

RULES OF
THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF
SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

- MEMBERSHIP: 1. Application for membership of the Club shall be in writing on the Clubs prescribed form.
2. Application for membership of the Club must be accompanied with the payment of the Annual subscription.
3. Applications for membership are accepted subject to the approval of the Committee.
4. The Committee may reject any application for membership or junior membership without assigning a reason for so doing.
5. On election by the Committee and payment of the Annual subscription, a member shall exercise the privileges of a membership, subject to the constitution, from the date of such election until the last business day of the current financial year.
6. *Every person who is a financial member of the Club (other than a Junior member) Ninety (90) days prior to the date of a Special Meeting shall be entitled to vote at that meeting.*
7. A Junior member may hold office in any junior section of the Club as may be authorised by the Committee from time to time.
8. Should a member charged in accordance with Clause 6(a) and 6(b) of the Constitution the following action shall be taken:-
- (a) He shall be summoned to appear before the Committee of the Club to answer the charge.
- (b) Twenty One (21) days notice by registered post of the charge, shall be sent to the member, and he shall be entitled to appear before the Committee for the purpose of making a statement, and he may call witnesses and/or produce evidence in his defence. If the person charged is a member of the Committee of the Club, he shall not be entitled to vote. Voting shall be by secret ballot and decided by simple majority.

9. If, after due inquiry, he be found guilty, he shall be reprimanded or disqualified or suspended from the Club, subject to appeal to the South Australian Canine Association.
10. If any person refuses, or fails to appear before the Committee to answer a charge, he may be suspended and denied all privileges of the club.
11. Any person on ceasing to be a member shall forthwith return all property belonging to the Club including membership badge etc., to the Honorary Secretary.
12. At an Annual General meeting the following reports and statements shall be tabled, or read, prior to election of Office-bearers for the ensuing year:-
 - (i) Annual report of the progress and proceedings of the previous year.
 - (ii) Balance Sheet or Financial Statements setting out the receipts and expenditure of the Club for the previous year.
 - (iii) List of names of financial members of the Club.
 - (iv) List of Club property and valuation of all items included in the Balance Sheet.
 - (v) List of holders of all perpetual or running trophies owned by or vested in the Club.
13. No business shall be transacted at a Special meeting save that which is set out in the Notice to members of such Special General Meeting.
14. All notices of Annual General Meetings and Special meetings shall be give in writing, and addressed to the last known address of the members. Notice by separate letter or in the Club's newspaper shall be deemed to comply with the terms of this clause.
15. Voting at all meetings of members shall be by show of hands, unless a secret ballot is requested by any member entitled to vote.

OFFICE
BEARERS:

16. The management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee, which shall consist of the President, Two (2) Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Branch Manager, and Seven (7) ordinary Committee members and such Committee shall have such powers as herein provided or otherwise authorised by the Club and must be members of the South Australian Canine Association.¹
17. *The Patron of the Club shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting and shall remain in office after the election during the pleasure of members or until such times as he resigns.*
18. The Honorary Secretary, the President or *Vice-Presidents*, shall not less than Two (2) calendar months or more than Three (3) calendar months prior to the date of the Annual General meeting of the Club, call for nominations for persons eligible for office of President, *Vice-Presidents*, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Committee pursuant to Rule 27. Each notice calling for nominations shall set out the names of the members of the Committee who are retiring.²
19. All nominations shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary, or with the person calling for nominations pursuant to Rule 19, not less than Fourteen (14) days prior to the date and time shall be clearly defined in the call for nominations.
20. The proposer, seconder, and nominee in accordance with Rule 26, must be members whose subscription have been paid on or before the 30th day of June preceding such Annual General Meeting.
21. All such nominations shall be sealed and lodged with the Honorary Secretary or person calling for nominations as provided for in Rule 20, with the envelope endorsed "Nomination Paper". All such nomination papers shall remain sealed until authorised to be opened by the Chairman at a meeting of the Committee, which shall be held within Seven (7) days from the closing date for the lodging of nominations as aforesaid. Nominations received after the date and time specified shall not be accepted, irrespective of any cause or delay whatsoever.

