



2027 AAC National Team Intent Form



The Agility Association of Canada (AAC) sends a team of up to 30 dogs and handlers (the “AAC National Team” or “Team”) to the International Federation of Cynological Sports (“IFCS”) World Agility Championship (“WAC”). Teams can qualify by winning on, by having won medals at the 2025 and 2026 WAC events, or draft spots.

If you wish to apply for a spot on the 2027 AAC National Team please thoroughly review the Selection Criteria in Appendix A, to ensure that you and your dog meet the criteria. You will be required to attest to, and may be required to provide proof of, your eligibility.

IMPORTANT: You must hold a 2026 AAC Membership as of January 1, 2026 in order to be eligible for the 2027 AAC National Team.

In order to apply please fill out this form and send it to the National Team Management Committee (“NTMC”) at nationalteam@aac.ca with a deposit of \$250 via e-transfer to ntfinance@aac.ca NO LATER THAN the closing date of the 2026 AAC National Team Tryouts (“Tryouts”).

Handlers may enter multiple dogs in the same height category during Tryouts, but only one dog per handler per height can be selected for the AAC National Team, in accordance with IFCS Event Regulations prohibiting handlers from competing with two dogs in the same height.

SECTION 1: DOG AND HANDLER INFORMATION

Handler’s Name:		Handler AAC Membership #¹:	
Address:			
Email:		Phone:	
Dog’s Name:		Dog AAC ID #:	
Dog’s Breed:		Dog’s Birthdate²:	
Dog’s Jump Height:			

¹ Please refer to Appendix A -Selection Criteria for the AAC membership requirements for handlers wishing to apply for the 2027 AAC National Team.

² Dogs with birthdays after November 1, 2024 are not eligible for the 2027 AAC National Team.

SECTION 2: DECLARATION OF TYPE OF SPOT

If you are attending the 2026 AAC National Championships (“**2026 AAC Nationals**”) you can apply for a Win-On Spot. If you have medaled in the previous two years of IFCS competition you can apply for a Medal Spot. If you are not attending the 2026 AAC Nationals, you can apply for a Draft Spot. Note that all National competitorstrying out for the AAC National Teamwill also be automatically considered for a Draft Spot. Please note that for those applying for Medal and Draft spots, preference will be given to those attending the 2026 AAC Nationals. Consideration may be given to dog and handler teams who are not attending the 2026 AAC Nationals due to extenuating circumstances.¹

Which type of team spot are you applying for (check all that apply):		
Win On Spot:	Medal Spot:	Draft Spot:

If you are not attending the 2026 AAC Nationals, please provide a reason:

SECTION 3: REQUIRED ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Are you a citizen of Canada?	Yes	No
If not, do you have permanent resident status within Canada?	Yes	No
Team members will be expected to fundraise to help pay for trip expenses. Are you willing to participate in fundraising? <i>Fundraising may include (but will not be limited to) merchandise sales, submitting articles, organizing events, etc.</i>	Yes	No
Are you financially able to provide for whatever personal travel expenses are not covered by fundraising/sponsorship etc.?	Yes	No
Do you have access to a valid credit card for the period that the Team will be traveling for the IFCS Championships?	Yes	No
Are you willing and agree to abide by the Team’s Code of Conduct?	Yes	No
Is your dog micro-chipped and up-to-date on rabies vaccination?	Yes	No

¹Refer to Appendix A part I for a description of the Exemption process.

SECTION 4: TRIALS AND JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

Trial Attendance or Judging Assignments Criteria:

Refer to Appendix A - Selection Criteria under “Eligibility of Handler” for the details of the required trials or judging assignments.

As an aspiring and future member of the AAC National Team, the intent of your attendance at agility trials is to demonstrate your support for the AAC and your positive contribution to the agility community. Volunteering at these events will also demonstrate your support for the AAC and the agility community and is strongly encouraged.

Note: Please read the Attestation section below. Applicants will be required to attest to the accuracy of the information provided.

