Nationals Equipment shipping container become the responsibility of AAC office employees (administrator?). The employees are to arrange the transport of the container from Nationals to storage and from storage to Nationals site when requested by the Nationals Organizing Committee.

CARRIED.

NATIONAL/REGIONAL GUIDELINES MARCH 2011

- 110402** Moved by Jerry and Seconded by Claire to accept the revisions to the Regionals/Nationals Judging Guidelines, dated March 2011 [Nationals & Regionals Judging Amendments - March2011.doc].

CARRIED.



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PUBLIC RELATIONS WORKSHOP FOR NATIONAL/REGIONAL HOSTS

110308 Moved by Jane and Seconded by Matt to hold a one hour workshop for Regional and National host clubs via the AAC Clarity teleconference number. The purpose of workshop will be to help participants understand the importance and value of doing public relations.

- build awareness and understanding about the sport of dog agility
- promote the AAC and its major events
- Be familiar with how the media works
- Implement basic media outreach tactics

CARRIED.

NATIONALS 2012

NATIONALS PROGRAM - JUMP PURCHASE

120303 Moved by Jane and Seconded by Claire that jump standards purchased by AAC for Nationals events are a minimum 36" high and minimum 1" diameter

CARRIED.

120403 Moved by Jason and Seconded by Jerry that the AAC accept the quote from Canadian Dog Agility Equipment for 100 jumps, the cost of which is \$14,200.00 plus applicable taxes, to be used in the National Championship Program.

CARRIED.

NATIONAL/REGIONAL GUIDELINES

120201 Moved by Jerry and Seconded by Matt that the Board accept the updated Regionals/Nationals Judging Guidelines, as recommended by the NSC (attached – Nationals & Regionals Judging Amendments-January 2012v4).

CARRIED.



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120204 Moved by Rob and Seconded by Claire to accept this wording (below) as written and include it in the Guidelines for Regionals and Nationals.

In recognition of the fact that many dogs who attend Regional and National events have travelled quite a distance to attend, and may not have had their normal opportunity to exercise prior to the start of the Regional or National Championship rounds, the following modification to the general AAC rule on non-sanctioned agility classes has been approved for “warm-up” runs and other events held at these prestigious competitions: Provided that the warm up runs are held PRIOR to the start of the championship rounds, they may be run at the same time as other events, sanctioned or not. The warm-up rings must be set up in such a way as to eliminate the potential for handlers to set up or to practice sequences found in any sanctioned events. At Regionals events, the host may allow toys and food in the warm up rings. If allowed, both must be allowed. At Nationals, neither toys nor food will be allowed in the warm up rings at any time. **Effective February 23, 2012.**

CARRIED.

NATIONALS 2013

BROAD JUMP

130214 **Moved** by Seanna, second by Jason, that the Board accept the recommendation of the NSC to include the Broad Jump as an optional piece of equipment for Nationals Standard and Jumpers courses, as the Nationals are one of the determining criteria for the IFCS world team selection process

CARRIED. Effective Date: February 4, 2013

WORLD TEAM

130222 **Moved** by Seanna, second by Jason, that the 2013 AAC National Championship results be the sole performance criteria used for selection to the World Team. In addition, applicants must be an AAC member and participate in a minimum of eight AAC sanctioned trials over a two year period where the applicant has completed a minimum of six runs per trial.

CARRIED. Effective Date: February 21, 2013

REGIONAL/NATIONALS COURSE COORDINATOR

130224 **Moved** by Claire, seconded by Trish, that the Regional/Nationals Course Coordinator be paid an honorarium of \$500 for the work to be done for the 2013 Nationals Program

CARRIED.



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BROAD JUMP PURCHASE

130314 **Moved** by Claire Duder, seconded by Ivy Seney THAT the AAC purchase three broad jumps to add to the Nationals Equipment Inventory to a maximum expenditure of \$1,000

CARRIED. **Effective Date: March 21, 2013**

NATIONALS MEASURING DEVICE

130503 **Moved** by Seanna O'Neill and seconded by Claire Duder THAT the AAC purchase a (precise) measuring device from Action K9 Sports Equipment for use by Nationals Hosts and to be stored in the Nationals storage container.

