



### AAC Board of Directors- Unofficial Meeting Highlights for November 2020

Highlights of the AAC Board meeting held on Wednesday November 18, 2020. The full text of all motions and discussions can be found in On Course.

1. The BOD approved *fifteen new members*, representing seven AAC regions.
2. Melanie Hart SK/MB/NU has been appointed as the BOD liaison to the Judge's Standing Advisory Committee.
3. The BOD has instituted an escalating scale of penalties for clubs who release course copies prior to the morning of the trial, in contravention of the following rule: *Section 2.4.2.: "The trial secretary (or trusted designate) must keep the courses confidential until the morning of the trial."*
4. The BOD has accepted the recommendation of the Equipment Committee to change the specifications for the ascending broad jump as follows to allow the use of PVC covered foam blocks as an alternative to rigid planks. All other specifications remain unchanged.  
The Oxer/Hogback configuration will be phased out, effective January 1, 2023, or at the next scheduled inspection of the club's equipment, whichever is later.
5. For the duration of the COVID 19 concessions, clubs are permitted to hire out-of-town judges, including internationally-renowned judges, to design courses that will be judged by local AAC judges of the appropriate level. BOD permission is not required for out-of-town AAC judges but all information (designer and judge) must be included in the premium list. However, permission must still be obtained for an internationally renowned non-AAC judge to design courses, by making application to the Board with a description of the judge's credentials. Normal course approval procedures must still be followed.
6. The BOD approved the request from Dynamo Dogsports, AB, to hire internationally renowned judges Tamas Traj, Jan Egil Eide, and Petr Pupik to design Masters level courses for the club's January, February and March, trials respectively.
7. The BOD agreed to limit requests for internationally renowned judges to once per club per calendar year starting July 1, 2021.
8. The BOD has approved a new class of trial, to be known as an OPEN SPECIAL EVENT, Effective January 1. 2021.
  - It is to be emphasized that these events are not intended to be replacements for Regionals and Nationals, so no Open Special Event will be approved for May or June, or the month of the AAC Nationals, provided such events are scheduled for that year.
  - No more than one Open Special Event per calendar year may be held in each of the following areas: Atlantic (NL, NB, NS, PEI), Quebec, Ontario, Prairies (AB, SK, MB, NWT, NU), and West Coast (BC, YK).

THE BOD will release a comprehensive Open Special Event hosting document shortly.

9. THE BOD has approved Flat Out Dogs' proposal to host an Open Special Event August 14-15, 2021, in the Atlantic area, to be known as The Battle of the Atlantic.