

American Kennel Club, Inc.
MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC Offices at 101 Park Avenue, New York, NY
April 8-9, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

All Directors were present in the New York office. The Executive Secretary was also present.

Copies of the February 12-13, 2024, Board Meeting minutes had previously been provided to all Directors for review. Upon a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the board voted to approve the February 2024 Board Meeting minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sprung updated the Board on action items and several business matters. Litter registrations are down 3% compared to budget and individual dog registrations are down 10%.

Events are up 14% through the end of March; entries are being finalized and look strong.

AKC has secured dates from the Javits Center for AKC Meet the Breeds® in 2025. Additional information will be provided to breed clubs in the near future.

A number of sponsorship agreements have been renewed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters. It was reported out of this session that the Executive Officers were re-elected.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Executive Officers of the American Kennel Club were re-elected to the following positions:

Dennis B. Sprung - President and Chief Executive Officer

Gina M. DiNardo - Executive Secretary

Theodore E. Phillips - Chief Financial Officer

Legal Update

The Board reviewed the Legal Department update as of March 2024.

AKC Purebred Preservation Bank Update

Mark Dunn, EVP Registration, participated in this portion of the meeting, and Susan Myers, Sr Breeder Relations Field Rep, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

The goal of the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank (AKCPPB), a 501c3 not-for-profit effective July 28, 2023, is to ensure the viability of purebred dogs by storing semen that may otherwise be discarded. In doing so, AKC can benefit low-entry breeds and prevent breed extinction due to

factors such as genetic bottlenecks and disease emergence. Since its inception, the AKCPPB has worked with Parent Clubs, All-Breed Clubs, club members, individual breeders, and storage facilities to uphold this mission.

In accordance with the Bylaws of the AKC PPB, three of its current Directors need to be re-appointed or replaced. AKC PPB requested that the Board reappoint Dominic Carota, Theodore Phillips and Dr. Marty Greer to the Board of Directors of the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, In accordance with the Bylaws of the AKC PPB, three of its current Directors need to be re-appointed or replaced; and,

WHEREAS, AKC PPB requested that the Board reappoint Dominic Carota, Theodore Phillips and Dr. Marty Greer to the Board of Directors of the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED,

The AKC, acting in its capacity as sole member of the AKC PPB, approves the re-appointment of the following individuals to the Board of Directors of the AKC PPB:

- a. Dominic Carota as the second AKC Board Director, as defined in the Bylaws, to serve a term of three years.
- b. Theodore Phillips as the second AKC Staff Director, as defined in the Bylaws, to serve a term of three years.
- c. Dr. Marty Greer as the second Community Director, as defined in the Bylaws, to serve a term of three years.

AKC Fundraising Department

Seth Fera-Schanes, Director of Strategic Planning; Daphna Straus, Vice President of Business Development; and Ted Phillips, CFO, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Based on a Board request, Staff presented research around creating an AKC Development Department position, with administrative support, that encompasses donations to AKC and/or each affiliate.

This will be discussed further at the July Meeting.

AKC Canine Health Foundation Update

Stephanie Montgomery, AKCCHF Chief Executive Officer, gave a report on Q1 to the Board.

After eight years of serving as Chairman of the CHF Board of Directors, in March 2024, Charlie

Garvin, MD, FACS stepped down. Mary Smith, BVM&S, PhD, DACVIM (Neurology), was elected as the Chairman of the CHF Board of Directors. Wayne Jensen, DVM, PhD, MBA, was elected as the Vice Chair of the CHF Board of Directors.

CHF Scientific Programs & Program Awareness Update

In January, a series of three webinars were held in the Canine Breeder Education Seminar Track, co-sponsored by AKC, AKCCHF, and the Theriogenology Foundation. Each webinar had over 50 virtual attendees.

The application to award the next AKC/AKC CHF/Theriogenology Foundation Residency is open, as is the inaugural application cycle for the AKC/AKC CHF Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency. Several top programs have indicated they will apply for the new sports medicine residency. The application window for both residencies will close in May 2024.

AKC/AKC CHF: Working Together

AKCCHF had a very successful booth at Meet the Breeds in January. CHF were very grateful to engage with an enthusiastic public and share CHF's mission.

FINANCE

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented unaudited financial results as of February 29, 2024.

Net Operating Income is \$1.2 million.

REVENUES:

Total Revenues of \$16.6 million are lower than budget by 6%, excluding Interest & Dividends.

Registration Fees, excluding Registration-Related revenues, total \$6.4 million and trail budget by 6%.

Registration-related Revenues trail budget by \$322k or 13%.

Recording & Event Service fees, Title Recognition fees, and Event Application fees total \$2.3 million and are 1% lower than budget.

Product & Service Sales total \$2.4 million and are lower than budget by 2%.

Advertising, Sponsorship, and Royalties total \$3 million, and are lower than budget by 8%.

EXPENSES:

Controllable Expenses total \$13.7 million and are lower than budget by \$620k or 4%.

Non-controllable expenses are lower than budget by \$81k or 5%.

Non-Financial Statistics for the two months ended February 29, 2024

Registrations: 2024 YTD Litter Reg. 1% lower than budget, 16% lower than 2023 YTD.

2024 YTD Dog Reg. 7% trailing budget, 14% lower than 2023 YTD.

Events & Entries

Compared to the same period in 2023, Events were ahead by 11% but Entries were lower by 3%.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary, and Seth Fera-Schanes, Director of Strategic Planning, participated in this portion of the meeting. Sheila Goffe, Vice President of Government Relations; Ashley Jacot, Director of Education; Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President of Sport Services; and Penny Leigh, Director of Registration Development, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Karolynne McAteer Resolution

Following a motion from Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Powers the Board VOTED unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB**

Held on **April eighth, two thousand and twenty-four**, the following
Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS,

Karolynne McAteer

has been a member of The American Kennel Club Delegate Body since
two thousand and eleven; and,

WHEREAS, she was elected to The American Kennel Club Board of
Directors at the March Meeting of two thousand and sixteen, serving
until March, two thousand and twenty-four; and,