CARRIED **Effective Date: May 16, 2013**

MEMBERSHIP AND NATIONALS DISCOUNTS

130609 **Moved** by Cindy Swiney, seconded by Lesley Howard-Stafford, that the following wording, to reflect current practice, be included on the official AAC membership application form:

"New membership applications may take 5-6 weeks to process and must be processed by April 1st to receive any Nationals discounts. Membership renewals must be received by the annual deadline for continued membership benefits."

CARRIED

NATIONALS 2014

JUDGING FEE AT REGIONAL/NATIONAL EVENTS

140112 **Moved** by Claire, seconded by Trish, that in recognition for the increased effort and responsibility associated with judging a National event, the AAC Judging fee for aggregate events at the National Championship will be paid at a minimum of 2 times the current AAC rate.

****Current AAC rate is the minimum stipulated for regular trials.***

CARRIED. **Effective January 1, 2015.**



JUDGES NOT SUBMITTING REGIONAL/NATIONAL COURSES

140712 **Moved** by Cindy Swiney, seconded Claire Duder that the penalty for judges not submitting Regional or National courses will be a 3 year suspension from judging Regional or National events. Non Submission is defined as 30 days prior to the first Regionals event for Regionals and 30 days prior to the beginning of Nationals for Nationals. Offending judges will be notified by the President of the AAC Board of Directors

CARRIED.

ENTRY FEE DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS

141007 **Moved** by Claire Duder, seconded by Seanna O'Neill that effective Jan 1, 2016, Regional and National events must offer a discounted entry fee for current AAC members compared to the entry fee for non-members.

CARRIED.

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL GAMBLES

140713 In order to ensure that the two Main Gamble challenges for any particular Regional or National event are not identical (e.g. 12 weave with lateral distance challenge), **Moved** by Seanna O'Neill and seconded Claire Duder that the course selection process for Regionals and Nationals be modified as follows:

Designing judges will be instructed to design TWO gambles per ring size, and ensure that the Gamble courses they submit have different types of challenges for the Main Gamble, and will label their gamble course according to the nature of the Main Gamble: Weave Poles, Contact, Contact AND Weaves, or Jumps/tunnels only (no contact or weaves). Designing judges are also encouraged to vary the type and selection of mini-gambles, in order that the widest range of skills is tested.

During the preparation of course packages to be submitted to Regional and National Hosts, the Course Coordinator will replace the Gamble type with identifying symbols or letters unique to a particular event. These unique identifiers will be placed on the outside of the course envelopes.

When the first draw is made for a Gamble course, all other Gamble courses with the same designation, if any, will be removed from the pool in order that the two Gamble courses will have different challenges.

CARRIED.



REGIONAL/NATIONAL COURSE COORDINATOR

140714 **Moved** by Cindy Swiney, seconded by Jennifer Laird that the Regional/Nationals Course Coordinator be paid an honorarium of \$500 for the work done for the 2014 Nationals Program.

CARRIED. **EFFECTIVE JULY 5, 2014**

JUNIOR HANDLER EVENT AT NATIONALS

140918 **Moved** by Seanna O'Neill, seconded by Trish Levesque, that a Junior Handler Championship EVENT be included in all future AAC National Championships.

This event must consist of either: (1) Agility Round, or (1) Agility Round and (1) Jumpers Round (combined score)

The event will be open to all junior handlers 18 and under as of Dec in the year of the Championship event.

Will consist of Two Divisions:

Junior for 12 yrs. and under (judged under AAC ADVANCED junior handler rules).

Open for 13-18 yrs.(judged under AAC MASTERS junior handler rules).

Handlers and dogs may only be entered once and need not be entered in National Championship. Handlers and dogs must both be registered with the AAC (handlers may be registered with the AAC, either as a Junior Handler OR be a member of the AAC, or both) Dogs may jump their regulation height, or 1 height lower. Veteran dogs may jump two heights lower then regulation height.

