

AAC Board of Directors - Unofficial Meeting Highlights for November 2026

Highlights of the AAC Board of Directors (BoD) meeting held on November 18, 2026. Once approved, the full text of motions can be found in On Course.

1. The BoD approved 10 new members.

2. On January 1, 2027, the cost of a new AAC Membership will increase by $5.00 to $35.00. Non-members wishing to take advantage of the lower price must renew before December 31, 2026.

3. **Rule Changes Effective January 1, 2027**

   The following changes will come into effect on January 1, 2027. Members can find the AAC Official Rules and Regulations, and any published supplements on the AAC Website.

   Biathlon:

   Biathlon Agility and Biathlon Jumpers become permanent classes and the Challenge class will be permanently removed from the rulebook.

   Starters Qualifying Runs:
   Dogs competing in Starters Standard and Starters Jumpers will be permitted to qualify with one refusal.

   Snooker Bonus Closing Option:
   Clubs may offer an optional “Snooker Bonus Closing” to competitors. That option will permit handlers, if they wish, to immediately move to the closing sequence after faulting in the opening sequence.

   Clubs must indicate in their premium whether:
   A Snooker Bonus Closing will be offered and for which levels (Starters, Advanced, and/or Masters);
   A Snooker Bonus Closing will not be offered; or,
   A Snooker Bonus Closing may be added on the day of the trial to all or some of the levels (Starters, Advanced, and/or Masters) if time permits.

4. Members are reminded that additional information is available in the monthly Newsletter, On Course, and in the Members Only section of the AAC Website. Questions may also be directed to the appropriate Regional Director.