

As many members of the NAFA community are already aware, the Board of Directors held a teleconference on March 20, 2017, which resulted in the following:

**Changes to the Open Class:**

As previously messaged, the Open Class will no longer have a jump height requirement; teams are free to choose any jump height between 7 to 14 inches in accordance with the Rules of Racing.

A second change to the Open Class was proposed and accepted by the Board. This change is the elimination of false starts in the Open Class. Any dog false starting in the Open Class will receive a foul and need to be rerun if the handler so chooses. The heat will not be stopped for false starts.

**The Open Class changes will be conducted on a trial basis from May 1st, 2017 through October 30, 2017.**

In addition, there will be a comment period concurrent with the dates above for the NAFA community to provide their feedback. All comments both for and against the proposals should be addressed to:

[openclasschangesfeedback@flyball.org](mailto:openclasschangesfeedback@flyball.org)

While the Board has received individual emails, and are aware of comments on social media, only messages sent to this address will be used by the Board for future discussions regarding the changes proposed in the Open Class during the trial period.