

Agility Association of Canada

**AAC Regional Championships Rules and
Guidelines**
Update Supplement December 2025



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1.1 Eligibility (250409)

Anyone competing in an alternative regional is competing for Nationals qualification only, **they will not be eligible for individual placements or aggregate placements.**

1. Regional Championship: (250409)

AAC sanctioned trials will not be permitted to be scheduled within a Region on the same dates of a Region's Regional Championships. **If a trial has been approved before the Regional's date is known, it must be rescheduled or cancelled (at no charge to the trial host). If the host wishes to go ahead with the trial, permission must be obtained from the Board and the Regional's host.**

A club may not host an Open Special Event on the same weekend as a Regional or National Championship event being held in the club's region. Exception: A host club, or a club working in collaboration with the host club, may choose to host an Open Special Event in conjunction with the Regional or National Championship event.

3.1.2 Equipment List (250409)

The following agility equipment must be available for **EACH** Jumpers ring:

- 3 Flexible tunnels [2 x 20ft and 1 x 15ft]
 - Each 20 ft tunnel requires a minimum of 7 sets of tunnel bags/holders
 - Each 15ft tunnel requires a minimum of 6 sets of tunnel bags/holders
- 1 Double jump* (*with 5 foot bars and approved wing on both sides*)
- 1 Ascending spread/triple jump* (*with 5 foot bars and approved wing on both sides*)
- 1 Tire jump (*self-healing/break-away. All rings must have the same type and size of tire*)
- 15 Winged single jumps
- 4 Wingless single jumps
- 1 Wall jump or 1 Panel jump**

**Both the spread & the double jump are to be replaced by a single jump for specials & veterans classes. These replacement jumps are NOT included in the 19 single jumps required for course design.*

*** Required to be available for use at site. Optional obstacle that may be included in course design. For jumpers courses using the wall jump, the wall jump may be substituted on-site for a panel jump if no wall is available, but the same substitution must be made for all jumpers rings. One ring may not use a wall and another a panel.*

****The maximum number of obstacles allowed on a Regionals Jumpers course is 23.*

3.1.4 Required Obstacles (250409)

Courses submitted for approval must meet the AAC Course Design Guidelines and must follow the Regionals Equipment Check List in Section 3.1.2 for that class. *For jumpers courses using the wall jump, the wall jump may be substituted on-site for a panel jump if no wall is available, but the same substitution must be made for all jumpers rings. One ring may not use a wall and another a panel.*

2.6 - Competitor Grouping and Ring Assignment (250506)

The order of the height categories should be varied between rounds so that handler/dog teams are not disadvantaged by their place in the running order. Furthermore, the running order within height categories must be varied, so that handler/dog teams are not disadvantaged by running at or near the beginning, or end, in every round. For height categories with one dog this is not possible, but this will be addressed by varying the order of the height categories themselves between days or between rounds.

Premium List (241203)

Organizing committees must prepare and submit for approval of the NSC committee the Agility Regional Championship Premium.

Appendix C – Bitches in Season (241112)

BIS will be allowed to compete at all future Regional and National event effective July 1, 2025. The host's premium must state clearly that BIS are allowed to compete, and the specific rules and regulations pertaining to BIS (listed below) as well as any additional requirements deemed reasonable by the host while remaining compliant with other AAC rules and requirements listed herein.

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

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. If there is a BIS on site, competitors will be notified during the opening remarks on each day of the event that there is a BIS on site.
5. It shall be the choice of the handler of the BIS to either:
 - a. *BIS wearing protective panties:* BIS will not be required to run in protective panties. However, if the handler chooses that their BIS wear protective panties during the run, the BIS will be allowed to run at the end of their height class and will not be required to use a mat. If panties happen to come off during the run, there will be no fault.
 - b. *BIS using a mat at start line:* If the handler chooses that their BIS will not wear protective panties, a protective mat shall be used at the start line and the BIS will start on the mat. The host will have available a mat for use on the start line or the handler of the BIS may use their own mat that meets the size requirements (minimum of a 2'x3' mat of non-slip material). If the BIS does not wear protective panties for their run, they will be required to run at the end of the group rotation.
6. "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.
7. BIS must use a designated relief area.
8. 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.