22. A candidate may withdraw his nomination by written notice to the Honorary Secretary or⁴ the person calling for nominations, or to the Chairman at any time provided such withdrawal is made prior to the distribution of the ballot papers at the said meeting and such withdrawal may be made with or without the consent of the Proposer and/or Secunder.
2. The Honorary Secretary or⁵ such person as may be authorised by the Committee shall, at the Annual General Meeting hand to each member entitled to vote as aforesaid, and present at such Annual General meeting, a ballot paper on which shall be set out the names of the persons nominated and eligible for election. Voting for each of the different offices shall be taken separately and in the order of:-

PRESIDENT
VICE-PRESIDENTS
HONORARY SECRETARY
HONORARY TREASURER
BRANCH MANAGER
COMMITTEE

24. Voting shall be elimination ballot, i.e. by ruling out the names of those candidates for whom it is NOT desired to vote. In the event of a tie which precludes the election of any of the candidates a fresh ballot shall be held of such candidates only to decide which of them shall be elected.
25. A member may nominate for not more than Two (2) positions on the Committee, but if and when elected to One (1) position, his nomination for the Second (2) position shall automatically lapse.
26. Where no nominations are received or where insufficient persons are nominated to fill the vacancy or vacancies the Committee shall fill such vacancy or vacancies within Thirty (30) days.
27. The Honorary Secretary shall keep a register of members and junior members in which shall be entered the names and addresses of each respective class of members of the Club and shall also enter the date on which the Annual Subscription is paid each year. The Register of Members shall be available to the Chairman at the Annual General Meeting and at Special General Meetings of the Club.

28. A member of the Committee ceases to be a member of the Committee if he ceases to be a member of the Club or resigns.
29. At all times should the Honorary Secretary fail to summons members of the Committee to meet in accordance with any requisition made pursuant to these Rules, the President or Vice-President or any Three (3) members of the Committee may call such meeting and summon the members of the Committee to meet, by written notice pursuant to these Rules.

POWERS OF
COMMITTEE:

30. The Committee shall have power to do all acts, matters and/or things for the carrying out of the objects of the Club or any of them. The Committee may make regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution and Rules, prescribing all matters which it is necessary or convenient to prescribe in order to carry into effect the provisions thereof. All such regulations shall be submitted to the South Australian Canine Association for perusal.
- 30a. The Committee of the Club shall ratify the appointment of a Training Secretary, Head Trainer, Class Trainer or any Official position as necessary to ensure proper and efficient running of the Club in line with current policies
The above Officials shall be responsible to the Committee in all matters and their appointments will be reviewed periodically.
31. The Committee shall have power to manage the affairs and undertakings of the club in accordance with the constitution and Rules.
32. There shall be a public Officer of the Club, who shall be appointed and may be removed by the Committee. Unless otherwise determined the Honorary Secretary for the time being, if eligible, shall be the Public Officer, and the Public Officer may hold any other office in the Club, except that of Auditor. In accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 as amended, if the Public Officer ceases to be a resident of South Australia or becomes bankrupt or is sentenced to a term of imprisonment for the commission of a felony or misdemeanour he shall thereupon cease to be Public Officer. The duties of the Public Officer shall be to comply with the Provision of and to exercise the powers conferred upon him by the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 as amended, or any amendment or re-enactment thereof.

33. There shall be a Common Seal of the Club, which shall be in the Custody of the Honorary Secretary. The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by authority of a resolution of the Committee and One (1) member of the Committee (other than the Honorary Secretary) shall sign and the Honorary Secretary shall countersign every instrument to which the Common Seal shall be so affixed.
34. Voting at Committee meetings shall be by show of hands unless any member present requires a ballot.
35. The Committee may confer Honorary Membership to any person for a period not exceeding *Twelve (12)* months.
36. The Committee may offer prizes and/or Trophies for its members at any All Breeds Championship Show and/or All Breeds Open Parade or any other competition on such conditions as deemed advisable but no prize and/or trophy is to be offered except for competition under the Rules of the South Australian Canine Association.
37. The Committee may create a fund to be called the “Trophy Fund” such fund to be for the purpose of providing prizes and/or trophies for competition at any Show parade, Trial Competition or Exhibition, conducted by the Club or under its auspices or for prizes and/or trophies as provided in Rule 37. The Committee may accept donations from any source to the “Trophy Fund”.
38. The Committee shall have the power to donate the proceeds or any part there-of, of any Show, Parade, Trial or any other competition, exhibition or function conducted by the Club to any patriotic or charitable fund and shall also have the power to make donations from general funds of the Club to any patriotic or charitable fund or to any cause deemed deserving by the Committee.

- GENERAL:
39. Adjournment - Committee meetings:- If a quorum is not present for a Committee meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for not more than Fourteen (14) days. Not less than Three (3) days notice of time and place of the adjourned meeting shall be given to all members of the Committee.
 40. Any person who ceases to be a member of the Club either by resignation or otherwise shall have no claim upon or be entitled to participate in any of the effect or property belonging to the Club.