Trial 1			Trial 5	
Date:			Date:	
Trial Host:			Trial Host:	
Competitor or Judge:			Competitor or Judge:	
Trial 2			Trial 6	
Date:			Date:	
Trial Host:			Trial Host:	
Competitor or Judge:			Competitor or Judge:	
Trial 3			Trial 7	
Date:			Date:	
Trial Host:			Trial Host:	
Competitor or Judge:			Competitor or Judge:	
Trial 4			Trial 8	
Date:			Date:	
Trial Host:			Trial Host:	
Competitor or Judge:			Competitor or Judge:	

SECTION 5: DOG HEIGHT INFORMATION

Dog Jump Height Information:

All dogs applying for a 2027 AAC National Team spot (except those applying for MAXI and those dogs who have competed previously at an IFCS event) will be measured at the 2026 AAC National Team Tryouts to ensure they are competing in the correct IFCS height.

Official IFCS height breakdowns are as shown in the table, below. **Dogs MUST be competing in the correct IFCS height division at the AAC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS to be eligible for IFCS competition consideration**, except those dogs competing for a spot in the 10" Division at IFCS must compete at 8" in Tryouts and Nationals. This requirement ensures that dogs who are competing against each other for spots will also be competing against each other at Nationals.

IFCS CATEGORY	AAC DIVISION	DOG MEASUREMENT
<i>TOY - Jump 10"</i>	<i>8" Regular</i>	<i>30 cm (11.81") and under</i>
<i>MINI - Jump 12"</i>	<i>12" Regular</i>	<i>35 cm (13.78") and under</i>
<i>MEDI – Jump 16"</i>	<i>16" Regular</i>	<i>42 cm (16.54") and under</i>
<i>LARGE - Jump 20"</i>	<i>20" Regular</i>	<i>50 cm (19.69") and under</i>
<i>MAXI - Jump 24"</i>	<i>24" Regular</i>	<i>No restriction</i>

How tall is your dog at the withers?	
What height is your dog jumping in the 2026 AAC National Team Tryout event?	
What height is your dog jumping in the 2026 AAC Nationals rounds?	

INTENT FORM CHECKLIST:

Before submitting your form, please review your application to make sure that:

- You have filled in all required information in the Intent Form.
- You held an AAC membership as of January 1, 2026.
- You meet the Handler Eligibility Criteria (see Appendix A).
- Your dog meets the Dog Eligibility Criteria (see Appendix A).
- You have provided all Required Acknowledgements.
- You have entered your dog in the correct height.
- You understand and have signed the AAC Agility Team Code of Conduct.

ATTESTATION:

I hereby attest that:

- I thoroughly read and understand all of the eligibility criteria contained in the 2027 AAC National Team Selection Criteria;
- I meet all Handler Eligibility criteria required to apply for a team spot on the 2027 AAC National Team;
- My dog meets all Dog Eligibility criteria required to apply for a team spot on the 2027 AAC National Team; and,
- the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that the NTMC or AAC Board of Directors may, at any time after the submission of my application, require proof of the information provided in this application. I agree that to validate the information I have provided on this intent form the NTMC and AAC Board of Directors may access my information contained on the AAC records including membership status and dog information. I further understand that if I am selected for the 2027 AAC National Team, if any of the information provided in this application is found to be false or I am no longer a Member in Good Standing as defined in the AAC Bylaws s. 2.14 and the AAC’s Not in Good Standing Policies & Procedures at any point prior to the 2027 IFCS World Agility Championships:

- I will forfeit my spot on the 2027 AAC National Team,
- I will be held responsible for reimbursing the AAC and the AAC National Team for any expenditures made on my behalf; and,
- I will not be reimbursed for any of my expenditures made towards my spot on the 2027 AAC National Team.

Team Member Name	Signature	Date

For Team members that are under the age of 18:

Parent/Guardian Name	Signature	Date



AAC National Agility Team Code of Conduct



When abroad, the Members of the Agility Association of Canada (AAC) National Team represent Canada, Canadian Agility, and the AAC, to the World. When at home, the Members of the Team represent the values and qualities of the International Competitor to their fellow Canadians. All Team Members are expected to act in a manner that brings credit to themselves, the AAC, and their country.

