

# AAC National Team Management Committee

## 2022 Open National Team Tryouts

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The following is the National Team Management Committee (NTMC) process for the 2022 Open National Team Tryouts, as approved by the AAC Board.

1. All Tryouts will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022.
2. Tryouts will follow an AAC Open Trial format.
3. Tryouts will be held at multiple venues, one per province or region, without restrictions to out of province/regional competitors, i.e. a competitor from ON can attend QC NT Tryouts. The NTMC would welcome as many provinces/regions to host as possible provided they are financially viable.
4. Team applicants may apply to host a 2022 Tryout with the following conditions:
  - a. If a team applicant is hosting tryouts, a designate must be appointed for receiving the maps. The designate must not be a family member or a person with a conflict of interest to the team applicant.
  - b. Course maps will be sent out the morning of the tryouts at the same time according to time zone. To clarify if maps are sent to hosts in Vancouver at 5:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time, they will be sent to hosts across the country at 5:00 a.m. Central, Eastern, Atlantic and Newfoundland Standard Time.
5. All competitors, i.e. dog/handler teams, trying out for the 2022 National Team must enter all four (4) courses, i.e. Masters Standard, Masters Gamblers, Masters Jumpers and Masters Snooker. These courses will be designed and judged according to AAC rules.
6. As this will be an AAC Open Trial, AAC competitors not wishing to try out for the 2022 National Team may enter any one (1) or all four (4) of the Masters courses. Pricing will be a set fee for all four (4) courses. All qualifying scores will be awarded at their current level. FEO runs are permitted.
7. One AAC Master level Judge, with international design experience, will design all four (4) courses. The Designing Judge will be compensated \$50 per course and will be paid from National Team funds.
8. Tryout Judges may not be a team applicant, a family member of a team applicant or own a dog applying to the team.
9. On site Judges, one per province or region, will be compensated for their time

as per current AAC rules at \$1.50 per run up to 250 runs per day and \$3.00 per run for every run over 250. These fees are to be paid by the Club hosting the 2022 National Team Open Tryout.

10. Every AAC Club interested in hosting will be invited to submit an expression of interest to host 2022 Open National Team Tryouts directly to the NTMC at [nationalteam@aac.ca](mailto:nationalteam@aac.ca) by **Friday, January 14, 2022**. The timeframe for emailing clubs to inform them of this opportunity will be by **Friday, January 21, 2022**. This will give the NTMC time to meet/discuss applications and take forward to the Board for approval.
11. The field must be an already approved AAC venue. Field size, for all Open Tryouts, will be determined by the Club approved to host 2022 National Team Tryouts with the smallest ring/field size. The minimum acceptable size is 70 ft. X 110 ft. No poles, walls or other obstructions will be permitted. All Host Clubs must build accordingly, and Judges will be asked to respect the yardage with a plus or minus factor of 1 yard being acceptable. E-Timers are mandatory.
12. There will be a set fee of \$80 per event (four (4) courses), to be paid to the Host Club. Host Clubs will be responsible for paying Judges and AAC trial fees as per current rules. Host Clubs must provide duplicate score sheets, one for the competitor. Results must be submitted to the NTMC ([nationalteam@aac.ca](mailto:nationalteam@aac.ca)) by January 19, 2022. Qualifying scores must be submitted to the AAC registrar according to AAC rules.
13. The 2022 Open Team Tryout may be a multi ring event, at the same venue, with a standard AAC trial (i.e. not Open Trial) in rings other than the designated tryout ring (size to be determined). Further, clubs may consider hosting a standard AAC trial (i.e. not Open Trial) on the day before and/or day after tryouts.
14. **Eligibility Requirements for the 2022 National Team**
  - a. Applicants/competitors must be an AAC member in good standing and with no official complaints currently upheld against them, either personally or in their capacity as a club owner. Competitors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and have parents authorize their participation.
  - b. The handler of a dog being considered for the National Team must be the handler of the dog at the 2022 Open National Team Tryouts. Dogs must jump the height at the 2022 Open National Team Tryouts that they will be jumping at the IFCS. Handlers are not restricted to the number of dogs

they may compete with but fundraising goals will be increased accordingly.

- c. Applicants/competitors awarded spots on the current year's National Team are not permitted to hold positions on the National Team Management Committee.
- d. Selected applicants/competitors must agree to follow all policies and procedures set forth by the IFCS, the AAC and the National Team Management Committee including adhering to the AAC Code of Conduct.
- e. Applicants/competitors must be a Canadian citizen or a Landed Immigrant.
- f. Applicants/competitors must be prepared to satisfy all conditions related to health and travel documentation including proof of COVID vaccinations. Dogs must be micro-chipped and up-to-date on rabies vaccination.
- g. Applicants/competitors will be required to submit an intent form with a deposit of \$250 per dog by December 31, 2021. The intent form will be submitted directly to the NTMC ([nationalteam@aac.ca](mailto:nationalteam@aac.ca)) and the deposit shall be sent to the FSO for the National Team account at: [fso@aac.ca](mailto:fso@aac.ca). Applications and/or deposits received after that date are not valid and will not be accepted. For applicants who do not go on to compete at IFCS, \$50 will be nonrefundable.
- h. Applicants/competitors must submit a video of each tryout run to either their own Vimeo or YouTube channel and submit the link directly to the NTMC ([nationalteam@aac.ca](mailto:nationalteam@aac.ca)). Videos may be taken from anywhere provided the NTMC will be able to view the entire run.
- i. Video submission is mandatory by, and no later than, March 23, 2022.

## **15. Selection Criteria for 2022 AAC National Team**

- a. Team members are selected by voting members of the AAC National Team Management Committee and will be determined by fastest teams plus 10% with time faults being applied. Regional/National style scoring will be applied to tryout runs only (that way an off course isn't an automatic elimination, it will be 20 faults).
- b. The AAC National Management Committee may choose up to 24 team members for the IFCS competition. Target date for the approval of team members by the AAC Board will be April 13, 2022.
- c. Dogs and handlers will be selected in each of the 4 height categories as follows:
  - i. 12" – 4 Dogs

- ii. 16" – 6 Dogs
- iii. 20" – 7 Dogs
- iv. 24" – 7 Dogs

Final total of dogs per category will be determined by the NTMC and may be subject to change.

- d. Placements will be based on the lowest faults and the fastest time for Standard and Jumpers. Snooker and Gambler will be based on total points earned in opening and closing.
- e. If you are selected to the team, a second deposit will be due at a TBD date to finalize your position on the team. The amount of this deposit will be determined closer to the date. These deadlines are not flexible. If your second deposit is not received, you will be dropped from the team. In the case of extenuating circumstances, arrangements must be made with the National Team Management Committee before the deadline.