



Highlights of the AAC Board meeting held on Wednesday October 20, 2021. The full text of all motions can be found in On Course.

1. The BOD approved *thirty-six new members*, representing eight AAC regions.
2. The BOD approved an increase to the Dog ID card fee, effective January 1, 2022. The fee for a new Dog ID card will be \$20 for members, and \$25 for non-members.
3. The BOD approved the application from Flashing Canines to host a Judge's clinic in Medicine Hat AB, March 4-6, 2022.
4. The BOD approved the National Team Committee's Policy and Procedures document for the selection of the 2022 AAC Nationals Team, as outlined in the 2022 Open Tryout document.
5. The BOD approved the JSAC's recommended clarification of the wording in the AAC Rulebook and Judge's Handbook with respect to the use of the new category of specialty jumps.
6. The BOD accepted the JSAC's recommendation for the following change to the AAC Rulebook (strike-outs deleted, red text added), effective July 1, 2022:

"2.10.2 General Faults:

Performance Enhancing Items in the Ring -

~~Phones or similar devices are not permitted in the ring during a run, hearing aids excepted.~~

Timing Devices - The **use** of timing devices (stop watches, **watches, phones**, etc.) by any competitor during the running of any course ~~must~~ **will** result in dismissal for either that run or that trial day **at the Judge's discretion**. ~~The length of dismissal is at the judge's discretion.~~ This does not apply to the walk-through. **Some examples of using a device as a timing device include a phone set to alarm and occurring at/near a game horn or a handler clearly checking a device during a run and appearing as if they are using the device as a timing aid."**

7. The BOD accepted the Standing Rules Committee's recommendation for the following addition to the AAC Rulebook, effective July 1, 2022:

"2.10.2 General Faults

Leashes in the Ring: Competitors may place the dog's leash in their pocket or somewhere else, out of sight, when running the course. The leash must be small enough to fit completely inside the pocket or be completely hidden. The leash must be stowed prior to the handler leaving the dog. If the handler fails to stow the leash, or the dog attempts to interact with the leash at any time during the run, the run will be scored with an "FEO" (toy in the ring). If the leash falls out during the run and the dog does not interact with the leash, no fault will be given. Handlers should be mindful of the time it takes to hide the leash."

8. The BOD approved the following amendments to the COVID-19 Position statement (full text available on aac.ca home page):

I. The following COVID concessions are extended until June 30, 2022:

- Table to be suspended
- Leash allowed to be carried on person
- Timer & scribe allowed to be the same person for Standard, Jumpers, Team and Steeplechase only, if using e-timing
- One time measurement for dogs under 2 and temporary card will be issued. Normal measurement resumes.
- Trial results e-mail only
- Hiring out-of-town judges
- Minimum indoor size will remain (7200 sq. ft. indoors)
- Site Inspection flexibility will remain in effect.
- Jr. Handler Exemption remains in effect as outlined.

II. The following changes take effect January 1, 2022

- Late application fees, as listed in the AAC Rulebook, will resume.
- Trial cancellation fees as the result of any Municipal/Provincial/Federal Health Related restrictions will be waived. Trial cancellation fees for all other reasons to resume.
- Qualifying under two judges for a title will be required once more
- Minimum outdoor ring size will revert to 9000 sq. ft.
- Minimum judging assignment rule will resume. From January 1, 2022, Judges have 2 years to fulfill their minimum judging requirements.
- Handlers transitioning their dogs to veterans will return to the requirements as stated in the AAC Rulebook.
- Judges who temporarily upgraded to Masters will be required to attend the necessary clinic to be eligible to judge at the Master's level.