

NAFA's Requirements/Recommendations for Host Clubs for Transitional Flyball

Version 1	February 18 th , 2021	
Version 2	February 24 th , 2021	Addition of Mask Mandate.
Version 3	March 11 th , 2021	Clarification of Section 1.4: "A dog listed in a 7 th warm-up spot may not be listed on any other C.2 form for that tournament."
		Addition of link to waiver form in Section 2.2.2.
Version 4	May 25 th , 2021	Updated policies and recommendations to follow CDC and Health Canada guidelines.

As of April 1, 2021*, NAFA is in the Transitional Flyball phase of re-opening. Since COVID rates and vaccination rates will likely continue to vary over time and across regions, where local laws and regulations allow, NAFA is implementing "Transitional Flyball". This period is planned to last until September 30, 2021*. Transitional Flyball means there will be no NAFA, Regional, or ROC Championships. Also, hosts must follow "Section 1: Transitional Flyball Requirements" of this document, and should consider "Section 2: Transitional Flyball Recommendations" when planning events.

Section 1: Transitional Flyball Requirements

1. Federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and venue guidelines must be followed at all times.
2. CDC and Health Canada guidelines should be followed. As of May 13, 2021 the CDC states that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
3. The host club may still require masks, and competitors must comply.
4. Box and line judges are optional at the discretion of the host club. Line judges should be allowed adequate distance from competitors.
5. A seventh (7th) dog, with a CRN, may be listed on the C.2 form for warm-ups ONLY; the dog cannot run in a heat. Any dog in violation of this rule will cause loss of heat and no NAFA points will be awarded for the heat. A dog listed in a 7th warm-up spot may not be listed on any other C.2 form for that tournament.

Section 2: Transitional Flyball Recommendations

Venues, climate, vaccination rates, and the way events are run vary widely across NAFA's regions. NAFA encourages hosts to consider these recommendations as a basis to design their events to prioritize health and safety of competitors during the pandemic.

Section 2.1: Planning

1. Consider ventilation when selecting a venue. For example, look to maximize ventilation by opening windows or access doors, as weather and safety of dogs permits. Outdoor tournaments are encouraged. If you would like advice on how to adapt to an outdoor event, please contact NAFA.
2. Consider limiting entries based on the ability to maximize social distancing within the venue.
3. Plan out crating areas in order to minimize indoor gathering.

Section 2.2: Paperwork/Communication to Competitors

Consider the following:

1. Providing link(s) to the latest COVID regulations for the event's area and posting this information at the tournament.
2. Asking for completion of COVID waivers by competitors. NAFA's template form is available [here](#).
3. Documenting all attendees for potential contact tracing.
4. Asking attendees to perform a self-screening each morning of the event before entering the venue and giving strict instructions that competitors not attend if feeling unwell.
5. Planning and documenting the flow of traffic through the venue (i.e., one way in, another way out), and posting this in the welcome letter. NAFA recommends having different points of entry/exit for teams entering/leaving the ring. For example, enter from the box or line judge area and leave from the runback area.
6. Asking clubs to submit line-ups electronically prior to the tournament.
7. Clearly informing competitors of safety modifications ahead of time, so they know what to expect when they arrive. For example, posting a video on social media or doing a live session (such as Facebook Live) to explain modifications.
8. Requesting that attendees maintain good social distancing practices outside the venue.
9. NAFA recommends closing the event to spectators unless public access falls outside of the host's control.

Section 2.3: At the Event

Consider the following:

1. Making hand sanitizer/hand washing facilities readily available.
2. Using maximum regulation distance between lanes (17' from center to center) to give more space between judge and competitors.
3. Other modifications to discourage gathering:
 - a. Provide results electronically (for example, pictures/screenshots on Facebook), rather than posting on result boards;
 - b. Mark out and assign box squares for clubs to keep their equipment;
 - c. Have award ceremonies outside;
 - d. Have self-serve title ribbons (or other prizes);
 - e. Have Captains meeting outside.

*Planned dates that may change depending on the status of COVID-19 laws and regulations across North America.