



AAC Board of Directors- Unofficial Meeting Highlights for June 2020

Highlights of the AAC Board meeting held on Wednesday June 17, 2020. The full text of all motions can be found in On Course.

1. The BOD approved eleven **new members**, representing four different regions.
2. The BOD approved new members for the Junior Handler and Development committees.
3. The BOD voted to accept the recommendation of the Standing Rules Committee to create and develop a new division for handlers, to be called the Accessibility Division. Handlers entered in this division will receive additional time and, where applicable, point reductions in games. This new concession will come into being January 1, 2021. Details will be disseminated as available.
4. The BOD approved additional procedural and rule changes related to hosting trials in the time of COVID 19. The following areas are affected:
 - The minimum indoor ring area has been reduced to 7200 ft. sq., from 8000. Minimum width remains at 60 ft. A 5% tolerance will be allowed on all specified dimensions. The intent of this change is to allow hosts to designate more space for social distancing. This will also allow for the selection of smaller, more economical, venues that would make hosting smaller trials more sustainable. This change may be made permanent, depending on feedback from hosts and competitors.
 - The requirement to earn titles under at least two different judges has been lifted.
 - Handlers wishing to transition from Specials to early Veteran status (5 years, but under 7 years), and are unable to enter the required trials as a Special due to trial cancellations may make application through their Regional Director through submitting a form to declare their start of consideration as a Special. (form available here:

<https://aac.ca/en/Competitor-Forms>)

All changes are effective to December 31, 2020, unless otherwise stated. The full text of the position statement can be found at <https://aac.ca/en/node/955> .

5. The BOD has asserted that certificates for any titles earned in a year that the handler was an individual member will be provided at no charge. Certificates will only be awarded to members; there will be no purchase option.