

2017/2018 Delegate Proposals:

Based on feedback from our competitors, NAFA is considering some rule changes for some of our racing classes. Through this delegate vote we're soliciting your feedback regarding these rule changes that may be effective in the racing year starting Oct 1, 2018. We appreciate the feedback we have already received through comment periods, but this more formal polling of delegates will provide more perspective on the level of support for these changes across our organization. You can vote in favor or not in favor to proposals in any combination.

All of these changes involve removing the false start from our racing format for various classes. The Board envisions replacing the false start - in any class where it might be removed - with an optional practice start.

Currently, in each heat, each team is entitled to one false start, resulting in a restart of the heat. The practice start would instead be offered - if one or both teams request it - once per race, after warm-up and before the heats begin. It would give the start handler one chance to practice their start with the EJS before competition for that race commences. It would require less time than the current false start provision and would result in an early start being treated more like an early pass in classes where the change was implemented.

The proposal to change the jump height to -6" from -5" off the withers of the height dog was not added to the ballot at this time, due to additional questions raised during the comment period.

Below are the three proposals:

Open Class Racing -Remove False Start and Allow Teams to Pick Their Jump Heights

Based on feedback, NAFA proposes removing the false start from the Open class of competition and replacing it with the practice start. At the same time NAFA proposes allowing teams in the Open class to pick their jump height for the race, regardless of the height of their shortest dog. This proposal supports making permanent the changes to Open currently in trial use.

In favor

Not in favor

Open Class Racing – Remove the False Start

Based on feedback, NAFA proposes removing the false start from the Open class of competition and replacing it with the practice start.

In favor

Not in favor

Regular and Multibreed Class Racing – Remove the False Start

Based on feedback, NAFA proposes removing the false start from the Regular and Multibreed classes of competition and replacing it with the practice start.

In favor

Not in favor