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the Board of Directors of The American
Kennel Club, she served as Board Liaison to numerous Delegate
Committees, including the All-Breed, and Field Trial & Hunting Tests
Events, and served on the Board's Communications Committee, and,
additionally, was appointed to serve as a Board member for AKC Reunite,
AKC Political Action Committee, and AKC Canine Health Foundation;
and,

WHEREAS, In 2019, she was appointed to lead the AKC Chairman's ad
hoc committee on Canine Genetic Testing, which in 2020 produced five
papers outlining the future of AKC's DNA Program and setting the
agenda for necessary program enhancements, including canine-health
testing and genetic counseling for AKC breeders; and,

WHEREAS, her experience gained during more than forty years as a second-generation Irish Setter conformation fancier and field-event competitor, and her expertise as a breeder, exhibitor, local and national show chairwoman, and professional communicator, have proved to be valuable assets to the Board and the organization; and,

WHEREAS, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished fancier, sportswoman, gentlewoman, and friend; and,

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Directors of The American Kennel Club extend to her their most sincere best wishes for the years ahead, and their deep appreciation for her past and continuing dedicated service to The American Kennel Club.

2023 AKC National Championship by the Numbers

Based on a Board request Staff presented an overview of the 2023 AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin.

Growth in Event

The AKC® National Championship, presented by Royal Canin, had a new record-breaking entry in 2023. There was a grand total of 5,762 Conformation entries and 9,801 entries across all events. This is compared to 5,376 Conformation entries and 9395 total entries in 2022 and 5051 Conformation entries with a total entry of 8,540 in 2021.

2023 Entries by Events

- **5,762 Conformation entries which includes 8 supported entries and 1 designated specialty.**
- **875** dogs were entered in the AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) Finals.
- **153** Junior handlers, ages 9-17, who have met high academic standards and qualification criteria based on year-round competition, competed in Junior Showmanship.
- **1,717** puppies (6-12 months) and junior dogs (12-18 months) are entered in the AKC/Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes.
- **1,272** Bred-by-Exhibitors in competition.
- **429** dogs entered in the AKC Fast CAT® Invitational.
- **217** dog and handler teams in the two-day AKC Obedience Classic, including 55 breeds from 35 states.
- **9** Junior Obedience entries and **17** Junior Rally entries in the AKC Obedience and Rally Junior Showcase, including 14 breeds and 4 All-American dogs from 10 states.
- **701** entries in the AKC Agility Invitational, including 168 breeds and 6 All-American dogs from 41 states and Canada.
- **74** entries in the AKC Junior Agility Competition (Friday, December 15, 2023).

Broadcast Information

During the course of the week, there were approximately 56 hours of live AKC.tv coverage.

ESPN/ABC

- AKC Agility Invitational

Premiered December 24, 2023 at 9pm ET, on ESPN2

Two-hour show

- AKC National Championship Dog Show

o Premiered December 31, 2023 at 2pm ET, on ABC

o Re-aired December 31, 2023 at 6pm ET, on ESPN2

Three-hour show

- AKC National Championship Dog Show Highlights

o Premiered February 11, 2024 at 7pm ET, on ESPN

One-hour show

Orlando Institutes

Since 2011, AKC's Judging Operations Department has hosted Judges Education seminars in conjunction with the AKC National Championship week in Orlando, Florida. Each year, over 200 attendees have benefitted from the offering of breed-specific education utilizing Parent Club-approved materials presented by Parent Club-approved presenters. 2024 will mark the 12th consecutive year in which the AKC/DJAA Advanced Judging Institute has offered seminars and hands-on workshops for breeds in two complete groups. In addition to the breed-specific Judges Education presentations, Judging Operations has offered the Institute for New and Aspiring Judges on five occasions since 2011 and four Judges Education Coordinator Symposiums, which assist in the development of effective Judges Education Committee and Judges Education materials. The coordination of all the Judges' Education opportunities in Orlando has provided tremendous benefit to current and prospective judges, and Parent Clubs, which could not be accomplished without the tremendous effort, commitment, and dedication of AKC Staff. In 2023 we had 259 participants.

AKC Agility League Update

The AKC Agility League is in the midst of its sixth season of competition with its largest participation rate so far – more than 270 teams and nearly 1,700 dogs competing all over the country, including Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. There are 114 breeds represented in the Winter 2024 season, which will conclude on April 7. Spring/Summer Season enrollment starts on April 11. We continue to receive overwhelmingly positive feedback about the League program with participants expressing how much fun and helpful the program has been to them, their students and club members.

AKC Education Q1 Review**AKC Canine College**

The AKC Canine College (AKCCC) Learning Management System (LMS) now has 450 courses comprised of 1,035 modules. Between January 1 - March 11, 2024 over 10,000 active learners have completed over 95,000 tasks.

A total of 71 breed-specific courses are available on AKCCC. In Q1, the Biewer Terrier course was

completed and launched, three courses are under final Parent Club review, and four breed courses are under development.

Breeder Courses and Exams

36 breeder courses, webinars, and exams are now available on AKCCC. On March 22nd, *Maternity*, the first in a series of new Breeder Education courses sponsored by Royal Canin and reviewed by Dr. Jerry Klein was released covering the following topics:

- o M1: Preparing the bitch
- o M2: Preparing the whelping room
- o M3: Care for the newborn
- o M4: Estimate the day of whelping
- o M5: Assisting the whelping
- o M6: Hygiene and sanitization

AKCCC Puppy Program

- o Potty Training – Launched
- o Socialization – Launched
- o Let's Play – End of Q1
- o Basic Obedience – End of Q1

AKC Obedience Judge's Education

AKCCC has produced and launched five out of six courses in this comprehensive program. Launched on March 15, 2024, Course 5, Judging Open Classes, is a 2 1/2-hour course featuring over 35 videos throughout 50+ lessons. Current and prospective judges will review judging procedures and positioning, view examples of good exercises, evaluate real-world scenarios, and compare their scores with AKC Judges.

Webinars

In Quarter 1 of 2024, AKC Education hosted 8 webinars for 1619 participants, bringing the total number of participants to 61,669 since March 2020. The following webinars were offered in Quarter 1 of 2024.