An AAC National Team Member shall:

- Support and uphold the philosophy of the AAC and act in accordance with the AAC Code of Conduct.
- Act as an ambassador for the sport and for the AAC at all times.
- Adhere to the rules and regulations of the organization in which they are competing.
- Be polite, open-minded and sportsmanlike about any judging and scoring issues that might arise during competition.
- Conduct themselves appropriately at all times, whether competing or spectating.
- Exhibit confidence, professionalism and good humour at all times. Remember that people will judge you not just for what you do in the ring, but what you do and say at ringside!
- Do the job to the best of their abilities at all times.
- Be openly supportive of their fellow Team Members and of Team Management before, during, and after the event.
- Reserve discussion of any Team-related issues (other than positive feedback, celebrations and publicity, which are always encouraged) for the appropriate time and place. Any issues that may arise should be taken up in a polite and professional manner with the National Team Management Committee, and not played out on social media. Should a competitor feel that more action on a particular issue is required, they can contact the AAC Board of Directors for assistance.
- Be respectful and supportive during medal presentations, ceremonies and National anthems for both Canada and other nations.

An AAC National Team Member shall NOT:

- Handle dogs in any way other than humanely.
 - Act in any way that could be construed as unsportsmanlike or dishonest.
 - Participate in any form of public criticism (including social media), campaign or dispute against their fellow Team Members, Team Management, other competitors, or the AAC.
- The above items shall apply equally to the AAC National Agility Team Competitors.

Remember that being a Member of the AAC National Team is a privilege, not a right. The ability to attend international competition comes not just from the hard work and skill of the competitor, but also from the hard work and support (financial and otherwise) of many others behind the scenes and at

home. Failure to embrace the spirit and the letter of this code of conduct not only disrespects that hard work and support; it may also result in sanctions² against the Team member.

Team Member Name Signature Date

For Team members that are under the age of 18:

Parent/Guardian Name Signature Date

²Sanctions will be determined by the NTMC and may include a financial penalty, potential removal from the three-dog team competition at the event, removal from the AAC National Team itself, or exclusion from future AAC National Teams. All sanctions are subject to Approval by the AAC Board.

APPENDIX A



2027 AAC National Team Selection Criteria



SELECTION TO THE 2027 AAC NATIONAL TEAM FOR WAC (IFCS):

The AAC will select a National Team (“**AAC National Team**” or “**Team**”) to participate in the 2027 IFCS World Agility Championships. Team members are selected by the AAC National Team Management Committee (“**NTMC**”), using the criteria set forth in this document. Selected Team members agree to follow all policies and procedures set forth by IFCS, AAC, and the AAC NTMC.

For 2027, selection will be based on the following:

- 2027 AAC National Team Tryouts, held **Thursday, August 6, 2026** (three international rounds - agility/JWW/snooker), AND
- 2026 AAC Nationals round scoring, as outlined below.

Applicants to the 2027 AAC National Team (*including Draft and Medal positions*), **MUST** fill out the AAC NATIONAL TEAM INTENT FORM and send it to nationalteam@aac.ca, along with a \$250 deposit to be e-transferred to the AAC NATIONAL TEAM ntfinance@aac.ca TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN the closing date of 2026 AAC Nationals. **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE, OR NOT ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

If you are selected to the Team, a second deposit of \$750 will be due no later than September 30th, 2026.

IF YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR THE TEAM, BUT NEED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH REGARD TO FINANCIAL DEADLINES, PLEASE CONTACT THE TEAM MANAGER VIA nationalteam@aac.ca BEFORE THE APPLICATION DEADLINE.

A. AAC NATIONAL TEAM COMPOSITION AND DESCRIPTION

The AAC NTMC may choose up to 30 team members for the IFCS competition. These team member positions may consist of up to 25 win-on spots, selected from a combination of International Rounds at Tryouts and AAC Nationals Individual Round Points (Appendix B-D). Up to 4 additional medal spots comprised of previous IFCS Medalists, and 1 additional spot for a draft pick will also be chosen, along with up to eight (8) Alternates of any height. All Team member and alternate spots will be tentatively announced at the 2026 Nationals Closing ceremonies, at which time Team members will be asked to sign a Team Contract. Team Contracts must be received within one week of contracts being provided. AAC Board approval will take place at the September 2026 AAC Board meeting, after which the Team will be considered Final, and announced via social media and on the National Team and AAC pages.

