

**NAFA Board of Directors Meeting
August 21, 2026**

Highlights

- **Judge advancements**
 - Daphne Tryhuk (Winnipeg, MB) - Apprentice to Provisional
 - Becca Kreski (Black Hawk, CO) - Apprentice to Provisional
 - Ashley Brown (Clarksville, TN) - Apprentice to Provisional
 - Christina Paugh (Christiansburg, VA) - Apprentice to Provisional
 - Alex Jeffries (Anchorage, AK) - Provisional to Approved
- **Judge Reinstatement process** – reinstatement due to lack of judging assignments under the expedited process must occur within one NAFA racing year.
- **CanAm Sunday format changes** – for regular and multibreed classes (other than division 1) on Sunday, the breakout time will be 0.3 seconds faster than the division's top seeded team. Any team that runs faster than the breakout will lose that heat and be ineligible for divisional placement. Friday, Saturday, and all open classes will remain 1.0 seconds and the remainder of the breakout rules in Section 8.1 of the Rules of Racing will apply.
- **Measuring Change Proposals** - The Board would like to state that NAFA values height dogs and believes that the withers measurement as it stands is fair to all dogs. Lengthy discussion on the part of the Board has occurred, and suggestions for change have not been moved off of the table without thorough discussion. The Board feels there has been substantial investment in determining that our current measuring system is fair to all. The Board has also taken into consideration the values that NAFA has to support all dogs including smaller breeds and mixes as true height dogs.
- **Participation Pins** – participation pins will return in racing year 2027, including a new 40 year participant pin. Pins will be distributed by Regional Directors at tournaments.
- **Nominations opened August 1, 2026 and close September 30, 2026** – Board of Directors (3 positions), Judge of the Year, Hall of Fame, and Regional MVPs.