Breeder Development Webinar Series:

- “Pyo: the fear-inducing three-letter word”
- “Crash Course in Canine Eye Testing”

Canine Breeder Excellence Webinar Series:

- “CBEST Webinar Series: TCI versus Surgical AI”
- “CBEST Webinar Series: Prostate Pearls of Wisdom”
- “CBEST Webinar Series: The First 48”

*The CBEST series stands for Canine-Breeder Excellence Seminar Track and is hosted in conjunction with The Theriogenology Foundation.

- Two sessions of, “Review and FAQs on Conformation Judging Procedures, Policies and

Guidelines”

- “Judges Education Webinar: Lancashire Heeler”

The Evolution of AKC Public Education 2017 to Present

Ashley Jacot presented an update on the evolution of AKC Public Education. This Mission of Public Education is to teach and promote responsible dog ownership and foster participation in the world of purebred dogs. Outreach programs and publications explain how to ever-strengthen the invaluable human-canine bond.

The most successful programs are the AKC Patch Program, AKC Bailey’s Book Club, AKC Pups in the Classroom, AKC PupPals, AKC Art Contest, and AKC Educator Resources. New initiatives include AKC Meet the Breeds with Bailey, an online series teaching children about the different AKC breeds, and a new children’s book about the various AKC Dog Sports.

Priority Legislation Monthly Update

Sheila Goffe highlighted numerous active priority legislation and administrative regulations in Congress and State Legislation. She noted that additional information is available on the AKC legislative action center microsite: <https://www.akcgr.org>.

New Breed for Foundation Stock Service® - Bouvier Des Ardennes

The Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee recently approved a petition to accept the Bouvier Des Ardennes into the FSS program.

The Bouvier Des Ardennes originated in the Ardennes region of Belgium in the 17th century. They were developed by farmers and used traditionally for herding cattle; they later were used to track wild boar. The Bouvier Des Ardennes was thought to be extinct when a group of scientists were at a Belgian farm in the 1980s discovered the dogs. They set out to reestablish the breed. There are approximately 20 dogs in the United States that are eligible for recording with FSS.

COMPANION and PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Caroline Murphy, Director of Performance Events, and Mari-Beth O’Neill, Vice President of Sport Services participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Fast CAT® – Event Committee of an AKC Hosted Major Event

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to add language clarifying that an event committee for an AKC-hosted major event has the authority to make decisions on matters not already addressed in the regulations and use its discretion to interpret existing regulations.

This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

Recognition of Clubs Supporting 4-H and Other Youth Organizations

Starting at the June 2024 Delegate meeting, Staff and the AKC Junior Committee will recognize clubs that have actively supported 4-H Canine Clubs or other Youth Organizations with Canine

programs. Recognition of a club will be based upon the club's conducting activities such as Junior Showcase Events, supporting mentoring by club members, and offering dogs and scholarships.

Recognition Handling Dogs to Titles That They Bred

Staff and the AKC Junior Committee would like to recognize Juniors who handle a dog that they have bred to a title. The Junior will submit the dog's name and number and the title earned, validated by a parent or co-breeder of the dog. Staff will verify that the Junior is a breeder and email a certificate to the Junior.

Staff will begin to issue certificates to Juniors on June 3, 2024.

CONFORMATION

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Tim Thomas, Vice President of Conformation; Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support; and Alan Slay, Director, Event Programs, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Protests Against Dogs - Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 15, Section 1

Pursuant to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, **Chapter 15, Section 1**, every exhibitor and handler at a show may request a veterinary examination of any dog in the show's premises they believe endangers the health of the other dogs in a show.

The Board reviewed recommendations by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to modify the Rules, to define the circumstances in which a dog that has been remanded for veterinary examination by the event committee may return to competition.

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to modify **Chapter 15, Section 1** of *the Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. Following a motion from Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommended changes.

Chapter 15

SECTION 1. Every exhibitor and handler shall have the right to request a veterinary examination of any dog within a show's premises which is considered to endanger the health of the other dogs in a show. This must be in writing and signed by the person making the request to the event chair, whose duty will be to direct the subject dog's owner or agent to take the dog to the Show Veterinarian if deemed appropriate.

Any dog referred by the event chair for examination is excused from further competition at that event or any associated event, the same day, the weekend, the circuit, or the cluster until the Show Veterinarian examination is completed, indicating the dog's presence does not endanger other dogs at the event.

Malicious complaints will be considered conduct prejudicial to the sport.

This amendment will be read at the June Delegate meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate meeting.

Show Veterinarians - Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 10, Section 5

Pursuant to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 10, Section 5*, the event hosting club is responsible for expenses incurred for the examination of a dog it determines requires examination by the Show Veterinarian.

The Board reviewed recommendations by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to modify the Rules, removing the club's obligation for expenses incurred for dogs it refers for veterinary examination and to assign any expenses that may result to the owner or agent of the dog.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

Impact of Awarding Championship points for Group 2-3-4 Placements

The opportunity to earn Championship points for placing 2-3-4 in the Group was implemented in January 2023. This change was meant to encourage all exhibitors, but in particular, it was believed that it would assist and retain low-entry breeds (LEBs) that have a challenge earning points due to a lack of competition.

There were 88 LEBs that earned points from Group 2-3-4 placements in 2023. (For reference, there were a total of 101 LEBs.) The Bracco and Wire Fox Terrier had the most dogs benefiting from this change. In 2023, the absentee rate for LEBs decreased by 1.4%. This resulted in approximately 3,000 additional entries being shown.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Tim Thomas, Vice President of Conformation, and Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President of Sports & Events, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Conformation Judging Approval Process

The Chairman's Committee and Staff recommends the Board approve proposed modifications to the Conformation Judging Approval Process to modify the requirement for judges approved for four or more complete groups to submit a Request to Advance preceding any application for additional breeds, to judges approved for two or more groups if a request had not been approved in the previous 12-month period.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

Conformation Judging Statistics

Judging Operations provides to the Board statistics related to Conformation Judging applications considered by the Department the preceding three months. Following is the list of New Breed (NB) and Additional Breed (AB) applicants whose applications were presented for final approval in the months January through March 2024.

**FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY
2024 NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS**

APPLICATIONS							BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
January	4	4	0	0	0	0	17	17	0
February	5	5	0	0	0	0	8	8	0
March	7	7	0	0	0	0	8	8	0
NB TOTAL	16	16	0	0	0	0	33	33	0

**FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY
2024 ADDITIONAL BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS**

APPLICATIONS							BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
January	23	21	1	1	0	0	102	99	0
February	27	22	5	0	0	0	135	125	0
March	26	26	0	0	0	0	148	148	0
AB TOTAL	76	69	6	1	0	0	385	372	0

**FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY
2024 YEAR-TO-DATE**

APPLICATIONS							BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
NB	16	16	0	0	0	0	33	33	0
AB	76	69	6	1	0	0	385	372	0
TOTAL	92	85	6	1	0	0	418	405	0

CLUBS

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; and Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

REPORT ON MEMBER CLUB BYLAWS APPROVED IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Baltimore County Kennel Club, Baltimore County, MD (1949)

Carolina Dog Training Club, Greensboro, NC (1975)

Keeshond Club of America (1935)

Magic Valley Kennel Club, Charleston, WV (1954)

Tri-City Kennel Club, Davenport, IA (1937)

REPORT ON NEWLY LICENSED CLUBS APPROVED IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Biewer Terrier Club of Maryland, greater Baltimore, MD (including all communities northeast to Newark, DE, south to LaPlata, MD, and west to Rockville, MD), 33 total households, 16 local.

South Texas Cane Corso Club; College Station, TX (including communities north to Waco, south to Austin/Magnolia, east to Cleveland and west to Route 281), 22 total households, 12 local.

COMPLIANCE

Bri Tesarz, Director of Compliance participated in this meeting portion via video conference.

(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page.)

BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

Seth Fera-Schanes, Director of Strategic Planning, participated in this portion of the meeting.

AKC Corporate Project Roadmap Review

The American Kennel Club uses a corporate roadmap to prioritize projects across departments. We continually look for ways to improve our process. This year, we are focusing more on forecasting project and program budgets for the roadmap 3-5 years out. In the current year, we are adding goals and key performance indicators (KPIs) to line items in the roadmap. These adjustments will help optimize decision-making and correlate the roadmap with objectives and budgets.

Three presentations will be provided per year. This month's presentation included a sample of work completed in Q1.

Key Projects in 2024:

- Registration Console Update (RCU)
- Competition Management System (CMS) Update
- Revenue Collection and Reporting System Modernization
- Systems and Security Infrastructure
- Business Continuity
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM)

Completed work January through March 2024:

- Online Evaluator Application
- Title Application Portal (TAP) - Batch 2
 - Fetch Dog
 - AKC Temperament
- Email Service Platform (ESP) Migration
 - Replace Sendgrid (Marketplace), Chargify (Maxio) emails from Marketplace.
- Genetic Counseling Center
- Economic Impact Study
- Detection Dog Taskforce - Phase III
 - Ongoing program and will report directly to the Board
- Email ELK PDFs from BRET

MARKETING

Kirsten Bahlke, Vice President of Marketing; Jake Sisskind, Group Product Manager; Somya Udeh,

Product Manager; and Meghan Prince, Brand Marketing Manager, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Elastic Search

Staff presented an update on the new site search platform for AKC.org, Elastic Search. This platform controls the algorithm for user searches within our own site and allows for full customization of the algorithm, allowing administrators and developers to fine-tune search results.

AKC Marketplace Homepage: Branding and Launch Updates

Staff provided an overview of recent updates to the Marketplace homepage.

These changes focus on enhancing the platform's branding. Key changes include implementing a dynamic video hero image and refining copy in our value proposition and mission sections.

CONSENT

There was a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Powers, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent items:

Show Secretaries - Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 9, Section 11 and Chapter 11, Section 12

The Board VOTED to approve changes recommended by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to revise **Chapter 9, Section 10, and Chapter 11, Section 12** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, for greater clarity in defining eligibility requirements for one serving as a Show Secretary.

The change deletes “where there is no Superintendent” for greater clarity that Show Secretaries for any event, including one where the services of a Superintendent are also used by the club, must adhere to the eligibility requirements defined by Chapter 11, Section 12.

“Any person acting in the capacity of Superintendent (or Show Secretary ~~where there is no Superintendent~~) must abide by the eligibility requirements described in Chapter 11, Section 12 of these Rules.”

These amendments will be read at the June Delegate meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate meeting. If approved by the Delegate Body, the effective date will be September 18, 2024.

Retriever Field Trials – System of Rotation for All Stakes

The Board VOTED to approve the Retriever Field Trial Advisory Committee (RFTAC) recommendation to allow judges to use a rotation system for all stakes. Rotation refers to a system used to select which dog runs first in a series. Currently, a rotation is required for major stakes and optional for minor stakes.

This will require changing **Chapter 14, Section 4** of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure*

for Retrievers. This recommendation standardizes running order methods by allowing judges to impose a system of rotation in all stakes.

Chapter 14. Rules for Retriever Field Trials

Section 4.

(2nd paragraph)

In all stakes the judges will impose a system of rotation.

This amendment will be read at the June Delegate meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate meeting. If approved by the Delegate Body, the effective date will be November 1, 2024.

Scent Work – Allow Fix and Go in Detective Class

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to allow a fix and go-on option for teams in the Detective Class that receive an NQ.

There are three main search divisions in Scent Work – Odor Search, Handler Discrimination and Detective Class. Detective Class is the most challenging of the three and most closely simulates real detection work. Detective Class is reserved for the most accomplished Scent Work dog and is where handlers do not know how many hides need to be found. This Class can have the highest number of hides ranging from 5-10, the most time per entry ranging from 7-15 minutes per dog, the most complex hide placement, and the largest square footage of search area ranging from 2,000-5,000 square feet.

In Detective Class, if a handler gives an incorrect alert or finish call at any time, they receive an NQ. This has proven to be discouraging for handlers who may have traveled far to an event only to receive an NQ within minutes and go home. On several occasions, the Performance Events Department has heard the suggestion to make a fix-and-go-on option available to handlers.