Regulation equipment will include:

Agility Round: single non-wing jumps; single wing jumps; flexible tunnel; collapsible tunnel; dogwalk; teeter; frame (set at 5 feet); weaves (set of 6 or 12); tire. (all equipment must be AAC approved)

Jumpers round (if applicable): single non-wing jumps; single wing jumps; flexible tunnel; collapsible tunnel (optional); tire (optional) (all equipment must be AAC approved) There will be no spreads jumps or table

This event may be judged by any AAC judge.

Winners in each Age Division and Height or Category will receive a Rosette.

Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the host club. (For the purposes of prizes, the dogs may be divided into different height categories OR into Mini and Maxi categories. If divided into Mini and Maxi categories, dogs jumping lower heights will still be categorized in their regular height for prizes. (E.g. a 22" dog jumping 16" or 10" is still a maxi dog)

CARRIED. **September 18, 2014**



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NATIONAL 3-DOG TEAM AWARD

150309 **Moved** by Seanna O'Neill and seconded by Jennifer Laird, that the AAC create a NATIONAL 3-DOG TEAM AWARD, to be determined at the AAC National Dog Agility Championship. This monetary award will go to the top teams of 3 AAC dogs / AAC handlers from the same Region, based on an accumulation of individual scores.

The winning teams will earn the title of "AAC NATIONAL 3-DOG TEAM CHAMPIONS", and a cash prize (to be determined by the AAC Board). The parameters of the competition will be reviewed by the Board, or their designate, on an annual basis.

CARRIED.

150310 **Moved** by Seanna O'Neill and seconded by Jennifer Laird that *For the 2015 National Championship Award the 3-Dog Team Award Rules will be as follows:*

- All competitors must be entered in the AAC National Agility Championships
- BOTH Dogs and Handlers must be current AAC members as of the date of Nationals
- There will be three dog/handler pairs on each team
- One person cannot run multiple dogs on the same team
- Dogs can only be entered on one team
- Handlers can be entered on multiple teams with different dogs
- ALL three dogs on the team must be from the same Region
- There is no limit to the number of teams from any Region
- Max of ONE veteran dog per team (due to the increased opportunities for points for veterans)
- 12 individual scores from the 6 National Events (2 Standard, 2 Jumpers, 2 Gamblers) will be combined for the teams point total.
- Each member of the team MUST have at least two scores counted over the 6 events. (ex. first dog could contribute 2 Jumpers scores; the second dog could contribute 2 Jumpers scores and 2 Standard scores, and the third dog could contribute 2 Jumpers scores and 2 Standard scores and 2 Gamble Scores)
- There must be at least one score used from each of the three disciplines (Standard/Jumpers/Gamblers) (ex. first dog could contribute 1 Gambler score, 2 Jumpers scores and 1 Standard score; the second dog could contribute 2 Jumpers scores and 2 Standard scores, and the third dog could contribute 2 Jumpers scores and 2 Standard scores)
- Winners will announced at the Closing Award Ceremonies
- Organization and compiling of the results for the award will be managed by a volunteer selected by the AAC Board.
- Ties will be broken by a combined score of two of the teams' six jumpers rounds. The two scores may be from the same or two different jumpers rounds. But the two scores must be earned by two different dogs on the team. (The Jumpers Rounds used to break a tie will be considered whether or not they



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were used in the original team scoring totals.) If still tied, Combined point total of Two Standards will be used, and if still tied the final determination will be the combined point total of Two Gamblers. (The two dogs used for point totals in subsequent tie breakers (Standard and Gamblers) do not have to be the same two dog's as the two dogs used in the Jumpers point total to break the tie, but must still be two dogs, one dog cannot have both scores in the Standard or Gamblers tie breakers.

- Entries will be received up until the end of the Nationals Competition Check In.

CARRIED.

