

Opposite Coast Nationals

After the 2014 National Amateur Championship, John Hall formed a committee of Interclub Chairs and wrote the following:

“John Hall here. This letter is meant to inform you of a conversation that took place during the New Business portion of the 2014 NAC delegates meeting.

During the meeting, I made the suggestion that for National Field Trials only, we revert back to 3 interclubs/ regions.”

Though conversations and consideration I discovered three solutions to the problem:

Option 1: Redefine the Interclubs

This is the one that John Hall suggested. Redraw the lines of the interclubs so that there are only three. For the National Championship trials only, the events will rotate within these three interclubs. All local trials will continue to use the five interclub definitions in use today.

Though this makes getting to trials easier for the middle of the country, it will likely present longer travel for those in the Eastern and Western interclubs.

For the Western Interclub, national championships will consistently be 1,600 to 1,800 miles distant one way.

From conversations with people in the Western Interclub the consensus was that they would attend less or not attend at all if the distances are so long. Many of these people enter the national championships when it is in their interclub but not when it is in another.

Only two of the five rotations are on the far coasts. The others are in the middle of the country. Is it worthwhile to continue to include people on the coasts or shall we rotate the trials in the middle of the country?

Option 2: Have both trials in the same interclub in the same year.

Keep the two nationals closer to each other by having both the Open and the Amateur in the same interclub in a given year then move both to the next interclub and so on.

This may provide a better opportunity for all to attend our premier events at least once every five years.

This has a precedence of being done in the past. Some people said it was easier to do both in the same area.

Option 3: Change the Rotation

Here is my recommendation for scheduling both NOC & NAC .

The example below shows how the trials would rotate if the change started in 2017.

The effect of this solution is that NAC & NOC will never be more than 2 interclubs apart and only that far each three years.

Year	WI	RI	MWI	MEI	EI
2017	NAC		NOC		
2018		NAC		NOC	
2019			NAC		NOC
2020	NOC			NAC	
2021		NOC			NAC
2022	NAC		NOC		
2023		NAC		NOC	
2024			NAC		NOC
2025	NOC			NAC	
2026		NOC			NAC
2027	NAC		NOC		
2028		NAC		NOC	
2029			NAC		NOC
2030	NOC			NAC	

Respectfully,

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