



June 3, 2026

AOAC Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Patrick Biggs, Geneviève Fortin-Robinson, Bob Real, Tori Johnston, Nick Bubela, Tim Buchanan, Thomas Trusler, Jacques Reid

Absent: Shawn Banfield, Joey Lavigne

Action Items

[] Pat to see what the other provinces are doing in regards to live-timing and equipment on podium

[] TBC – create a survey for coaches and parents re: Midwinters

[] Talk to Kevin & other teachers on their thoughts re: midwinter timing

Meeting Kickoff and Agenda Overview

- Tori outlines the agenda -Calendar, parking lot items open discussion

Division Updates

- SOD
 - Skills development and starting to build on what was put together last year
- NOD
 - Recent AGM and growing attendance
 - Planning has started for next year
- LSDA
 - Planning starting for next year

Calendar

- U16 Midwinters
 - Concern around midwinters being the week before exams
 - Discussion around the timing and as it is right now the latest that we can host it
 - Concern around moving it up a week and the possibility of lack of snow
- U16 Finals
 - Dates good for NOD to host the week after March break
- U14
 - Keep the first 2 race blocks as discipline pairs (2 SL and then 2 GS). Better for training blocks
 - Ski cross is not yet confirmed but could move back a week to fill in middle of February
- Spring Finals
 - Open to all athletes that do not attend finals

Parking Lot Items – Open Discussion

Live Timing

- Discussion on implementing (like they do in the US) no live timing at races for U14 and below
- Not just an athlete/coaches on their phones issue
- Keeps the athletes more engaged and increases the comradery
- Can be both bad and good for confidence and motivation
- Concern if parents cant be there, that they can follow along will be taken away
- Maybe start with u12 and under since they are not national point events

Skis on Podium

- ICR rule 207.1.1 “all event on the FIS calendar, a competitor is not allowed to take equipment to the official ceremonies...Holding/carrying of equipment after the conclusion of the whole ceremony (handing over trophies, and medals) is permitted
- Look at implementing a no equipment on the podium while receiving medals
- Can do photos after awards with equipment
- Any equipment including flags should be looked at as well

- At u14/u16 level they are representing clubs and not teams (fis/ncaa influence)

Qualifications

- U14 – Can-Ams Qualifying
 - Look at changing qualification criteria to 2 of 3 race finishes
 - Remove the single runs and the dual from qualifications
- U16 Easterns
 - Look at qualifying through the season and not solely on finals to take away the pressure
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Other Business

- Junior Gates
 - At U14 will still be the standard
- Next meeting topics
 - Cut proof long johns
- **Next meeting July 15, 2026 @ 8 am**

-Meeting adjourned-