150311 **Moved** by Seanna O'Neill and seconded by Jennifer Laird, that the AAC Sponsored Award for the TOP PLACING NATIONAL 3 DOG TEAMS, as per the rules specified, be set up as \$1200 (\$400 per team member) for FIRST PLACE, \$600 (\$200 per team member) for SECOND PLACE, \$300 (\$100 per team member) for THIRD PLACE for the 2015 AAC National Championship.

CARRIED.

CASH AWARDS AT AAC EVENTS

150611 **Moved** by Seanna O'Neill seconded by Cindy Swiney, that when cash prizes are going to be awarded at any AAC event, (including Regional/National event), the actual amounts of the cash award and/or percentage of entry money to be put toward the cash awards must be outlined in the premium list, along with how the cash awards will be distributed among the various heights and/or divisions. Effective immediately.

CARRIED.

FENCES AT REGIONALS /NATIONALS EVENTS

150613 **Moved** by Seanna O'Neill and seconded by Ivy Seney that any Regional/National application with a fence common to two rings must ensure that there is a continuous solid visual barrier that begins at ground level and is no less than 3 feet high, and runs the whole length of the common fence.

CARRIED.



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DOGS ELIGIBILITY

150614 **Moved** by Seanna O'Neill and seconded by Claire Duder that the current rule in both the AAC Rulebook and the Regional/Nationals guidelines that reads:

"Dogs less than 18 months of age, bitches in season, dogs suffering from any injury or illness that affects the dog's physical or mental performance, or any dog that demonstrates signs of aggression towards people or other dogs will not be permitted to compete in a Regional Agility Championship"

be modified to read

"Dogs less than 18 months of age; bitches in season or in an advanced state of pregnancy; or dogs suffering from any injury or illness or that affects the dog's physical or mental performance; or any dog that demonstrates signs of aggression towards people or other dogs will not be permitted to compete in a Regional / National Agility Championship"

CARRIED.

FOOD/TOYS IN WARMUP RINGS

150615 **Moved** by Claire Duder and seconded by Seanna O'Neill that move that food and toys be allowed during warm up runs offered at the AAC National or Regional Championships under the following conditions:

- that allowing food does not contravene the site and/or facility rules
- toys should be in a good state of repair
- toys may not contain audible squeakers or other noise makers
- handlers are permitted throw toys to the dog or tug with their dogs
- training aids (e.g. clickers, stride regulators, target plates) are not allowed
- food may not be thrown on the ground, or to the dog, it may only be fed from the hand or container

Warm up runs must be completed before aggregate rounds begin.

CARRIED.

REGIONAL NATIONAL COURSE COORDINATOR

150907 **Moved** by Cindy Swiney and seconded by Claire Duder, that the 2015 Regionals and Nationals course coordinator be awarded an honorarium of \$500.

CARRIED.



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WALL JUMP

150712 **Moved** by Roger Peron and seconded by Seanna O'Neill, that the board accept the recommendations on the specifications on construction, course design and point value for games of the wall jump. Effective immediately.

CARRIED. **Effective immediately.**

THREE DOG TEAM AT NATIONALS

150817 **Moved** by Cindy Swiney and seconded by Claire Duder to continue running the AAC National 3 Dog Team competition sponsored and managed by the AAC at all future AAC Nationals.

CARRIED.

WRONG COURSE CALLS

150906 **Moved** by Jennifer Laird and seconded by Seanna O'Neill, that the BOD accepts the recommendations from the Judges Standing Advisory Committee to clarify and update the wording for Wrong Course Calls as below.

4.3 Wrong Course

A wrong course (AKA off course) is faulted differently in Masters than in Starters and Advanced. In Masters, any off course is an elimination, signalled with two arms crossed at the waist. In Starters and Advanced, an off course is 5 faults, signalled with an open hand raised above the head.

A wrong course penalty will be assessed if dog takes an obstacle out of sequence, or in the wrong direction. A wrong course penalty will also be assessed if a dog puts ONE OR MORE PAWS on or in an obstacle out of sequence. This includes a dog entering the wrong mouth of a tunnel. A wrong course penalty will also be assessed if a dog "back weaves" (three or more consecutive poles against the direction of course flow forming an 'S' shape) during performance of the weaves.

