



The Pointer Club of Scotland

Constitution and Rules

1 Name

The name shall be called the “The Pointer Club of Scotland” (thereafter referred to as the ‘Club’)

2 Objects

The objects for which the Club is established are:-

- (a) to promote and encourage the improvement and well being of Pointers and responsible Pointer ownership
- (b) to hold such shows under the rules and regulations of the Royal Kennel Club as may from time to time be determined
- (c) to hold field trials in Scotland for Pointers and Setters
- (d) to do all such other things as are or seem to the Club to be in any way incidental or conducive to the objects heretofore named.

3 Interpretation

For simplicity the masculine pronoun is used throughout this constitution and rules but the provisions shall apply equally to males and females.

4 Membership

The Club shall consist of an unlimited number of members, whose names and addresses shall be entered in a register to be kept by the Honorary Secretary. Junior membership without voting rights will be available up to eighteen years of age. All applications for membership to the Club shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another and shall be elected or balloted for by the committee at its first meeting following receipt of the application – a majority vote deciding. The decision of the Committee not to admit any candidate shall be final and it shall not be bound to give any reason for its decision. As payment of the subscription will entitle the member to enjoy every benefit and privilege of the Club, such payment shall be his distinct acknowledgement of and his acquiescence to the rules of the Club. No member shall be entitled to be present or take part in any proceedings or vote at any General Meeting, whether on a show of hands or by ballot, or to nominate or be nominated as a candidate

for election to the committee, or if nominated to be elected, or if elected to take office as a member of the committee, if and while he:

- (a) is due to the Club any subscription
- (b) is due to the Club any other debt which has remained due for a period of more than three months after the same became due and payable; or,
- (c) is declared bankrupt, insolvent or of unsound mind.

Should any member have failed to pay his annual subscription three months after the due date, the committee shall have the power to erase his name from the register of members. No members shall vote with regard to any matter in which he has a financial interest and shall be under obligation to declare any such interest which he may have.

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5 Expulsion of Members

Any member who shall be disqualified under Royal Kennel Club Rule A11j (5) and/or Royal Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club. If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of either the Committee or the Club be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the committee may at a meeting, the notice convening which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of the member, determine that a Special Meeting of the Club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him. Notice of the 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 two-third majority of the members present and voting, his name shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a member of the Club except that he may, within two calendar months from the date of such a meeting, appeal to the Royal Kennel Club upon and subject to such condition as the Royal Kennel Club may impose. No person so expelled shall be re-admitted as a member of the Club except by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the committee present and voting at a meeting on a motion of which notice was duly given.

If the Club expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dog(s); dog shows; trials or competitions, the Club must report the matter in writing to the Royal Kennel Club within seven days and supply particulars required.

6 President/Vice President

The Club may have a president and any number of vice presidents who will be elected at the invitation of the members for a period of five years after which they are eligible for re-election. President and /or vice presidents shall be appointed at an annual general meeting. The president/vice presidents will represent and promote the interests of the Club as and when seen fit. The president/vice-presidents will only have the voting rights of an ordinary member.

7 Officers and Duties of Officers

The Officers of the Club shall consist of Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Field Trial Manager all of whom shall be ex-officio members of the committee with voting rights. They shall be elected for three years and the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall retire on a rotational basis of one year each. They shall all be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting following their service.

- (a) **CHAIRMAN:** The Chairman, if present, shall take the chair at all meetings of the Club [which term shall include committee meetings], otherwise the members present shall elect a chairman at that meeting only. The Chairman shall sign the minutes of previous meetings and if unable to attend shall send at least 24 hours notice to the Honorary Secretary unless there shall be reasonable grounds for not doing so. Throughout these rules, if not inconsistent with the context “chairman” shall mean the person presiding at a meeting for the time being.
- (b) **HONORARY SECRETARY:** The Honorary Secretary shall summon all meetings and, if present, take minutes of the proceedings. He shall be in charge of the minute book and shall keep the register of members up to date.
- (c) **HONORARY TREASURER:** The Honorary Treasurer shall receive all monies payable to the Club and make all payments. He shall provide information as to the finances of the Club. He shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept with respect to (i) all sums of money received and expended by the Club and the manner in which receipts and expenditure takes place; (ii) all sales and purchases by the Club and (iii) the assets and liabilities of the Club.
- (d) **FIELD TRIAL MANAGER:** The Field Trial Manager shall be responsible for all matters relating to field trials.