B. AAC NATIONAL WIN-ON SPOTS

1. Up to 25 Positions on the AAC National Team for IFCS are determined by points earned at the AAC National Championships, in Tryout and National rounds, as per the point schedule outlined in Appendix B-D, as well as the additional criteria listed below.
2. From Nationals results, dogs and handlers will be selected in each of the five (5) height categories the estimates are as follows:

10": 3 Dogs	12": 3-4 Dogs	16": 4-5 Dogs	20": 6-8 Dogs	24": 6-8 Dogs
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C. IFCS MEDALISTS

1. In order to recognize and reward those who have brought home medals from IFCS with their dogs, up to four (4) of the spots on the team will be allocated to dogs who have medaled in the last two (2) years.
2. Competitor and dog must be the same pair that won the medal.
3. While the NTMC will give preference to those competitors who attend 2026 AAC Nationals, in extenuating circumstances³ these additions MAY include dogs who are not competing at Nationals.
4. Medalist spots may go to those who would otherwise have been chosen for a win on spot.
5. The medalists selected for the team will be from those who have medaled in the previous two years at any IFCS competition, and selections are made based on a point system for rankings. 3 points for Gold, 2 for Silver, and 1 for Bronze in the current year. Medal points for the previous year will be ½ value.
6. A medal chart for the previous two years will be posted on the National Team Facebook page for reference.
7. Medals won at WAC in **team events** are recognized but unfortunately are not counted as a part of win on spots. This is due to the difficulty of determining the success of the individual dogs competing in the Team events. (i.e. a dog may be eliminated in their only run, but still attain a medal as part of the Team competition.)

D. DRAFT DOG

1. Out of the potential 30 spots available to be selected to represent the AAC and Canada at the World Championships, the NTMC may select one dog as a draft. This selection can be from any height, and be a dog who has attended Nationals, or from a dog who has not attended Nationals.
2. In order to be eligible for a draft position, the handler must have put in an intent form under the same timeline deadlines as those competing in Nationals, and the dog/handler team must meet all applicable criteria described in this Appendix A. If the team did not attend Nationals, they must also submit their reason for not attending⁴.
3. The NTMC may use the following sources for determining a draft choice for the current year: National Results (if attended), Regionals results, top dogs in AAC based on

³Refer to Appendix A part I for a description of the Exemption process.

⁴Refer to Appendix A part I for a description of the Exemption process.

Statistics (especially Biathlon Classes), previous training video submitted, and/or previous results at National or International events.

E. ALTERNATE DOGS

1. In addition to the 30 dogs chosen to represent the AAC and Canada at the World Championships, the NTMC may select up to eight (8) additional dogs as Alternates.
2. These selections can be from any height.
3. While the NTMC will give preference to those competitors who attend Nationals, in extenuating circumstances⁵ these additions MAY include dogs who are not competing at Nationals.
4. In order to be eligible for an Alternate position, the handler must have put in an intent form under the same timeline deadlines as those competing in Nationals, and the dog/handler team must meet all applicable criteria in this Appendix A. If the team did not attend Nationals, they must also submit their reason for not attending.
5. When a dog and handler are forced to withdraw from the National Team, a full spot on the team must be offered to the next available alternate in the same height division, unless one is not available at which point dogs in other heights may be considered.
6. If there is not an available alternate in the same height division as the dog that withdrew, the NTMC may make the selection based on National and Tryout Round results, limitations in the Small or Large Team competitor height categories, based on the existing team members, fundraising or other contributions to the team.

F. ELIGIBILITY OF HANDLER

1. The handler **must hold a 2026 AAC membership as of January 1, 2026** AND be a Member in Good Standing. The member can be a Regular Member or a Provisional Member as defined in the AAC Bylaws.
2. The handler of a dog under consideration for the team must have been the handler of the dog at the Tryouts and 2026 AAC National Championships, and be the handler of the dog being considered for a Win On, Draft, Medal or Alternate position.
3. Anyone who has an outstanding balance owing to the AAC National Team is not eligible to apply for a Team position until the balance is paid in full.
4. Handlers must have competed in a minimum of eight (8) AAC Sanctioned trials hosted by at least two (2) different clubs in the 24 months prior to the start of the 2026 AAC Nationals.
 - In order for a trial to count towards the minimum requirement, the handler must have competed in no less than two (2) or 50% of the classes offered, whichever is greater, in at least one (1) of the days of the trial. For example, if a handler enters a trial where only two (2) classes are offered (e.g. Gamblers and Jumpers), the handler must enter both classes in order for the trial to count towards the minimum requirement. For clarity, in trials where an odd number of classes are offered, the minimum number of classes that must be entered is rounded up. (i.e., at a trial with 5 classes, 3 classes must be entered.)