AUDIT AND
ACCOUNTS:

41. The auditor of the Club shall be a qualified accountant and shall not be a member of the Club, shall be appointed for this purpose by the Annual General Meeting each year, prior to the close of the financial year.
42. All payments except those made from Petty Cash account shall be made by cheque which shall be signed by the honorary Treasurer and countersigned by either the President or the Honorary Secretary, after such payments have been sanctioned by the Committee.
43. The Committee may from time to time grant a sum of money to the Honorary Secretary or other position holder for Petty Cash. Full details of Petty Cash transactions shall be recorded in a book for that purpose and these shall be presented to the Committee before further grants are made.
44. The Banks Pass Books, Account Books, Accounts, Vouchers, and other books and records directly connected with the Club on its financial position shall be the property of the Club and shall be produced to the Committee whenever they shall so desire.

LIFE
MEMBERSHIP:

45. No person shall be recommended to Life Membership unless he shall have been a member of the club for at least Ten (10) consecutive years. Such Life Members when approved by the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a member. Life Members shall like any member pay for any Publication, Scheme or Levy which is compulsory and or mandatory to being a member of the Club.

EMERGENCY
PROVISION:

46. *If at any time there should arise a State of National Emergency, the Committee, upon application and approval by the State Corporate and Business Affairs, shall suspend Annual General meetings, Meetings or other activities of the club for such period or periods as may be deemed advisable.* During such period or periods of suspension the management affairs of the Club shall be vested absolutely in the Committee in office at the time of such suspension. All members of the Club at the date of any total suspension of all activities of the Club shall continue to be members of the Club and all rights shall be reserved for them. All things done by and all acts of the Committee during any period of suspension shall be deemed to be Constitutional notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in the Rules and Constitution of the Club.
47. In the event of winding up, the assets of the club shall not be distributed to its members, or the relatives of the members in accordance with Section 103 A(2)© of the Income Tax and

Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936 - 1964. The distribution of the assets in accordance with Clause 2 (h) (vi) and subject to Clause 18 of the Constitution.

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BRANCHES:

48. Branches shall abide by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations as laid down by the Committee of the Club.³
- (a) A training School Branch can be established where in the opinion of the Executive Committee, its formation would be of benefit to German Shepherd owners in a specific area or district, and where it would not be conflict with any Training club, already established, which is affiliated with the South Australian Canine Association and which is in the opinion of the Committee, properly catering for the training of German Shepherd dogs.
 - (b) NAME - Each Training School Branch shall be know as "The German Shepherd Dog Club of S.A. Inc., Branch Training School.
 - (c) OBJECTS OF A BRANCH - the sole object of a Branch shall be to provide basic obedience training classes, and facilities for German Shepherds in that particular area or district.
 - (d) BRANCH MEMBERSHIP - Training facilities at any Branch will be available only to Financial members of the German Shepherd Dog Club of S.A. Inc.
 - (e) BRANCH OFFICIALS - The Executive Committee of the German Shepherd Dog Club of S.A. Inc., shall appoint a Training Secretary, Head Trainer, and Class Trainer as necessary to ensure proper and efficient running of the Branch Training School, in line with current Club policies. The above officials shall be responsible to the Executive Committee in all matters, and their appointments will be reviewed yearly.
 - (f) BRANCH FINANCE - The Executive Committee of the German Shepherd Dog Club of S.A. Inc., will administer all financial aspects of any Branch.
 - (g) TERMINATION OF BRANCH - A Branch may be closed or its operations suspended:
 - (i) where the Executive Committee of the Club decides that a Branch is no longer necessary or is not acting in the best interests of the Club;
 - (ii) if the Constitution or relevant Club Rules and Regulations are not being observed.
 - (h) WINDING UP - In the event of the Winding up of the Branch, all equipment and assets shall be returned to the Committee of the Club.

- GENERAL 49. A new member of the Club or a member who has resigned

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or has let his membership lapse for a period of Twelve (12) months, and who has joined after the Thirtieth (30) day of June preceding the Annual General Meeting and whose membership has been approved by the Committee shall be liable to pay One-half (1/2) of the Annual subscription together with the Joining Fee.

50. “The Secretary shall display minutes of the Committee Meetings on the notice board of the Club rooms at West Beach and all Branches not more than fourteen(14)days after the meeting at which those minutes were ratified”

¹Clause 17 - Amended 1982 AGM

²Clause 19 - Amended 1984 AGM

³Clause 49 - Amended 1972 AGM

⁴Clause 23 - Amended 1997 AGM

⁵Clause 24 - Amended 1997 AGM

6 Clause 51 Added to – AGM 1998.

7 Claus 5 – amended – A.G.M. 2007

8 Claus 28 amended – A.G.M. 2007

9 Claus 43 amended – A.G.M. 2007