

Highlights NAFA Board Meeting May 4, 2026

1. **CanAm dates.** This year CanAm will be held September 18, 19, and 20, 2026. We are moving back to the West Pavillion building. We anticipate entries will open on July 1, 2026 and close August 10, 2026. This year entry fees will be due at the time of entry.
2. **CanAm camping updates.** Due to construction at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, onsite camping will be somewhat different this year. Most of the campgrounds we normally utilize are closed during construction. We anticipate using a further campground on 46th street. This campground is much bigger, with generous camping spots surrounded with lots of grassy areas. We will shortly be announcing an early registration window for large groups of campers that want to be near each other.
3. **New approved judge.** Kailey Smith (Maplewood, MN) advanced to approved judge status.
4. **Elections.** Nominations for Board of Directors (3 openings), Hall of Fame (up to 2 inductees), Judge of the Year, and Regional MVPs open August 1, 2026 and close September 30, 2026.
5. **Canadian forms for tournaments.** Forms are now available for Canadian clubs to submit online payment of tournament fees. <https://form.jotform.com/260913699287170>
6. **Technology updates.** We are diligently working on the next phase of EJS technology. Canine Sports Hub can now interface with APES and EJS results output. We are also finalizing CanAm registration with real-time payment processing.
7. **Aggressive Dogs.** Section 8.4 – Aggressive Dogs of the Rules of Racing amended to include: “It is the judge’s discretion to evaluate the context of the situation and make an appropriate determination.”
8. **New proposals.** The Board decided not to adopt a proposal from Veronica Miller regarding new jump height brackets and not to adopt a proposal from Dave Strauss for a new hybrid withers and ulna measuring.
9. **New rules regarding Probation and Suspension.** The Board adopted new rules regarding probation and suspension, redrafting section 5.7 of the Corporate Policies and Procedures. Section 6.1 of the Corporate Policies and Procedures was clarified to specify that both the club and the club owner are put on probation or suspension as penalties for failing to submit timely tournament information and payment.

Section 5.7 – Probation and Suspension

- (a) **Probation.** The Board of Directors may place an individual or a club on probation for a specific length of time, not to exceed one year.
 - (i) While on probation, the individual or club is not considered in good standing. Therefore, a club may not sanction or host a tournament while on probation.
 - (ii) A club is not eligible for any regional champion placements or overall club champion placements for any racing year during which they were on probation.

A club that is on probation will not be awarded regional points for any portion of a racing year at any tournament at which they compete. The points will be awarded to the next highest placing team in good standing.

(iii) Any individuals on probation are not eligible to judge or act as regional director, Executive Director, Board member, tournament director, or tournament secretary during the term of their probation.

(iv) Individuals on probation are not eligible for nomination or election to Executive Director, Board of Directors, Judge of the Year, nor are their dogs eligible for nomination or election for Hall of Fame or Regional MVP.

(v) Individuals and clubs on probation may still participate in NAFA sanctioned events.

(b) **Suspension.** The Board of Directors may place an individual or club on suspension for an indefinite period of time and may/shall require a petition to be reinstated.

(i) While on suspension, the individual or club is prohibited from participating in, sanctioning, or attending NAFA events in any capacity and are not considered in good standing.

(ii) Clubs or individuals on suspension are not eligible to register dogs, clubs, accrue dog points, accrue dog titles, or compete in any way.

(iii) Individuals on suspension are not permitted to judge or act as a regional director, Executive Director, Board member, tournament director, or tournament secretary during their suspension.

(iv) Individuals on suspension are not eligible for nomination or election to Executive Director, Board of Directors, Judge of the Year, nor are their dogs eligible for nomination or election for Hall of Fame or Regional MVP.

(v) A club is not eligible for any regional champion placements or overall club champion placements for any racing year during which they were on suspension.

(c) **Executive Director Authority.** Pursuant to the Bylaws, the Executive Director has the power to suspend or place on probation individuals or Clubs from all NAFA benefits and privileges for infraction of NAFA® Rules of Racing or Corporate Policies and Procedures subject to ratification by the Board of Directors at its next regular or annual meeting. This power is non-delegable.

(i) A Regional Director may give a warning to a tournament director, club, individual, or judge within their region for violating NAFA® Rules of Racing and Corporate Policies & Procedures or for conduct prejudicial to flyball. The warning, whether oral or written, must be documented and forwarded to the Executive Director.

(ii) A second warning for the same or similar violations or for conduct prejudicial to flyball shall be reported to the Executive Director who shall forward it to the Board of Directors for appropriate action.