⁵Refer to Appendix A part I for a description of the Exemption process.

- Attendance at Regionals and Nationals can each be counted as attendance at one (1) trial, inclusive of any additional events such as Steeplechase (i.e., attendance at a Regional is counted as one (1) trial even if you also enter Steeplechase prior to the start of the event).
 - A trial consists of single or consecutive days of events hosted by one club. Trials held over a weekend or over multiple consecutive days can only be counted once. For example, Saturday runs and Sunday runs on the same site may not be considered two trials.
5. Handlers MAY also count up to a maximum of three (3) AAC judging assignments from the 24 months prior to the start of the 2026 AAC Nationals to offset the minimum trial requirement (for example: compete in 5-7 trials and judge at 1-3 trials).
 - For a judging assignment to count toward the requirement, the handler must judge at least 50% of the classes/events on one (1) day of a trial, with a minimum of four (4) individual classes/events (e.g., Masters Standard is considered an individual class or event) judged on that trial day.
 6. The handler must either be a citizen of Canada or have permanent resident status within Canada. In accordance with the IFCS Event Regulations, no Handler may represent a different country for which they have competed in an IFCS Championship Event held in the previous three (3) years.
 7. The handler must be prepared to satisfy all conditions related to travel and health documentation.
 8. The handler must be financially able to provide their personal travel expenses for the event in case financial sponsorship and/or fundraising is not available or does not cover all of the expected expenses.
 9. Team members must have a valid credit card in order to book into hotels, and to utilize in case of an emergency.
 10. After selection, each handler will be required to sign a team contract in order to confirm participation on the team. This contract will outline duties and responsibilities for team members, financial responsibilities, team practices, code of conduct and more.
 11. The contract must be signed and returned within one week of notification. If the team member does not return the contract and deposits by the deadlines, they will be deemed to have turned down the spot on the team, and an alternate will be chosen. The initial deposit is non-refundable except in the case of a verified injury to a handler or dog prior to the start of the 2026 AAC Nationals.
 12. If a handler is under 18 years of age, the consent form and final agreement must be signed by the handler's parent or guardian. The handler must also be accompanied to and at the IFCS event by their parent or legal guardian, at their own expense.
 13. The NTMC must be notified as soon as possible if a handler becomes ill or incapacitated, and will be unable to compete in the event, so that an alternate can be notified.
 14. Team members will be responsible for fundraising under the direction of the AAC NTMC. This fundraising may include (but will not be limited to) merchandise sales, submitting articles for a fundraising publication, organizing events, giving instruction at a fundraising seminar, submitting training videos for the training page, etc.
 15. The AAC's Code of Conduct applies to the AAC National Team members, Support Staff,

Coach, and all members of the National Team Management Committee. As representatives of the AAC, the expectation is that AAC National Team members will act in a manner respectful of the AAC and the NTMC regardless of their connection to the AAC. Those who contravene the AAC's Code of Conduct may face sanctions⁶.

16. Any Team member who does not fulfill fundraising and other obligations, as set out by the NTMC, may be subject to sanctions. These sanctions may include, but are not limited to; fines, restriction of team runs, and removal.
17. Alternates will not automatically travel with the Team, unless they replace a competing Team member prior to a "final date" for travel determination, to be set by the NTMC once the IFCS dates are announced. After that date, if Alternates have not replaced a competing Team member, they will receive their 2nd deposit back.
18. If a Team member is removed from the Team, they will not have their deposit, or any funds raised on behalf of the Team, refunded.
19. If a Team member resigns from the Team, and an Alternate handler can be secured for that spot, the original team member will not be refunded any Management fundraising raised on behalf of the Team, but may be refunded their deposit, minus any expenses that have been incurred by the Team on their behalf (e.g. collars, uniforms etc.).

