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Marathon Board Meeting Brings Many Changes

Twelve hours of lively debate at the Executive Board Meeting held in Detroit, MI, on February 4, 1995, produced a number of significant policy changes that will affect all flyballers. Here are some of the highlights.

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In addition to the NAFA yearly Champions, NAFA will now recognize a Champion from each region. The Regional Champions and the Yearly Champion will have to satisfy a "Champion criteria", (to be announced later). The cut-off for the year, will be September 30, and the awards will be presented at NAFA's Annual Meeting.

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Susan Borup presented a proposal for revamping the point system. Her committee recommended adding new titles:

- 5,000 - Flyball Master,
- 10,000 - Flyball Master Excellent,
- 15,000 - Flyball Master Champion,
- 30,000 - Flyball Grand Champion.

The existing Onyx award remains at 20,000 points.

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Modification of Judges Guidelines

(New wording in *italics*, present wording in **bold**).

After much discussion the following revision to Chapter 6.6, section (j) was accepted.

Ch 6.6, (j) *When a heat is judged using an Electronic Judging System (EJS), the winner of close heats shall be determined based on the EJS timers. When the timers are within .003 seconds (i.e. 29.798 vs. 29.801), the head judge shall declare the race to be a tie.*

When a heat is judged using visual methods (in the absence or failure, of the Electronic Judging System), the line judge's decision shall be unanimous with respect to determining winners of close heats, and shall be based on their visual view of the finish line. If the line judges are not in agreement, the Head Judge shall consult with the line judges and either declare a winner or declare the heat to be a tie, or dead heat.

Modification Re: Lame Dogs Section 6.18

Section 6.18 - Lame Dogs, Bitches in Season, Dogs Recovering from Surgery. *If, in the opinion of the Head Judge, a dog is lame, in season, recovering from surgery, or for a related reason should not compete, the same shall be excused from competition.*

Leg Wrapping:

Wrap on the legs may be used with the prior approval of the Head Judge. (Applies to otherwise healthy dogs as a preventative measure. - ed.)

Modification Re: Code of Ethics Section 6.4 (c)

Ch 6.4 (c) *Abuse or severe discipline of a dog is not in the best interest of the sport of Flyball. Abuse will include the running of dogs that are not yet one year of age.*

Modification of 6.2 - Teams

Ch. 6.2 (a) *The NAFA Regular class of competition includes teams made up of any type or breed of dog, including those of mixed or unknown parentage, and must be offered at every (sanctioned) tournament.*

Modification of 6.15 (d) Practice Runs

Ch. 6.15 (d) *Electronic or electronic dummy collars are forbidden from (sanctioned) tournaments. Pinch or prong collars are not allowed in the racing ring. Only flat collars, slip collars, and harnesses are acceptable.*

Interpretation of Ch.6.16 (i) Interference, and (j) The finish. The Board reviewed the interference rule with discussion