Once a wrong course has occurred, all scoring ceases until the dog is back on course. "On course" is defined as the dog engaging the correct obstacle in sequence, from the correct direction. Engaging the correct obstacle will include touching (with one or more paws) and/or jumping over or through the obstacle from the correct direction. The only exception to this is, if once the dog has gone off course, the handler deliberately directs the dog to repeat an obstacle(s) already performed in the correct sequence. In this scenario, the Obstacle Repetition rule comes into effect (see Section 4.7), and the judge will



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eliminate the dog and signal to the timer to blow the whistle when open regular SCT is reached.

If the off course performed is on the NEXT obstacle in the sequence, and, in the opinion of the judge, the handler intends to continue without returning to the missed obstacle, ONLY a non-completion penalty shall be assessed, and scoring shall resume immediately.

In Starters only one wrong course fault is given per obstacle that the dog is attempting to perform.

In Advanced (or for AAC classes that do not require immediate elimination calls, such as Steeplechase or in Regional and National aggregate rounds) the dog may incur one or more additional wrong courses at the **same** obstacle **only if** he/she engages (as defined above) with that obstacle, fails to perform the obstacle correctly (i.e., jumping off the side of a contact, popping out of weaves or entering incorrectly, or by entering a tunnel or chute and backing out) and then goes on to take other obstacles not in sequence.

No additional faults are called if a dog incurs a wrong course fault by running through a tunnel placed under a contact. That is, the dog would only be faulted 5 points (or E, if Masters), for the wrong course, and not 5 additional faults for running under a contact.

Regionals and Nationals are also to be judged by the same criteria.

CARRIED. **Effective January 1st, 2016**

JUMP STABILITY

151109 **Moved** by Claire Duder and seconded by Jennifer Laird, that the following wording be added to the applicable section C2.8 of the Rulebook, and other official documents, effective immediately;

“If needed, jump standards may be stabilised with a small sand bag or other soft, displaceable weight, positioned so as not to affect the dog's path. Staking of jump standards is NOT permitted.”

CARRIED. **Effective immediately**

WALL JUMP CORRECTION

151105 **Moved** by Roger Peron and seconded by Seanna O’Neill, that the board accept the recommendations on the specifications on construction, course design and point value for games of the wall jump. Effective immediately. Moved by Wendy Coffen



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Rudolph and seconded by Jennifer Laird, that the minutes of the July 23, 2015 Board meeting be amended to reflect a correction on motion 150711, passed at this meeting and be effective immediately.

Motion 150711 should read:

Moved by Roger Perron, seconded by Seanna O'Neill, that based on the recommendations of the Equipment Committee, that the specifications of the Wall Jump be clarified to reflect the following and be effective immediately:

The Wall Jump is its own class of jump, and is used in all AAC categories; Regular, Specials, Veteran and Junior Handler. It may be used in a course design the same way a single jump may be used, unless otherwise specified below.

For purposes of point assignment or difficulty level in Gambles and Snooker it will carry the value of a tire jump.

The Wall Jump is its own class of jump, and is used in all AAC categories; Regular, Specials, Veteran and Junior Handler. The wall jump may be used in course design the same way a single jump may be used, unless otherwise specified below. The wall is a bidirectional obstacle, and backside approaches are permitted.

Obstacle Specifications

1. Width of jumping area: consistent with current jumps at 4-5'
2. Height of columns: 3-4' (favouring the higher height).
3. All current AAC jump heights must be buildable within allowable variances.
4. Width of columns: 8-16"
5. Width of base of jumping area, front to back:
 - a. Jump height 22" and 26" \leq 12"
 - b. Jump height 16" \leq 8"
 - c. Jump height 10" \leq 6"
 - d. Jump height 6" \leq 4"
6. Width of jumping area at jump height: \leq 4"
7. Must have displaceable top blocks with rounded edges or half circle shape easily displaceable by contact from the dog. These displaceable blocks are included in the overall jump height
8. Optional viaduct holes, 1-3, at least 4" below jumping height
9. Construction materials are optional but components must be easily displaceable by contact with a dog and not contain any sharp edges.
10. Decorative components are acceptable as long as they do not interfere with the jump path or be so unusual as to create an unintended challenge.