G. ELIGIBILITY OF DOG

1. Only dogs meeting the following requirements will be eligible to apply for the Team without exception.
 - a. The dog must be at least 18 months of age on May 1 of the year of the Tryouts. This will ensure that dogs considered for the Team are eligible to enter an AAC Regional Championship. For clarity, dogs whose birthdate is later than November 1, 2024 are ineligible for the 2027 AAC National Team.
 - b. The dog must qualify for the 2026 AAC National Championships at a Regional Championship event. Qualification for the 2026 AAC National Championships resulting from the 2026 Pre-qualification event will only be allowed for reasons not related to the age cut-off for Regional events. For clarity, if the dog is approved for participation in the 2026 Pre-qualification event because the dog was not at least 18-months of age at the time of the AAC Regional Championships, the dog is ineligible to enter the 2026 Tryouts.
 - c. The dog must have earned an AAC title in accordance with the AAC Rules. If the dog does not meet the title requirement by the date of the 2026 Nationals and Tryouts but is named to the Team, the dog will be required to meet the requirements under this part (c) by September 30 of the application year before being confirmed to the Team.
2. All handlers applying for the Team will have their dogs measured at the 2026 AAC National Championships to ensure they are competing in the correct height, except those applying for Maxi, and those who have previously competed at IFCS in the same height they are applying for. This measurement will be done by a judge approved by the

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AAC NTMC. (See below for clarification regarding measurements).

3. Official IFCS height breakdowns are as shown in the table, below. **Dogs MUST be competing in the correct IFCS height division at the AAC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS to be eligible for IFCS competition consideration**, except those dogs competing for a spot in the 10” Division at IFCS must compete at 8” in Tryouts and Nationals. This requirement ensures that dogs who are competing against each other for spots will also be competing against each other at Nationals.

IFCS MEASUREMENT TABLE

IFCS CATEGORY	AAC DIVISION	DOG MEASUREMENT
<i>TOY - Jump 10”</i>	<i>8” Regular</i>	<i>30 cm (11.81”) and under</i>
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<i>MAXI - Jump 24”</i>	<i>24” Regular</i>	<i>No restriction</i>

4. A dog shall be expected to serve as a representative of the AAC and of the sport of agility. Any written complaints filed against a dog which are upheld by the AAC Disciplinary Committee will be reviewed by the AAC NTMC, who can declare such a dog ineligible for the team.

H. IFCS WORLD DOG AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. At the IFCS World Agility Championship competition, all dogs in the Toy, Mini, Medi, and Large divisions will be measured by IFCS judges or officials prior to the start of the IFCS competition. Any dog that is measured over the height limit must compete in the higher height. This means that if a dog is close to a height cut-off they should be prepared to jump up, so that if they get a high measure at the IFCS competition they can still compete.
2. At the IFCS World Championships ALL dogs selected for the AAC National Team will run all four of the Individual rounds (consisting of Individual Standard Agility, Individual Jumpers, Individual Gamblers and Individual Snooker)
3. At the IFCS World Championships ALL dogs selected for the AAC National Team will run both of the Biathlon rounds (consisting of two rounds including Biathlon Standard Agility and Biathlon Jumpers).
4. At the IFCS World Championships SOME of the dogs will be selected for three additional IFCS “TEAM” rounds (consisting of Agility-TEAM, Jumpers-TEAM, and TEAM Relay). These selections will be made by the Team Management at the IFCS competition.

I. EXEMPTIONS

1. Assessment of “extenuating circumstances” noted in this document will follow this exemption process.
2. Should a handler or dog not meet any of the required eligibility criteria or require an

exemption for any other reason including not attending Nationals, they must apply in writing for an exemption to the National Team Tryout Coordinator via nationalteam@aac.ca.

3. The exemption request will be reviewed by the NTMC to assess whether the exemption request meets the AAC Exemption Policy & Procedures and if so, the NTMC recommendation will be forwarded to the AAC Board for final approval.

