



AAC Board of Directors- Unofficial Meeting Highlights for April 2021

Highlights of the AAC Board meeting held on Wednesday April 21, 2021. The full text of all motions can be found in On Course.

1. The BOD approved *thirty six new members*, representing seven AAC regions.
2. In order to reduce judge's travel during COVID restrictions, and in recognition of the cancellation of several previously scheduled judge's clinics, the BOD will allow fully qualified Starters/Advanced judges to apply to judge at the Masters level, effective June 1, 2021.

Judges applying for the temporary upgrade must provide:

- References from two fully qualified Masters Judges, not of the same household.
- Proof of relevant experience or training that would justify the temporary promotion in judging level. Examples could include, but are not limited to: Judging at the Masters or International level for other agility organisations, international competition experience, high-level judge's continuing education (e.g. auditing an AAC Masters clinic, attending a higher level Global Judging Program seminar).

Interested judges should make application to the Board of Directors. At the end of the COVID-19 exceptions, or January 1, 2022, whichever comes last, the judge will revert back to Starters/Advanced status. Masters courses judged under this exception may be counted towards the requirements for a permanent Masters upgrade, provided the applicant attends and passes a masters upgrade clinic.

3. The BOD clarified the limitations on hiring judges to design courses that will be officiated by a different judge at the trial. In all cases, the normal course approval process must be followed, and any qualifying scores will be attributed to the designing judge.
 - For the duration of the COVID-19 exceptions, there is no limit on the number of times a club may hire an out-of-town AAC judge to design courses that will be judged by a local judge of the same level. Board permission is not required, but all relevant information must be included in the premium list.
 - Regardless of COVID-19 exceptions, requests to hire internationally renowned judges to design, or to design and judge, courses, must still be approved by the BOD. The request must include a description of the Judge's creation. Such requests shall be limited to one trial per calendar year, starting July 1, 2021.