

## Agenda

NAFA® Board of Directors Meeting, December 13, 2021, 7:00 PM CST

Meeting held via Zoom Teleconference

### **Officers' Reports**

#### Chair's Comments:

1. Welcome.
2. January Board Meeting and AGM.

#### Executive Director's Comments:

1. FCI World Cup Update.

#### Treasurer's Report:

#### Secretary's Report:

1. Minutes of the September 30, 2021 Board meeting have been approved and were posted on November 9, 2021.

#### Election Committee:

1. 2021/2022 elections opened on December 6, 2021.
2. First round of candidates Q&A has been received and posted to the NAFA Blog.
3. Candidate live chat is scheduled for December 19, 2021 at 5:00 PM CST.
4. Steve and Emma to work on editing election timeline process document.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### Judges Committee:

1. The Judges Committee recommendation to advance Bruce Boulanger from Apprentice to Provisional Judge.
2. Request received from Jeremiah Bolton for extension to complete Provisional judging assignments due to military service.
3. Judges' laser level measuring certification update.

#### Rules Committee:

1. Proposal from Lyndsay Dvorak to increase width of jumps from 24" to 30".
2. Proposal from Anthony Pirnat to adjust time allotted to Veterans teams to make points.
3. Proposal from Veronica Miller for extending the Regional MVP requirements.
4. Proposal from Crystal Cappel to lower age requirement for warm-up dog spot.

#### Finance:

Nominating Committee

Marketing Committee:

1. Judges Tenure Pin Final Rendition.

Disciplinary Committee:

Disciplinary Committee Report:			Effective Date
Bonnie Szoka	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	05/01/2020
Grizzly, 160097	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Preacher, 140875	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Snickers, 150646	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Strut, 110221	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Whisper, 110704	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Prank, 140408	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Ripple, 120746	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Daisy, 120612	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Envy, 120477	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Scout, 110222	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Torch, 100047	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Zonda, 090536	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Style, 090142	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Tonka, 080349	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Cash, 140545	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	04/25/2015
Tommie, 100016	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	06/08/2014
Taj, 090259	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	05/04/2014
Tux, 100191	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	10/29/2013
Roxie, 051102	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	8/22/2011
Gimli, 040608	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	11/17/2008
Marion Brinkman	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	Indefinitely
Mike Mattos	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	Indefinitely
Janet Nelson Morris	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	1998
Dave Mueller	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	1998
Cheryl Mueller	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	1998
Jennifer Nelson	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	1998

Review Panel:

1. Ziggy – CRN 190694 – Aggression excusal was upheld upon appeal.

**Special Committee Reports**

Technology Committee:

1. Light Tree update from Dave Thomas.

Communications Committee:

CanAm Steering Committee:

Special Measuring Committee:

Old Business:

New Business:

Proposals:

1. Lyndsay Dvorak

A change to the width of a standard flyball jump.

I propose the rules committee change the width of the jumps. Currently a flyball jump is 24 inches, I would like to propose a change to 30 inches. By doing so this gives the dogs more room to make corrections when a handler or a dog makes an error. Dogs are only getting faster and more powerful and with this speed comes a greater chance for injury if we don't do what we can to keep them safe. Several other venues around the world have already made this change and most rave about it. I don't believe there is a way to collect data around this issue because you would have to set dogs up to potentially crash into one another. The change was already made to allow for a 36-inch box, by increasing the width of the jump it would create a better field of vision for the dogs down to the box. Also, typically mats are 30-36 inches, by having a jump that is as wide as the mat, this will help jumps maintain the center of the lane all the way down. To ensure that these jumps aren't made with flimsy or dangerous material I would propose that the thickness wouldn't drop below ½ inch. Outside of the startup cost to buy new equipment there aren't any drawbacks to making this change. I believe this rule could be grandfathered in allowing teams to fundraise or host more tournaments to cover the cost of the new jumps. I would move that 30in jumps could be allowed as soon as possible and the requirement by October 1, 2022.

2. Anthony Pirnat

I would like to suggest looking at the time allotted to veterans teams to make points. Perhaps 28 seconds for 25 points, 32, and 36 etc. With open not needing height dogs either the class has mostly died out so some other benefit to running it for those with slower dogs would be nice.

3. Veronica Miller

The last tournament in R7 was Jan 2020. We've been shut down due to COVID restrictions. While it's possible we will be active again soon, some older dogs will not be eligible for Regional VIP nominations next season as too much time will have elapsed before the next nomination period. I would like NAFA to consider extending the current must have earned points in the region in the past 18-months. Preferably looking at having earned points any time between 2019-2022 to allow for the loss of opportunities during COVID. Alternatively, allowing dogs that earned points elsewhere, when some regions were closed, to be counted towards the timeline. Thank you.

4. Crystal Cappel

I would like the board to consider allowing dogs 12 months-15 months be able to utilize the 7th dog spot on line-ups. There are so many opportunities for dogs of this age to use this warm up time and experience in the tournament environment to prepare them for being race ready. Many teams have

limited opportunities to experience full course and this would offer additional time to prepare those dogs. This would give teams options to work young dogs for a more successful future.