APPENDIX B – SCORING AND POINT PROCESS NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS SCORING

Placement Points will be awarded for the following National Championships rounds to determine the highest pointed applicants for the win on spots:

- International Round – Agility AND Jumping with Weaves AND Snooker
- National Round – Standard 1 AND 2
- National Round – Jumping 1 AND 2
- National Round – Gamble 1 OR 2

Only dogs competing for team selection will be included in the placements and points.

All Standard and Jumpers results will be based on a TIME PLUS FAULT calculations, as in IFCS competition.

Snooker placement will be based on total points earned in the opening and closing, plus applicable time bonus points.

Gamble placement will be based on the total points earned in the opening and closing, plus any applicable time bonus points. Of the 2 Gamble Rounds, the dog's best score from the 2 rounds will be used in the calculation.

SCT Time for the Agility and Jumping rounds will be calculated as follows: 10% more than the fastest time plus faults.

SCORING – UNOFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL ROUNDS

To ensure reliable scoring, the officiating Judge will use AAC Masters Agility Rules with some noted exceptions:

1. Scoring will be time faults plus course faults.
2. Faults / Refusals follow IFCS Agility Rules (e.g. Refusals are 5 faults/seconds etc.) EXCEPT "Off Courses" and "Non-completions", which are each penalized 20 penalty points (20 seconds).
3. Each "Disqualification" incurs 200 penalty points (200 seconds).

Faults include, but are not limited to, (see IFCS rules for complete list):

- Knocking a bar or tire
- Missing a contact (downside on all three contacts, upside on teeter and dog walk if entered from the side)
- Missing a weave pole after a correct entry (the dog must restart at the beginning)

Disqualifications include:

- Dog relieving itself in the ring
- Aggression

In the event of ties in the OVERALL number of points after all the rounds, the NTMC will make the decision based on Best Result in the International Standard Round. If still tied, it will go to the International Jumping with Weaves round.

APPENDIX C – INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL STANDARD AND JUMPING ROUND POINTS

Points will be earned at the AAC National Championships as follows:

Note that placement points will be determined separately for each jump height. These formulas are designed to be flexible from year to year, and to accommodate any number of applicant dogs with an equal and fair process.

For heights with less than 5 dogs the following will apply:

STANDARD/JUMPERS With 4 dogs competing	
PLACE	PTS
1	4
2	2
3	1
4	0

STANDARD/JUMPERS With 3 dogs competing	
PLACE	PTS
1	2
2	1
3	0

STANDARD/JUMPERS With 2 dogs competing	
PLACE	PTS
1	1
2	0

STANDARD/JUMPERS With 1 dog competing	
PLACE	PTS
1	1

For heights with 5 or more dogs the following will apply:

Points will be as follows:

- 1st = The number of dogs competing in the height
- 2nd = 1st place dog points – 2
- 3rd = 2nd place points – 2
- and so on until the points run out

For example:

STANDARD/JUMPERS with 15 dogs competing	
PLACE	PTS
1	15
2	13
3	11
4	9
5	7
6	5
7	3
8	1
9	0

STANDARD/JUMPERS With 10 dogs competing	
PLACE	PTS
1	10
2	8
3	6
4	4
5	2
6	0

APPENDIX D – INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL GAMBLE AND SNOOKER ROUND POINTS

For heights with less than 5 dogs the following will apply:

GAMBLE/SNOOKER With 4 dogs competing	
PLACE	PTS
1	2
2	1
3	.5
4	0

GAMBLE/SNOOKER With 3 dogs competing	
PLACE	PTS
1	1
2	.5
3	0

GAMBLE/SNOOKER With 2 dogs competing	
PLACE	PTS
1	.5
2	0

GAMBLE/SNOOKER With 1 dog competing	
PLACE	PTS
1	.5

For heights with 5 or more dogs the calculation for Round Points will be as follows:

- 1st = The number of dogs competing in the height / 2
- 2nd = 1st place dog points – 1
- 3rd = 2nd place points – 1
- and so on until the points run out

For example:

GAMBLE/SNOOKER with 15 dogs competing	
PLACE	PTS
1	7.5
2	6.5
3	5.5
4	4.5
5	3.5
6	2.5
7	1.5
8	.5
9	0

GAMBLE/SNOOKER With 10 dogs competing	
PLACE	PTS
1	5
2	4
3	3
4	2
5	1
6	0