

Scunthorpe Obedience & Agility Training Club (SOATC)

Club Constitution

The Club shall be called **Scunthorpe Obedience & Agility Training Club** and its objectives shall be to help the local community in the training of their dogs and to run Obedience & Agility Shows where possible.

Officers & Members - The club will consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer & a committee (minimum of 10 members), with an unlimited number of members. Any person holding a committee member position is required to play an active part in the management of the Club and to support the planning and execution of the Club's shows, (as described in the application to join the committee). Any person failing to meet the requirements of the committee role, (as deemed by the remaining committee members) will forfeit their position on the committee, thereby ensuring a proactive committee remains in situ at all times to protect the activity and reputation of the Club.

The management of the club shall be in the hands of the committee consisting of a minimum of 10 members all of whom shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election. All members of the previous year's committee may stand for re-election if they so wish. Any new members wishing to join the committee will be required to complete a nomination form for selection. Any member applying to join will have their nomination form acknowledge by the Secretary, who will also provide details of the role of a committee member and the expectations of the role

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer shall be ex-official members of the retiring committee. Members of the committee shall be eligible for re-election every year. Meetings will be held as often as deemed necessary. A minimum of 50% of the current committee member numbers will form a quorum for the transaction of business. It is the personal responsibility of each committee member to inform the Club Secretary if they are unable to attend a meeting, thereby ensuring that a quorum will always be available at meetings, or for the meeting to be cancelled if a quorum is not available. Decisions will be made on a simple majority vote:- one member-one vote, the Chairman only voting in the event of a tie. Any committee member who does not attend 3 consecutive meetings, without providing a reasonable excuse for absence will forfeit their appointment to the committee. If any committee member conducts themselves in such a manner to be injurious to the character or interests of the club, they may be removed from office on the decisions of the committee. No person whilst an un-discharged bankrupt may serve on the committee or hold any office or appointment within a KC registered club

Admission/Subscription - Individuals may apply for membership to the club via completion of the recognised membership form, along with the appropriate fee and current vaccinations certificates. The receipt of a subscription does not automatically entitle the candidate to the membership. The committee reserve the right to refuse membership and undertake to inform any candidate as soon as practical following their decision. The annual membership shall be £10. Junior handlers who are members of the YKC are entitled to free membership. The membership fee will be reduced to half at the end of August. Annual subscriptions are payable to the treasurer on the 1st January each year.

No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be eligible to use the Club's training facilities or benefit from member reduced entry fees at shows. The committee has the power to remove any person who fails to pay the annual subscription by 31st January or nearest training session to this date.

However, if the committee subsequently receive a satisfactory explanation, the member may at the discretion of the committee, on payment of any arrears be re-admitted to the Club's membership.

The Club holds a list of members and their addresses which is available for inspection by the KC if so requested. Members personal details will be stored safely and not disclosed to 3rd parties without the members prior consent.

Dogs with infectious Diseases - Members must not bring any dog to the club for a period of 21 days following the diagnosis or exposure to any infectious disease, including, but not limited to kennel cough

Club Property - The property of the club shall be vested in the committee and in the event of the club ceasing to exist any trophies/equipment shall be handed back to their respective donors and in the case of items bought in a final general meeting shall be called to decide upon the disposal of the Club's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club.

Expulsion of Members - Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club (KC) rule A42j(4) and/or disqualified under KC rule A42j(8) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club for the duration of the suspension/disqualification

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the committee of the club be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the club, the committee of the club may, at a meeting the notice convening which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of the member, determine that a special general meeting of the club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her.

Notice of this special general meeting shall be sent to the accused member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at the meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a 2/3rds majority of the members present, and voting, his/her name shall forthwith be erased from the list of members, and he/she shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a member of the club except that he/she may within 2 calendar months from the date of such meeting, appeal to the KC upon and subject to such conditions as the KC may impose.

Annual General Meeting:- The AGM shall be held in November for the following purposes.

- To receive the report of the committee and the balance sheet
- To elect the Committee for the year
- To discuss any resolution place on the Agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Secretary 14 days notice must be given prior to the AGM

A special general meeting shall be summoned by the Secretary if 4 members send in a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a SGM. The committee of the club is also empowered to call a SGM. No business other than the matter of the agenda can be discussed at a SGM.

An advert of the AGM shall be placed via social media not less than 14 days prior to the AGM taking place.

Club Accounts:- A banking account shall be operated in the name of the club, to be operated by 2 officers for all withdrawals. The Accounts will be certified annually and presented to the members at the AGM.

Annual Returns to the KC:- The officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, maintenance of title fee will be forwarded to the KC by the Secretary for continuance of registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in KC Regulations for the registration and maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities be forwarded to the KC.

The officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the KC of any change of Secretary of the Club which may occur during the course of the year.

Kennel Final Court of Appeal:- The KC shall be the final court of appeal in all matters of dispute.

These rules may only be altered at a general meeting, the agenda for which contains specific proposals to amend the rules. Any proposed alteration to the rules may not be brought into effect until the KC has been advised and approved the alteration.