CHAPTER 9 – Detective Class

Section 13. (New Section) Fix and Go On. The fix and go on option is intended to offer a consistent way for teams receiving an NQ to continue to work and achieve a positive find prior to exiting the search area. Once a handler makes an incorrect “alert” call and if search time is remaining, the handler can use the fix and go on option to continue in the search area but must inform the judge. At the time the handler informs the judge that the fix and go on option will be used, the judge will then note the remaining search time and mark “FG” on the scoresheet in addition to the usual NQ and allow the team to continue working. The judge will verbally indicate to the handler the specific location of the nearest unfound hide. If more than one unfound hide could be considered as being the nearest, it is up to the judge to decide which hide will be searched. Only one hide can be searched for the duration of the fix and go on option. The start of the remaining search time begins after the judge has finished giving the first verbal direction to the handler. There are one of three outcomes that can occur during a fix and go on option, they are:

1) If a handler gives a correct “alert” call before the remaining search time ends, the search is over and the team must exit the search area.

- 2) If a handler makes an incorrect “alert” call and there is still search time remaining, the team can continue searching until a correct “alert” is called but cannot exceed the remaining search time.
- 3) If the search time expires and no correct “alert” call is made, the team must exit the search area.

The judge shall not judge the dog's run after the fix and go on option is used but will continue to watch the search. The judge can at any time provide additional direction verbally if in the opinion of the judge it appears the team may not be successful, particularly if time is running out and the team has not yet achieved a correct call.

A fix and go on option cannot be used if search time is no longer remaining or to correct an incorrect “Finish” call.

This change to *Regulations for AKC Scent Work* will be effective May 1, 2024.

Scent Work – Clarification on Scented Article

The Board VOTED to amend **Chapter 8, Section 2** of the *Regulations for AKC Scent Work* to clarify that when a cotton ball is used as the scented article in Handler Discrimination for Advanced, Excellent, and Master levels, it must not exceed 1.5” in diameter.

CHAPTER 8 – Handler Discrimination Division

Section 2. Scented Article. The handler is required to provide the scented article for Handler Discrimination Classes. For the Novice Class, the required scented article is a cotton glove or cotton sock. For the Advanced, Excellent, and Master Classes, the required scented article may be a cotton ball not to exceed 1.5” in diameter or a cotton swab. Each article should be thoroughly scented by the handler and sealed in a plastic bag to be given to the hide steward to be removed from the plastic bag and hidden on the course.

This change to *Regulations for AKC Scent Work* will be effective May 1, 2024.

International Sweepstakes Class (ISC) National Championship

The Board VOTED to approve the holding of an annual Agility International Sweepstakes Class (ISC) National Championship event starting in the fall of 2024. There will be five jump heights offered and five National Championship titles awarded (one per height).

Agility Updates

The Board VOTED to approve several recommended changes to the *Agility Regulations* that are meant to expand opportunities for exhibitors, make an event run more efficiently, and update technical equipment requirements for safety and to reflect current course designs.

These changes will become effective on July 1, 2024. (See Regulation Changes in Appendix A.)

1. Chapter 1, Section 21 – Allow For Exhibition Only (FEO) in all classes.
2. Chapter 4, Section 7 – Reduce wheeling of Open courses to one time.
3. Chapter 6, Section 4 & 5 – Increase the course yardage allowed for 8- & 12-inch heights (and corresponding Preferred heights) for the Excellent and Master levels.

4. Chapter 6, Equipment Chart –
 - A. No longer require the Pause Table in the Excellent and Master Standard classes.
 - B. No longer require a “Bar” jump in any courses. This jump type has 2 bars on it.
 - C. Only allow one time use of the tire. Tires must have a straight approach to them and then on departure.
 - D. Allow the use of a Wall Jump in Excellent and Master classes to add obstacle variety.
5. Chapter 7, Sections 4 & 5 – Increase the course yardage allowed in Jumpers With Weaves at the Excellent and Master levels for all heights (and corresponding Preferred heights).
6. Chapter 7, Equipment Chart - Notes the same changes as shown in Item 4 – for the “Bar” Jump, Tire and Wall Jump.

Approval of Annual Fees

The *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Inc.* require that the Board of Directors set deposits annually for the submission of complaints pursuant to **Article XII, Section 1** and deposits for appeals to an Appeal Trial Board pursuant to **Article XIII, Section 7**.

The current deposit to file a complaint pursuant to **Article XII, Section 1**, is \$625. The current deposit to file an Appeal to an Appeal Trial Board is \$250. The Board VOTED that these deposits remain the same for 2024.

Delegates Approved

Dr. Yves Belmont

To represent Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia

Published March 2024, April 2024

Eugene R. Biller

To represent Tampa Bay Kennel Club

Published February 2024, March 2024

Sheila Gallizzo

To represent Plainfield Kennel Club

Published February 2024, March 2024

Sue Meachem

To represent Central Indiana Kennel Club

Published February 2024, March 2024

Richard Yoho

To represent Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America

Published February 2024, March 2024

Member Club Approved

Curly-Coated Retriever Club of America

Households: 144

1st Licensed Show: June 6, 1994

Bylaws: Acceptable

Recommendation: Approve. Published in February 2024 and March 2024 AKC Gazettes

Board recessed at 5:22 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. All Directors were present in the New York office. The Executive Secretary was also present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters. It was reported out of this Session that:

- 1) The Board reappointed the Junior Task Force Board Committee to be comprised of all current members.
- 2) The Board reappointed Christopher Sweetwood to the AKC PAC Board and Dr. Charlie Garvin to the AKC CHF Board.
- 3) The Board VOTED to approve the Staff proposal on AKC EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS POLICY AND RECOMMENDATIONS effective immediately:

AKC EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS POLICY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

As an additional step in creating a safe and respectful sports environment for all, the AKC Board of Directors approved the following educational requirements policy and recommendations. Effective immediately:

- The AKC Board of Directors, Inspectors, Field Staff across all sports, AKC Registered Handlers, and additional AKC Staff that regularly attend events will be required to successfully complete the Stewards of Children® training from the non-profit organization Darkness to Light once every three years.
- All current and future Junior Showmanship Judges will be required to successfully complete the Stewards of Children® training. AKC will offer the initial course on a complimentary basis and must be refreshed every three (3) years. All current Junior Showmanship Judges must fulfill this requirement in 2024.
- All current and future Club Junior Coordinators will be required to successfully complete the Stewards of Children® training. AKC will offer the initial course on a complimentary basis and must be refreshed every three (3) years.