No member shall be eligible to serve as an officer of the Club unless he resides in Scotland.

8 Committee

The Business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by a committee which may regulate the conduct of its business in such a manner as it thinks fit and may arrange for the discharge of any of its functions and powers by a subcommittee comprised from its own numbers. However the committee may at any time amend or revoke such authority. The committee and its subcommittees shall have the power to invite any person or persons whether a member of the Club or not, to attend any meeting to assist in the business to be discussed but such person or persons shall not be entitled to vote. The committee shall have the power to make such by-laws and regulations not inconsistent with the terms of the constitution and rules, as it may from time to time deem necessary. It shall be at the sole discretion of the committee to invest any surplus income or funds of the Club or disburse same in whatever manner it decides. Meetings of the committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary. The committee shall comprise of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Field Trial Manager and in addition not more than 12 other elected members all of whom shall reside in Scotland. Any member standing for election to the Pointer Club of Scotland Committee shall not, at the same time, be a serving Member of the Committee of any other Pointer Breed Club Committee. Eight members present shall constitute a quorum and the Chairman shall, in the event of an equality of votes, have a casting vote. All members of the Committee shall be elected for three years. One-third of the members shall retire each year on a rotational basis and be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

9 Subscriptions

The annual subscription for the Club shall be £7, but for husband and wife, two members of the same family or two bona fide partners, a joint annual subscription of £10.50 shall be payable. Persons under eighteen years of age may become junior members for an annual subscription of 50p and shall enjoy all rights of membership except the power to vote. The annual subscription shall be subject to review at the annual general meeting and notified to the Royal Kennel Club and shall be payable immediately following the end of the financial year. In the case of new members the annual subscription shall be payable immediately following election. Each member shall be entitled to one vote immediately on acceptance and in the case of joint membership, each member of the partnership shall have one vote.

10 Financial Year

The financial year of the Club shall be 1st January to 31st December.

11 Club Accounts

A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Club into which all revenues of the Club shall be paid and from which all withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of two officers, one of whom must be the Honorary Treasurer. The remaining officer or officers authorised to sign shall be determined by the committee.

12 Certification of Accounts

The accounts will be certified annually and presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting. NOTE: Certification of accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two individuals with accountancy experience. Those undertaking the certification must be independent from those who prepared the accounts. A copy of the annual statement of accounts for the last financial year which must be certified in accordance with the rules of the society will be made available on request to members 14 days prior to the AGM. Additionally, the annual statement of accounts will be available for inspection by members at the Annual General Meeting.

13 General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held not later than 31st May and shall be called in writing. At least fourteen clear days notice shall be given of the annual general meeting and the purpose of the annual general meeting shall be:

- (a) to receive the minutes of the previous annual general meeting
- (b) to receive the report of the committee and present the certified balance sheet
- (c) to elect Office Bearers and Committee members
- (d) to appoint auditors to certify accounts
- (e) to appoint president or vice-president
- (f) to fix subscription of members
- (g) to discuss any resolutions or items placed on the agenda of which prior notice has been given. Such resolutions or other items shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary at least fourteen days before the date of the annual general meeting. No business shall be transacted at an annual general meeting unless notice thereof appears on the agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which, in the opinion of the chairman are urgent.

A special general meeting of the Club may be called at any time on the requisition in writing of not less than twenty members of the Club addressed to the Hon Secretary and stating the business to be discussed. If within one calendar month of the receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a requisition as above provided, the Executive Committee fail to convene a Special General Meeting, the requisitionists may call such a Special General Meeting to be held

not later than two calendar months after the deposit of the requisition with the Honorary Secretary. The committee of the Club is also empowered to call a special general meeting. Notice of such meetings shall appear in the Dog Press and/or be notified in writing to all members and shall state the business to be transacted and be given not less than 14 clear days before the date of the meeting. No business other than that specifically stated in the notice shall be considered at such a meeting.

The quorum for all general meetings shall be six and the Chairman shall, in the event of an equality of votes have a casting vote. Agendas for general meetings shall be circulated at such meetings.

14 Constitution and Rules

The constitution and rules of the Club shall form the basis of membership and may not be altered except at an annual general meeting or special general meeting, the notice of which contains specific proposals to amend the rules. Such alterations shall not be brought into force until the Royal Kennel Club has been advised and has given its approval to the alterations.

