

AAC Board of Directors - Unofficial Meeting Highlights for October 2026

Highlights of the AAC Board of Directors (BoD) meeting held on October 21, 2026. Once approved, the full text of motions can be found in On Course.

1. The BoD approved 26 new members.

2. The BoD approved the bid from Sherwood Barks to host the 2027 Alberta/NWT Regional Championships at the Pointe Agricultural Complex in Edmonton, Alberta, from June 25-27, 2027.

3. The BoD accepted the recommendation from the National Steering Committee to allow for dogs that have a clean run at AAC Championship events to earn a qualifying leg at whatever level they are currently competing. The ability to earn qualifying legs at AAC Championship events shall apply to all Regional Championships, National Championships, and any other Championship event approved by the Board of Directors.

   Standard: Dogs that have a clear round (no faults) and run under the Standard Course Time (SCT) for the dog's class in a Standard class will earn a Standard qualifier at whatever level they are currently competing in that class (e.g., if the dog is in Starters they get a Starters Standard Q, and so on).

   Jumpers: Dogs that have a clear round (no faults) and run under the SCT for the dog's class in a Jumpers class will earn a Jumpers qualifier at whatever level they are currently competing in that class (e.g., if the dog is in Starters they get a Starters Jumpers Q, and so on).

   Gamblers: Dogs that have a successful final gamble and are under the gamble time for the dog's class in a Gamblers class will earn a Gamblers qualifier at whatever level they are currently competing in that class (e.g., if the dog is in Starters they get a Starters Gamblers Q, and so on).

4. The BoD approved the addition of the Biathlon Agility and Biathlon Jumpers as permanent classes. The AAC Official Rules and Regulations shall be revised as appropriate to reflect this change.

5. The BoD approved the permanent removal of the Challenge class; the AAC Official Rules and Regulations shall be revised as appropriate to reflect this change. Any

qualifying legs earned in the Challenge class that have not already been counted in a Masters Challenge Dog of Canada (MCDC), other Expert Challenge title, or as a Masters Standard leg requirement towards a post-ATChC Award of Merit, will be converted to qualifying legs in Masters Standard.

The changes will be made in the AAC database; no action is required on the part of handlers. In the event that additional Master Standard legs result in a new title, this will also be reflected in the database; title certificates will be provided to eligible members. An announcement will be made once the changes have been made.

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.