CARRIED. Effective immediately.



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BACKSIDE AND PUSH BACKS JUMPS

151115 **Moved** by Wendy Coffen Rudolph, and seconded by Jennifer Laird, that the AAC Board accept the recommendations of the Judges Standing Advisory Committee to adopt the rule that a backside or pushback on a double, spread, broad or tire should never be allowed in course design at any level. As per current JHB guidelines.

CARRIED. **Effective immediately**

NATIONALS 2016

JUNIOR HANDLER COMMITTEE- JUNIORS AT NATIONALS

160303 **MOVED** by Meaghan O'Neill and seconded by Jennifer Laird, to accept the Junior Handler Committees recommendation to officially add the "Junior National Champion" to the awards at Nationals. Recommendation that the top 10 Junior Handler Overall Aggregate winners, and be awarded equivalent awards to the other National Championship Overall Aggregate winners.

CARRIED.

160304 **MOVED** by Meaghan O'Neill and seconded by Jennifer Laird, to accept the Junior Handler Committees recommendation to change the name of the Junior Handler Championship Event at Nationals to "National Junior Agility Stakes", with an equivalent title in French (using the term "Jeux"). As well to change the divisions of the event from Age Groups to "Novice Stakes and Open Stakes" based on experience.

CARRIED.

3 DOG TEAM AWARD

160309 **MOVED** by Tahnis Manhard and seconded by Jennifer Laird that for the National Championship Award the 3-Dog Team Award Rules will be as follows:

- All competitors must be entered in the AAC National Agility Championships
- BOTH Dogs and Handlers must be current AAC members as of the closing date of Nationals 2016 and future years will be April 1st of that year.
- There will be three dog/handler pairs on each team
- One person cannot run multiple dogs on the same team
- Dogs can only be entered on one team
- Handlers can be entered on multiple teams with different dogs
- ALL three dogs on the team must be from the same Region
- There is no limit to the number of teams from any Region
- Max of ONE veteran dog per team (due to the increased opportunities for points for veterans)
- 12 individual scores from the 6 National Events (2 Standard, 2 Jumpers, 2 Gamblers) will be combined for the teams point total.
- Each member of the team **MUST** have at least two scores counted over the 6 events. (ex first dog could contribute 2 Jumpers scores; the second dog could



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contribute 2 Jumpers scores and 2 Standard scores, and the third dog could contribute 2 Jumpers scores and 2 Standard scores and 2 Gamble Scores)

- There must be at least one score used from each of the three disciplines (Standard/Jumpers/Gamblers) (ex first dog could contribute 1 Gambler score, 2 Jumpers scores and 1 Standard score; the second dog could contribute 2 Jumpers scores and 2 Standard scores, and the third dog could contribute 2 Jumpers scores and 2 Standard scores)
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- Ties will be broken by a combined score of two of the teams' six jumpers' rounds. The two scores may be from the same or two different jumpers' rounds. But the two scores must be earned by two different dogs on the team. (The Jumpers Rounds used to break a tie will be considered whether or not they were used in the original team scoring totals.) If still tied, Combined point total of Two Standards will be used, and if still tied the final determination will be the combined point total of Two Gamblers. (The two dogs used for point totals in subsequent tie breakers (Standard and Gamblers) do not have to be the same two dog's as the two dogs used in the Jumpers point total to break the tie, but must still be two dogs, one dog cannot have both scores in the Standard or Gamblers tie breakers.
- Entries will be received up until the end of the Nationals Competition Check In.

CARRIED.

