

Agility Association of Canada

AAC Regional Championships Rules and Guidelines Update Supplement November 2024



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Nationals Qualification

Junior Handlers (up to and including seventeen (17) years of age as of January 1st of the current competition year) identified at the time of entry may qualify with a reduced aggregate score of 300 points.

Ribbons & Rosettes

Ribbons and Rosettes ordering is through the AAC. The AAC will provide free of charge aggregate placement ribbons 1-6, aggregate Junior Handler placement ribbons 1-6 and National Qualifying Rosettes. In the case of combined Regionals of two or more Regions, the AAC will provide aggregate placement ribbons up to 10th place for each height category and for aggregate Junior Handler placements. Orders should be placed by the close of entry. Ribbon Order Form is located on the AAC website under “forms for hosts of regional or national events”

Dog Measurement

Dogs must be entered according to the official measurement on their ID card or, if their ID card is not fully signed, entered in a jump height for which they are eligible according to AAC rules and regulations. Dogs not having a fully signed ID card shall be measured in on the first day of the event by an officiating judge. Dogs under 2 years of age are required to show a temporary card with one measurement recorded in order to compete and do not need a second measurement. Dogs over 2 with an incomplete ID card and dogs under 2 with no recorded measurement must be measured on site. Judges will be allowed to sign dog ID cards at a Regional event. ONLY judges of record for sanctioned events in conjunction with Regionals or the Regional event itself are allowed to carry out measurements.

Measurement form to be submitted within 7 days following the event to the Registrar, in line with current submission guidelines.

Regional Championship Scoring

Junior Handlers and competitors requesting the Accessibility Option are scored and placed as normal (no points/time allowance is given) but points required to qualify for Nationals are reduced to 300.

Appendix C – Bitches in Season Pilot **Extended to June 30, 2025**

Bitches in season (BIS) will be allowed to compete at all 2025 Regional and Nationals events. The host's premium must state clearly that BIS are allowed to compete, and the specific rules and regulations pertaining to BIS and any additional requirements deemed reasonable by the host. Hosts will be required to fill in a short questionnaire as part of the post-event report. Requirements for BIS at AAC Regional and National Events:

The following conditions will apply and must be clearly stated in the club premium:

1. Handlers are required to notify the trial secretary that they will be running a BIS at the event as soon as it is known.
2. It must be stated in the club premium that handlers should minimize exposure of their BIS to other dogs and limit their movements about the grounds.
3. Competitors with dogs that come into season will be allowed to withdraw and will be offered a refund if they choose not to compete.
4. Competitors will be notified there is a BIS on site.
5. A protective mat shall be used at the start line. The host will provide the mat for all BIS to use on the start line. (Minimum of a 2'x3' mat of non-slip material)
6. **BIS will not be required to run in protective panties. If the handler chooses that the BIS will wear protective panties in the ring, they will be allowed to run at the end of their height group. If the panties happen to come off in the middle of the run, there will be no fault. If the BIS does not wear protective panties for their run, they will be required to run at the end of the group rotation.**
7. "BIS" will be noted next to the dog's name on the gate sheet so that other competitors, ring crew and the Judge(s) are aware.
8. BIS must use a designated relief area.
9. BIS must wear protective panties when not within the designated relief area.

BIS must be allowed to compete at any events, whether sanctioned titling classes or non-sanctioned runs, held in conjunction with Regionals and Nationals on the same site.

Hosts are not allowed to charge handlers running a BIS a cleaning, convenience, or administrative fee over and above any fee applicable to non-BIS dogs.