



AAC Board of Directors - Unofficial Meeting Highlights for December 2025

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Highlights of the AAC Board of Directors (BoD) meeting held on December 17, 2025. Once approved, the full text of motions can be found in On Course.

1. The BoD approved 16 new members.
2. The BoD approved a recommendation to change the maximum distance between obstacles in flow to 35 feet, with an average distance range of 20-26 feet and a stipulation that any approach to the a-frame cannot exceed 25 feet. This change is intended to improve course safety and reflect current course design trends. The change will come into effect July 1, 2026.
3. The BoD approved the following with respect to turns from contact obstacles. These changes will come into effect July 1, 2026.

1. Turns from contact obstacles directly to tunnels under the same contact obstacle:

Turns from contact obstacles directly to tunnels under the same contact obstacle will not be allowed after July 1, 2026. This change is applicable to any sequentially numbered sequence. The above sequence will not be allowed in Standard, Team, Steeplechase and Biathlon Agility. It will also not be allowed in the closing sequence of Snooker or the main and mini gambles in Gamblers.

During the opening of gamblers, if the handler chooses to perform a contact to tunnel sequence of their own volition, there will be no penalty, same as if they asked their dog to ascend a contact from a tunnel directly underneath.

2. Tight turns (any turn greater than 180 degrees past the plane of the contact exit) from contact obstacles:

Tight turns (any turn greater than 180 degrees past the plane of the contact exit) from contact obstacles will not be allowed, effective July 1, 2026.

This change is applicable to any sequentially numbered sequence. Tight turns from all contact obstacles will not be allowed in Standard, Team, Steeplechase and Biathlon Agility.

They will also not be allowed in the closing sequence of Snooker or the main and mini gambles in Gamblers. This does not apply to opening of gamblers or snooker as the dog path is the handler's choice.

4. The BoD approved a document that provides direction to judges on situations where a handler competes in a manual wheelchair and requires an assistant to push the chair. This direction is not a rule change as it falls under the Accommodation Option (AO); the concession exists to support the handler, not to alter competitive fairness and is to be shared with all judges as soon as possible.
5. The BoD approved extending the International Biathlon Pilot Project until January 1, 2027.
6. 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.