160310 **MOVED** by Tahnis Manhard and seconded by Jennifer Laird, that the AAC Sponsored Award for the TOP PLACING NATIONAL 3 DOG TEAMS, as per the rules specified, be set up as \$1200 (\$400 per team member) for FIRST PLACE, \$600 (\$200 per team member) for SECOND PLACE, \$300 (\$100 per team member) for THIRD PLACE for the AAC National Championships.

CARRIED.

160316 **MOVED** by Meaghan O'Neill and seconded by Quentin Skalyn that the AAC purchase medals for the 3-Dog Team award at AAC Nationals. (Maximum of \$200 to go towards the purchasing and shipping.)

CARRIED.



SRC REPORT – FINISH LINE REGIONALS AND NATIONALS

160507 **MOVED** by Wendy Beard and seconded by Quentin Skalyn, to accept the SRC recommendation that for Regional and National events ONLY, the finish obstacle be defined as the finish line. Crossing the plane of the last obstacle will not be judged as a non-completion but as a refusal (5 fault penalty) IF the dog is brought back to complete the finish obstacle. If the dog is not brought back, the non-completion fault would be in effect. If the dog, while being brought back to complete the finish obstacle, takes it backwards - it will be judged as a “non completion” penalty. Having stopped the time by doing so, all further judging will cease.

If the dog does not return to take the finish obstacle, time will be stopped manually once the dog leaves the area defined by the ring boundary.

This change will affect all three events - Standard, Jumpers and Gamble.
Effective immediately.

CARRIED.

ONE PIECE JUMPS – NATIONALS

160512 **MOVED** by Tahnis Manhard and seconded by Meaghan O’Neill that no one piece jumps of any material may be used at AAC National Events.

Effective: January 1, 2017.

CARRIED.

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENT BIDS

160605 **MOVED** by Tahnis Manhard and seconded by Meaghan O’Neill, to accept the National Steering Committee’s recommendation to amend the application process to host an AAC Regional and/or National Championship to the following: If you are a group or club wishing to submit an applications (bid) to the AAC National Steering Committee to host a Regional/ National agility event these are the parameters:

- The National events are to be held in the window of July 31 – September 30 annually.
- The Regional events are to be held in the window of March 1 – June 30 annually.
- Bids will be accepted between 48-39 months prior to the AAC event window.
- Bids will be reviewed, compared and processed between 39-36 months prior to the event window with the best applicant being awarded the bid.
- If no bids are received within 36 months of the proposed event window, the bid window will remain open until a bid is received. In this case, the first bid received may be awarded the event.

CARRIED.



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160606 **MOVED** by Tahnis Manhard and seconded by Jennifer Laird, to rescind motion 110204 and 110205 to enable implementation of motion 160605.

Two motions for reference:

Motion 110204 (February 17, 2011) - PASSED

Moved that, effective immediately, the NSC will accept bids submitted up to 18 months in advance of a projected regional date, and up to 24 months in advance of a projected national date

Motion 110205 (February 17, 2011) - PASSED

Moved that the NSC will approve or decline bids to host regionals and nationals no later than 6 months before the projected regional event, or 12 months before a national event.

CARRIED.

3 DOG TEAM - 2017

160816 **MOVED** by Tahnis Manhard and seconded by Jennifer Laird, that at the recommendation of the National Team Management Committee that the Board accept that starting with 2017 AAC National Championships and following years, any handler wishing to take advantage of an IFCS Medal spot must attend the AAC National Championships in their IFCS height, UNLESS there is a health related reason that the dog or handler cannot attend AAC National Championships (e.g. in heat / recovering from injury or pregnancy), in which case a waiver will be granted by the NSC.

Effective Immediately.

CARRIED.

160817 **MOVED** by Quentin Skalyn, and seconded by Tahnis Manhard, that only the current AAC National Team dogs are allowed to receive a bye to the AAC National Championship event.

Effective: Immediately

CARRIED.

160818 **MOVED** by Tahnis Manhard and seconded by Quentin Skalyn, that starting in 2017 that teams for the AAC 3 Dog Team awards can have a maximum of 2 Veteran dogs per team.

CARRIED.