- Junior participants and their parents will be recommended to take the following complementary courses as applicable from SafeSport:
 - SafeSport® for Youth Athletes (ages 13-17)
 - SafeSport® for Kids (5-12)
 - SafeSport® Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sports Core.
- All Superintendents, AKC-approved Show Secretaries, and AKC-approved Agility Trial Secretaries will be strongly advised to take the Stewards of Children® course.
- All current and future judges across all sports are required to complete the Stewards of Children® training. The initial training will be provided on a complimentary basis by AKC; this requirement will be phased in.

It was VOTED to adjourn on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 12:23 p.m. Eastern Time.

Adjourned

Attest: _____

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary

Appendix A

Regulations for AKC Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT)

<u>Current Regulation</u> (Line Out)	<u>Proposed Regulations</u> (Line In)
<p>Chapter 1. Purpose Section 21. For Exhibition Only (This is a pilot program) At the option of the club, a handler may choose to change their FAST or Time2Beat entry into a For Exhibition Only (FEO) run. The handler must notify the scribe and the judge as they enter the ring prior to the start of the run that they are doing an FEO run. The scribe sheet shall be marked "FEO", no time "NT", and "E" for an excused, non-qualifying run. Allowing FEO runs is at the option of the club. It must be stated in the premium and any pre-trial publications.</p> <p>Chapter 4. General Course and Trial Requirements Section 7. Course Times, Distances Course distances are determined by the judges based on the course as set and approved by the AKC Agility Department. When measuring the course distance, the judge shall use a 12-inch dog's typical path for the 4-inch, 8-inch and 12-inch height division and a 20-inch dog's typical path for the 20-inch, 24-inch and 24-inch Choice height divisions. The 16-inch height division will have the course distance based on an average of the 12-inch and 20-inch dog's typical path. In Novice Standard and Jumpers With Weaves classes the judge will only measure the typical path for the 20" dog. That measurement will be used to calculate all times for the Novice Standard and Jumpers With Weaves classes.</p> <p>Chapter 6. Standard Agility Classes Section 4. Excellent Agility Standard Class. The focus of the Excellent class is to provide an opportunity for dogs and handlers to demonstrate their superior skills in agility.</p> <p>Performance Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 85 • Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Any Refusal/Run-out – Any Wrong Course – Any Table Fault <p>Standard Course Time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 8-inch Division = 2.50 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table 	<p>Chapter 1. Purpose Section 21. For Exhibition Only (This is a pilot program) At the option of the club, a handler may choose to change their FAST or Time2Beat entry <u>any class entry</u> into a For Exhibition Only (FEO) run. The handler must notify the scribe and the judge as they enter the ring prior to the start of the run that they are doing an FEO run. The scribe sheet shall be marked "FEO", no time "NT", and "E" for an excused, non-qualifying run. <u>Maximum Courses Time for FEO shall be 45 seconds for all classes, except for FAST which will use the set FAST course times.</u> Allowing FEO runs is at the option of the club. <u>Clubs must allow ALL classes to be run as FEO if they choose to offer this option.</u> It must be stated in the premium and any pre-trial publications.</p> <p>Chapter 4. General Course and Trial Requirements Section 7. Course Times, Distances Course distances are determined by the judges based on the course as set and approved by the AKC Agility Department. When measuring the course distance, the judge shall use a 12-inch dog's typical path for the 4-inch, 8-inch and 12-inch height division and a 20-inch dog's typical path for the 20-inch, 24-inch and 24-inch Choice height divisions. The 16-inch height division will have the course distance based on an average of the 12-inch and 20-inch dog's typical path. <u>For Open and Novice</u> Standard and Jumpers With Weaves classes the judge will only measure the typical path for the 20" dog. That measurement will be used to calculate all times for the Novice Standard and Jumpers With Weaves classes.</p> <p>Chapter 6. Standard Agility Classes Section 4. Excellent Agility Standard Class. The focus of the Excellent class is to provide an opportunity for dogs and handlers to demonstrate their superior skills in agility.</p> <p>Performance Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 85 • Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Any Refusal/Run-out – Any Wrong Course – Any Table Fault <p>Standard Course Time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 8-inch Division = 2.50 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12-inch Division = 2.7 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 16-inch Division = 2.85 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 20-inch Division = 3.1 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 24-inch Division = 2.9 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 24-inch Choice Division = 3.1 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table • Time Penalties = 3 faults for every full second over Standard Course Time • Course Time Limits. The following is the greatest allowable Standard Course Time allowed for this class based on jump height. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8-inch Division = 76 seconds - 12-inch Division = 71 seconds - 16-inch Division = 71 seconds - 20-inch Division = 68 seconds - 24-inch Division = 72 seconds - 24-inch Choice Division = 68 seconds • Maximum Course Time. The maximum course time will be the Standard Course Time plus 20 seconds. <p>Minimum Obstacle Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantity = 18-20 • Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed – refer to chart at the end of this chapter. <p>Section 5. Master Agility Class. The focus of the Master class is to provide an opportunity for dogs and handlers to demonstrate their superior skills in agility.</p> <p>Performance Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 100 • Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any Course Faults <p>Standard Course Time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8-inch Division = 2.50 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 12-inch Division = 2.7 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 16-inch Division = 2.85 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 20-inch Division = 3.1 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 24-inch Division = 2.90 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 24-inch Choice Division = 3.1 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table • Time Penalties = 3 faults for every full second over Standard Course Time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12-inch Division = 2.7 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 16-inch Division = 2.85 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 20-inch Division = 3.1 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 24-inch Division = 2.9 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 24-inch Choice Division = 3.1 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table • Time Penalties = 3 faults for every full second over Standard Course Time • Course Time Limits. The following is the greatest allowable Standard Course Time allowed for this class based on jump height. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8-inch Division = 76 <u>79</u> seconds - 12-inch Division = 71 <u>74</u> seconds - 16-inch Division = 71 <u>72</u> seconds - 20-inch Division = 68 seconds - 24-inch Division = 72 seconds - 24-inch Choice Division = 68 seconds • Maximum Course Time. The maximum course time will be the Standard Course Time plus 20 <p>Minimum Obstacle Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantity = 18-20 • Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed – refer to chart at the end of this chapter. <p>Section 5. Master Agility Class. The focus of the Master class is to provide an opportunity for dogs and handlers to demonstrate their superior skills in agility.</p> <p>Performance Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 100 • Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any Course Faults <p>Standard Course Time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8-inch Division = 2.50 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 12-inch Division = 2.7 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 16-inch Division = 2.85 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 20-inch Division = 3.1 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 24-inch Division = 2.90 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table - 24-inch Choice Division = 3.1 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table • Time Penalties = 3 faults for every full second over Standard Course Time
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- Course Time Limits. The following is the greatest allowable Standard Course Time allowed for this class based on jump height.

