

ANAF Pool League

Board of Directors – Public Meeting Minutes

Meeting Type: Regular BOD Meeting

Date: July 22, 2026

Season: 2026/27

Overview

The Board of Directors met to prepare for the upcoming 2026/27 season, review existing rules, finalize several league procedures, and discuss improvements to league operations.

Season Start & Important Dates

The 2026/27 season is scheduled to begin:

- **Monday League:** September 7, 2026
- **Tuesday League:** September 8, 2026
- **Dark Week:** September 21–22
- **Mandatory Captains Meeting:** September 6 at 5:00 PM

Captains will be contacted directly with meeting information.

Coach Rule

The previously approved Coach Rule remains in effect for regular league play.

The Board also discussed whether the coaching rule should apply during playoffs. This matter will be brought forward for a decision before playoff competition.

New 10-Ball Challenge

The Board approved plans for a **10-Ball Challenge** during league nights.

Details:

- Scheduled for approximately **8:00 PM**
- Players will participate in a quick break-and-sink challenge

- Blue tickets will be available for **\$5**
- A draw will determine participation

Further details will be provided to players as the event is organized.

Ball Movement & Fouls

The Board reviewed the procedure for accidentally bumping, knocking, or tapping a ball.

Players should:

1. Stop and step back from the table.
2. Inform the opponent that the ball was moved.
3. Allow the opponent to determine whether they would like the ball returned to its previous position.

Players should not continue play after accidentally moving a ball without addressing the situation with their opponent.

Playoff Spare Eligibility

The Board clarified playoff spare requirements.

For playoff matches:

- A spare must have played a minimum of **28 games**.
- The spare must have the **same or lower average** as the player they are replacing.

For regular-season play, there is **no minimum-games requirement** for a spare, and a player may substitute on either Monday or Tuesday.

Handicap System

The Board confirmed the planned timing for team handicaps:

- The first **three weeks** will be used to establish player information.
 - Team handicaps will come into effect beginning in **Week 4**.
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League Communication

The Board discussed improving communication between the league and players.

Captains will be asked to take a more active role in:

- Sharing important announcements with their teams
- Communicating rule changes
- Checking the league website for updates
- Ensuring team members are aware of important league information

Players are also encouraged to regularly check official league communications.

Rulebook Review

The Board identified several areas of the rulebook requiring clarification before the upcoming season.

One area being reviewed is the **stalemate/safety-play rule**, including the number of consecutive safety or scratch situations permitted before a player must attempt a shot.

The Board will continue reviewing the rulebook to reduce confusion and ensure rules are applied consistently.

Playoff Procedures

The Board approved a procedure for determining the order of play in the **third round of playoffs** using a coin flip.

This is intended to provide a simple and fair method of determining the order when required.

Equipment & Table Maintenance

The Board discussed potential options for replacing or refurbishing table rails.

Additional information and pricing will be obtained before any final decision is made.

BOD Responsibilities

The Board discussed adjustments to BOD responsibilities for the upcoming season, including expanding playoff coordination responsibilities and establishing a dedicated role focused on rules and refereeing.

Further information regarding BOD responsibilities will be communicated as roles are finalized.

Additional League Improvements

The Board also discussed:

- Continued rule education for players
 - Providing instructional information regarding specific fouls and gameplay situations
 - Additional raffle opportunities
 - Improving consistency in rule interpretation
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Next Steps

The Board will continue working on:

- Finalizing the rulebook
- Preparing captains for the upcoming season
- Confirming playoff procedures
- Obtaining table rail pricing
- Preparing rule-explanation materials
- Organizing the 10-Ball Challenge
- Improving communication between captains, players, and the BOD

These minutes are provided to keep league members informed of Board discussions and decisions. Detailed internal documentation is maintained by the Board.