15 Club Property

The property of the Club shall be vested in the committee. Trophies awarded to the Club shall be deemed the sole property of the Club and shall not be accepted under any other condition.

16 Winding Up or Dissolution of The Club

The Club may be dissolved or wound up provided that a resolution to that effect has been passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at an annual general meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution has been duly given. If upon winding up or on dissolution of the Club there remains after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities any assets other than trophies awarded to the Club, a general meeting shall be called to dispose of such assets. With respect to the trophies, the donors shall, wherever possible, be consulted and such trophies disposed of in accordance with their wishes. If the Club is wound up or ceases to be a Registered Society under Royal Kennel Club Regulations a final statement of certified accounts with a record of disposal of the property of the Club shall be forwarded to the Royal Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as officers and committee of the Club on the last return furnished to the Royal Kennel Club will be held responsible by the Royal Kennel Club to the proper winding up of the Association.

17 Indemnity

The members of the committee and any of the sub-committee thereof, the officers of the Club and the auditors shall be indemnified out of the funds of the Club against all losses, costs and charges which they may respectively incur or be put to on account of any contract, deed, act or thing done, entered into executed or permitted by them respectively on behalf of the Club and each of them shall be chargeable only for so much money as he may actually receive and they shall not be answerable for the acts, receipts, neglects or faults of each other, but each of them for his own acts, receipts, neglects or faults only.

Neither they nor their heirs, executors or administrators shall be liable for any loss or expenses happening to the Club through their insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired for or on behalf of the Club or of the insufficiency or deficiency of any obligation or security in or upon which any of the funds of the Club shall be invested or for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency or wrongful act or any with whom any monies, securities or effects shall be deposited or for any loss, damage or misfortune whatsoever which shall happen in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto unless the same shall happen through his own fraud, wilful neglect, default, breach of duty or breach of trust.

18 Annual Returns Of The Club

The officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title Fee will be forwarded to the Royal Kennel Club by the Secretary for the continuance of Registration, and that by 31st July, each, year, other returns, as stipulated in the Royal Kennel Club regulations for the Regulation and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities will be forwarded to the Royal Kennel Club. The Officer also acknowledge their duty to inform the Royal Kennel Club of any changes of Secretary of the Association which may occur during the course of the year.

19 List of Members and Addresses

The Club must notify the Royal Kennel Club of the total number of current Members. This information to be submitted along with the Annual Returns and if so requested make an up to date list of members names available for inspection by the Royal Kennel Club and members of the Club.

20 Breed Club Judges List

During the transitional period, the club shall maintain their A3 list while the traditional questionnaires for CC judges continues (for appointments taking place no later than 31st December 2028) where the questionnaire is submitted to the RKC for consideration (no later than 31st December 2026).

It is not a requirement for the club to maintain any other judging list as they are no longer required, although the club will, for the interim, keep such lists for reference.

ALL judges as of 31st January 2026 MUST be listed at the required JEP Level on Find A Judge. Unless they are resident in Northern Ireland falling under the specific provision of F(1)20.a(2)(i) OR an overseas judge falling under the specific provisions of F(1)20.a(2)(ii)(a)

As of 1st of January 2027 the JEP (Judges Education Program) will be the ONLY route for judges.

LEVEL 1 - Up to 3 classes (four if one is a puppy class*) for any breed at Limited or Open Shows.

Level 2 - Unlimited number of classes for their respective Breed at Limited, Open or Championship Shows (No CC's).

Level 3 - (As per Level 2 for classes)

Level 4 - Award Challenge Certificates in the respective Breed.

**As per current RKC Regulations. From 2027, as per the recent JEP Review report recommendation, it is proposed this is updated and simplified to be "Up to 4 classes".*

21 Notices

A notice may be given by the Club to any member

- [i] by intimation in the Dog Press ie Dog World or Our Dogs or
- [ii] personally or
- [iii] by sending it by post to him at his registered address or
- [iv] if he has no registered address in the UK, to the address, if any, within the UK supplied by him to the Club

Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, preparing and posting it and to have been effected at the expiration of 72 hours after it was posted.

22 Royal Kennel Club Final Court of Appeal

The Royal Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the rules of the Club, in all cases relative to canine or Club matters.

23 Federation

The Club shall not join any Federation of Societies or Club.

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