- 8-inch Division = 76 seconds
- 12-inch Division = 71 seconds
- 16-inch Division = 71 seconds
- 20-inch Division = 68 seconds
- 24-inch Division = 72 seconds
- 24-inch Choice Division = 68 seconds

- Maximum Course Time. The maximum course time will be the Standard Course Time plus 20 seconds.

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

- Quantity = 18-20
- Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed – refer to chart at the end of this chapter.

Obstacles	Class		
	Nov. Std.	Open Std.*	Exc/Master Std.*
Dog Walk		R (1)	R (1)
A-Frame		R (1)	R (1)
Seesaw		R (1)	R (1)
Pause Table		R (1)	R (1) N
Weave Poles		R (1) 6 poles	R (1) 9-12 poles
Open Tunnel		R Max (3)+	R Max (3)+
Bar Jump		R	R
Double Bar Jump		A (2) **	A (2) *
Panel Jump		R	R
Tire Jump		R	R****
Broad Jump		R (1)	A (1) *
Triple Bar Jump		A (1)	A (1) *
Ascending Double Bar Jump		A (2) *	A (2) *
Wall Jump		N	A (1) Premier Only **
One Bar Jump		A	R
Qty of Obstacles	14-16	16-18	18-20

*A minimum of two and a maximum of three spreads must be used and two different types of spread jumps must be used on the course. One of the two spreads must be the broad or triple jump.

**Either the Double Bar Jump or the Ascending Double Bar Jump must be used for Novice Standard. The Broad Jump must be used. No more than three spreads may be taken on a Novice Standard Course.

***Only one wall jump may be used as a spread jump or in place of a Panel Jump in Standard Premier. The Wall Jump may only be used in Premier.

****Tire is optional in Premier

+May only use 3 tunnel passes if one is a 10-13 foot tunnel and not curved more than 45 degrees. Premier class may use up to 3 tunnels and to do so do not need to use the 10' tunnel.

- Course Time Limits. The following is the greatest allowable Standard Course Time allowed for this class based on jump height.

- 8-inch Division = ~~76~~ 79 seconds
- 12-inch Division = ~~71~~ 74 seconds
- 16-inch Division = ~~71~~ 72 seconds
- 20-inch Division = 68 seconds
- 24-inch Division = 72 seconds
- 24-inch Choice Division = 68 seconds

- Maximum Course Time. The maximum course time will be the Standard Course Time plus 20 seconds.

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

- Quantity = 18-20
- Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed – refer to chart at the end of this chapter.

Obstacles	Class		
	Nov. Std.	Open Std.*	Exc/Master Std.*
Dog Walk		R (1)	R (1)
A-Frame		R (1)	R (1)
Seesaw		R (1)	R (1)
Pause Table		R (1)	R (1) N
Weave Poles		R (1) 6 poles	R (1) 9-12 poles
Open Tunnel		R Max (3)+	R Max (3)+
Bar Jump		R A	R A
Double Bar Jump		A (2) **	A (2) *
Panel Jump		R	R
Tire Jump		R (1)	R (1)****
Broad Jump		R (1)	A (1) *
Triple Bar Jump		A (1)	A (1) *
Ascending Double Bar Jump		A (2) *	A (2) *
Wall Jump		N	A (1) Premier Only **
One Bar Jump		A	R
Qty of Obstacles	14-16	16-18	18-20

*A minimum of two and a maximum of three spreads must be used and two different types of spread jumps must be used on the course. One of the two spreads must be the broad or triple jump.

**Either the Double Bar Jump or the Ascending Double Bar Jump must be used for Novice Standard. The Broad Jump must be used. No more than three spreads may be taken on a Novice Standard Course.

***Only one wall jump may be used as a spread jump or in place of a Panel Jump in Excellent, Masters and Premier Standard Premier. ~~The Wall Jump may only be used in Premier.~~

****Tire is optional in Premier

+May only use 3 tunnel passes if one is a 10-13 foot tunnel and not curved more than 45 degrees. Premier class may use up to 3 tunnels and to do so do not need to use the 10' tunnel.

Chapter 7 Jumpers With Weaves Class**Section 4. Excellent Jumpers With Weaves Class.****Performance Standards:**

- Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 85
- Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6).
 - Any Course Faults

Standard Course Time:

- 8-inch Division = 3.05 yards per second
- 12-inch Division = 3.25 yards per second
- 16-inch Division = 3.5 yards per second
- 20-inch Division = 3.75 yards per second
- 24-inch Division = 3.55 yards per second
- 24-inch Choice Division = 3.75 yards per second
- Time Penalties = 3 faults for every full second over Standard Course Time
- Course Time Limits. The following is the greatest allowable Standard Course Time allowed for this class based on jump height.
 - 8-inch Division = 55 seconds
 - 12-inch Division = 52 seconds
 - 16-inch Division = 50 seconds
 - 20-inch Division = 48 seconds
 - 24-inch Division = 51 seconds
 - 24-inch Choice Division = 48 seconds
- Maximum Course Time. The maximum course time will be the Standard Course Time plus 20 seconds.

