

## Non-Consent Items – Exhibit 2

### 1. Research variable limits and language (what needs to change in the rulebook)

[Prior history from the 2/9/08 BOD meeting minutes:](#)

**Limited entry tournaments.** Sam discussed the history of limited entry tournaments. Initially tournament directors had two options – limited or unlimited. If limited, TDs had to guess how many teams would be regular and how many would be multibreed. The sanctioning rules are not supposed to be changed after entries close. Now TDs may have to also predict how many entries they will receive in Open and Veterans as well. The rules require that the limits be established by class. With the four different classes, it is a far greater challenge for TDs to estimate how many entries would be in each class.

Sam reported that when we turn a team away from a tournament, we lose money. In some cases, TDs may have the capability of having more teams, but guessed incorrectly as to the distribution of teams into classes. For instance, if a club set the limit for regular at 35, multibreed at 5, veterans at 5, and open at 5, but the entries they received were 20 regular teams, 7 multibreed, 7 veterans, and 7 open teams, then 6 teams were excluded even though the entire number of teams the tournament was able to handle was not met. Sam discussed finding potential remedies to this problem which would allow teams to maximize the number of entries they can handle. The issue was passed to the Rules Committee for further research.

[Here is the current language from the rulebook:](#)

## **CHAPTER 6 – HOSTING A NAFA® SANCTIONED EVENT**

### **Section 6.1 – Requirements**

(k) Limited Classes: The host club may not limit entries to less than four. The host club must accept all entries up to 6:00 p.m., local time of the tournament secretary, on the closing date. Seed times for teams are not needed until after the draw. Teams that get into the class are to be selected by random draw.

(i) The Draw shall be conducted via the NAFA® website, using the online lottery system. The draw must take place within 72 hours of the closing date of the tournament. Teams are to be grouped into rounds – each round shall contain only one team from each club: the first round will contain one team from every club; the second round will contain one team from every club that has entered two or more teams; the third round will contain one team from every club that has entered three or more teams; etc., until all rounds are created. Teams will be randomly drawn from the first round, then the second round, etc., until the class is filled. The host Club (the Club that applied for sanctioning) will be the first team to be drawn during the first round (guaranteed one entry). Co-host Clubs are not guaranteed an entry. The remaining teams will also be drawn and given an alternate number, starting with alternate one until all rounds are drawn from and every team either is in the class or is given an alternate number.

If the number of teams that enter the limited class is less than or equal to the limit, then no draw is required and all teams gain entry into the class; however, clubs are to be notified and clubs must respond per (ii) and (iii).

(ii) Notification of the Draw: All clubs shall be notified of the results of the draw within 48 hours of the draw. Notification can be done by telephone, facsimile, email or posting to the host club's website.

(iii) Club Notification of the Team Entry: All clubs shall notify the host club of seed times of all teams entered and of teams they wish to withdraw within 96 hours of the draw. If a club withdraws a team that has gained entry into the class, an alternate team will be selected. Alternate teams will be selected based on the order of the draw.

[Here is the language proposed to solve the issue outlined above:](#)

(k) Limited Classes: The host club may not limit entries to less than four. **At sanctioning, the host club must designate the total number of teams permitted at the tournament. At the closing date, the host club will then designate the number of teams permitted per class.** The host club must accept all entries up to 6:00 p.m., local time of the tournament secretary, on the closing date. Seed times for teams are not needed until after the draw. Teams that get into the class are to be selected by random draw.

2. Define what "not measureable" means (Judges & Rules)

This issue remains an open one, per judges. We need to resolve.

3. Open & performance sunset – any needed changes to rules & recommendation of whether adopt permanently

Rules requests all mail on this be forwarded to board. There are open issues especially how performance is to be judged and re handling open class when combined with veterans in round robin format. There is also the larger question of whether to perpetuate the rules with the two options (open and performance) or whether to collapse into one. The consensus is in favor of some form of open/performance option and the feedback has been positive.

4. Addressing Height Card Rule Changes Needed given Ballot Approving Change for Jump Heights

*Rules reports that the board as a whole will have to decide how to handle the change in height cards that are out there now. Unfortunately, they don't state the height at the withers but the jump height and this is complicated by the "height*

*card for life” language in the rules we have. Rules invites input on this in advance of the August 2 meeting and requests its inclusion as an open agenda item.*

5. Head Judge/RD Problem

1. *Add definition of “Head Judge” to glossary (pg. 14 of current rulebook):*

**GLOSSARY**

*Head Judge - The judge who is in currently in control of the ring during a tournament race or who is currently measuring a dog during official tournament measuring.*

2. *Modify Section 1.6(e) (pg. 18 of current rulebook):*

*Current rule:*

**Section 1.6 – Regional Directors**

(e) If the Regional Director is the tournament director or a Head Judge for the tournament, the Executive Director shall designate an acting Regional Director for the tournament.

*Suggested modification:*

*(e) If the Regional Director is the tournament director for a tournament, the Executive Director shall approve an acting Regional Director for the tournament. If the Regional Director acts as a Head Judge, by being in control of the ring during a tournament race or by measuring a dog during official tournament measuring, the Executive Director shall approve an acting Regional Director for those instances during the tournament.*