



AAC Board of Directors - Unofficial Meeting Highlights for November 2025

Highlights of the AAC Board of Directors (BoD) meeting held on November 19, 2025. Once approved, the full text of motions can be found in On Course.

1. The BoD approved 26 new members.
2. Jennifer McCaffery was elected by the Board to fill the position of Regional Director, Alberta/NWT effective January 1, 2026, until the end of the current term (December 31, 2026). She will be replacing the incumbent Regional Director, Isabelle Michaud, as she is now the President-elect for the upcoming term of the Board.
3. The BoD has approved the request from the Middlesex Agility Club to host an Open Special Event on Friday, June 12, 2026, as part of their All-Ontario Regionals event.
4. The BoD approved the request from Northside Agility Club (AB) to resurface the contact zone of their contact equipment with a contrasting colour other than yellow prior to the changes to the AAC Official Rules and Regulations coming into effect on July 1, 2026. Early approval was given as the club had already intended to resurface its contact equipment this winter.
5. The BoD accepted the recommendation from the Nationals Steering Committee that unless a bid to host is received by January 31, 2026, that the 2026 National Championships be cancelled.
6. The BoD accepted the recommendation from the Standing Rules Committee to amend the AAC Official Rules and Regulations, s. 2.4 - Non-Sanctioned Events at AAC-Sanctioned Trials to clarify the conditions under which non-sanctioned events may be held before or after a trial by adding the following:

Non-sanctioned events held before a trial has begun or after a trial is completed are not subject to the conditions set out above.

For clarification:

1. The start of the trial is defined as the moment when the first competition course has been set and numbered.

2. The end of the trial is defined as the moment when the last dog of the last class has run.
3. When a trial extends over two or more days, each day is considered a separate trial day; therefore, a fun match or other non-sanctioned event may occur at the end of any day (e.g., Saturday evening when a Saturday-Sunday trial is held).

This change will come into effect on July 1, 2026

7. Handlers are reminded that it is their responsibility to be familiar with the rules governing which category their dogs are entered in at trials and to check their trial entries before running to make sure that they are entered in the correct category. The BoD approved an amendment to the AAC Official Rules and Regulations, 2.8 Dog Measurement, 2.8.1 - The Measuring Process to include the following after "A dog ID card is not considered to be complete until the Regular jump height has been circled.":

Dogs two (2) years of age and older must have a completed dog ID card before the dog runs at its fourth trial after it turns two years of age. Any qualifying scores attained at the dog's fourth trial and thereafter without a completed dog ID card will be forfeited.

This rule will come into effect on July 1, 2026.

8. It is time to purchase or renew your AAC membership for 2026. There are two important dates to be aware of:
 - a) Individuals who do not have a membership on January 1, 2026, will not be eligible to try out for the 2027 National Team.
 - b) Individuals who do not have a current AAC membership by April 1 will be required to pay the non-member fees to enter Regional and National Championship events.

Information about purchasing or renewing an AAC membership can be found on at the following link on the AAC website - <https://www.aac.ca/en/Individual-Membership>

9. Members are reminded that further information is available in On Course and in the Members Only section of the AAC Website. Questions may also be directed to the appropriate Regional Director.