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

- Quantity = 18-20
- Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed – refer to chart at the end of this chapter.

Section 5. Master Jumpers With Weaves Class.**Performance Standards:**

- Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 100
- Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6).
 - Any Course Fault including any time fault

Standard Course Time:

- 8-inch Division = 3.05 yards per second
- 12-inch Division = 3.25 yards per second
- 16-inch Division = 3.5 yards per second
- 20-inch Division = 3.75 yards per second
- 24-inch Division = 3.55 yards per second
- 24-inch Choice Division = 3.75 yards per second
- Time Penalties = 3 faults for every full second over Standard Course Time

Chapter 7 Jumpers With Weaves Class**Section 4. Excellent Jumpers With Weaves Class.****Performance Standards:**

- Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 85
- Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6).
 - Any Course Faults

Standard Course Time:

- 8-inch Division = 3.05 yards per second
- 12-inch Division = 3.25 yards per second
- 16-inch Division = 3.5 yards per second
- 20-inch Division = 3.75 yards per second
- 24-inch Division = 3.55 yards per second
- 24-inch Choice Division = 3.75 yards per second
- Time Penalties = 3 faults for every full second over Standard Course Time
- Course Time Limits. The following is the greatest allowable Standard Course Time allowed for this class based on jump height.
 - 8-inch Division = ~~55~~ 57 seconds
 - 12-inch Division = ~~52~~ 54 seconds
 - 16-inch Division = ~~50~~ 51 seconds
 - 20-inch Division = ~~48~~ 49 seconds
 - 24-inch Division = ~~51~~ 52 seconds
 - 24-inch Choice Division = ~~48~~ 49 seconds
- Maximum Course Time. The maximum course time will be the Standard Course Time plus 20 seconds.

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

- Quantity = 18-20
- Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed – refer to chart at the end of this chapter.

Section 5. Master Jumpers With Weaves Class.**Performance Standards:**

- Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 100
- Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6).
 - Any Course Fault including any time fault

Standard Course Time:

- 8-inch Division = 3.05 yards per second
- 12-inch Division = 3.25 yards per second
- 16-inch Division = 3.5 yards per second
- 20-inch Division = 3.75 yards per second
- 24-inch Division = 3.55 yards per second
- 24-inch Choice Division = 3.75 yards per second
- Time Penalties = 3 faults for every full second over Standard Course Time

• Course Time Limits. The following is the greatest allowable Standard Course Time allowed for this class based on jump height.

- 8-inch Division = 55 seconds
- 12-inch Division = 52 seconds
- 16-inch Division = 50 seconds
- 20-inch Division = 48 seconds
- 24-inch Division = 51 seconds
- 24-inch Choice Division = 48 seconds

• Maximum Course Time. The maximum course time 59 will be the Standard Course Time plus 20 seconds.

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

- Quantity = 18-20
- Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed – refer to chart at the end of this chapter.

Obstacles	Class		
	Novice JWW**		Exc./Master JWW*
Dog Walk	N	N	N
A-Frame	N	N	N
Seesaw	N	N	N
Pause Table	N	N	N
Weave Poles	R (1) 6 poles	R (1) 12 poles	R (1) 12 poles
Open Tunnel	A (2)	A (2)	A (2) +
Bar Jump	R	R	R
Double Bar Jump	A (2)**	A (2) *	A (2) *
Panel Jump	A	A	A
Tire Jump	A	A	A
Broad Jump	A (1)**	A (1) *	A (1) *
Triple Bar Jump	A (1)**	A (1) *	A (1)*
Ascending Double Bar Jump	A (1)**	A (1)*	A (1)*
Wall Jump	N	N	A (1)PremierOnly***
One Bar Jump	A	A	R
Qty of Obstacles	14-16	16-18	18-20

*A minimum of two and a maximum of three spreads must be used and two different types of spread jumps must be used on the course. One of the two spreads must be the broad or triple jump.

**A minimum of one and a maximum of two spreads is required in Novice JWW.

***Only one wall jump may be substituted as a required spread jump in JWW Premier. The Wall Jump may only be used in Premier.

+ Premier may use up to 3 tunnel passes.

• Course Time Limits. The following is the greatest allowable Standard Course Time allowed for this class based on jump height.

- 8-inch Division = ~~55~~ 57 seconds
- 12-inch Division = ~~52~~ 54 seconds
- 16-inch Division = ~~50~~ 51 seconds
- 20-inch Division = ~~48~~ 49 seconds
- 24-inch Division = ~~51~~ 52 seconds
- 24-inch Choice Division = ~~48~~ 49 seconds

• Maximum Course Time. The maximum course time 59 will be the Standard Course Time plus 20 seconds.

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

- Quantity = 18-20
- Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed – refer to chart at the end of this chapter.

Obstacles	Class		
	Novice JWW**		Exc./Master JWW*
Dog Walk	N	N	N
A-Frame	N	N	N
Seesaw	N	N	N
Pause Table	N	N	N
Weave Poles	R (1) 6 poles	R (1) 12 poles	R (1) 12 poles
Open Tunnel	A (2)	A (2)	A (2) +
Bar Jump	R A	R A	R A
Double Bar Jump	A (2)**	A (2) *	A (2) *
Panel Jump	A	A	A
Tire Jump	A (1)	A (1)	A (1)
Broad Jump	A (1)**	A (1) *	A (1) *
Triple Bar Jump	A (1)**	A (1) *	A (1)*
Ascending Double Bar Jump	A (1)**	A (1)*	A (1)*
Wall Jump	N	N	A (1)
One Bar Jump	A	A	R
Qty of Obstacles	14-16	16-18	18-20

*A minimum of two and a maximum of three spreads must be used and two different types of spread jumps must be used on the course. One of the two spreads must be the broad or triple jump.

**A minimum of one and a maximum of two spreads is required in Novice JWW.

***Only one wall jump may be substituted as a required spread jump in Excellent, Masters and Premier JWW Premier. The Wall Jump may only be used in Premier.

+ Premier may use up to 3 tunnel passes.