

THE CONSTITUTION

(1) NAME

The Society shall be calledCANINE FREESTYLE GB.....(the Society)

(2) OBJECTS

The objects of the Society are to promote and encourage awareness of the sport of Heelwork To Music for the benefit of both handlers and dogs and to promote such events as the Society believes appropriate to further its objectives nationwide.

(3) MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Any person who wishes to become a member of the Society should submit a signed application in writing to the Secretary together with the required Annual Subscription.
- (b) Election to membership shall be in the discretion of the Committee. The Committee may decline to elect any candidate without assigning any reason.
- (c) All official notices to members shall be sent by mail or e mail.
- (d) An up to date list of Members and their addresses, and those of branch Members where appropriate, must be maintained and, if so requested, made available for inspection by the Kennel Club and Members of the Society. A declaration of the number of Members of the Society must be made with Annual Returns.

(4) SUBSCRIPTION

- (a) The annual subscription shall be determined, from time to time, by the Committee.
- (b) The annual subscription shall be due on joining the Society and thereafter on the 1st April each year from 2008 onwards.
- (c) The Annual Subscription will be reduced for any person becoming a member after 30th September each year.

(5) RESIGNATION

- (a) A member shall cease to be a member if he/she gives written notice to the Secretary of his/her resignation.
- (b) A member whose subscription is more than 30 days in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned.
- (c) A member whose subscriptions are in arrears is not entitled to any of the privileges of membership.

(6) EXPULSION

Any Member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42j(5) and/or any Member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Society. If the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Society, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Society, the Committee of the Society 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 Society shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her.

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-thirds 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 Society except that he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of such Meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such condition as the Kennel Club may impose.

If the Society expels any Member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows, trials or competitions, the Society must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required.

(7) MANAGEMENT

The management and conduct of the Society shall be governed by its Officers and Committee members, who shall have powers to take decisions on any matter affecting the Society.

(8) OFFICERS

The Officers of the Society shall consist of the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

THE CHAIRMAN shall take the Chair at all meetings of the Society. The Chairman has one vote, which shall be used as a casting vote in the event of a tied vote by the committee. This same rule shall apply to votes taken at the AGM, and any Special General Meetings.

THE TREASURER shall be responsible for managing and keeping proper records of the finances of the Society, available to the committee at all times including maintaining an account in the name of the Society at Lloyds TSB plc, or any such bank as the committee may determine. The Treasurer shall prepare full accounts for the financial year of the Society which shall be certified Annually. The accounts will be submitted to members at the A.G.M. for approval.

THE SECRETARY shall keep minutes of meetings of the Society and the Committee, these minutes are to be drafted within 7 days and agreed by the Committee. The Secretary shall also deal with the everyday correspondence by acknowledgement or reply within 7 Days, all correspondence and communications shall be read out at the next meeting of the Committee. Any member shall be entitled to a copy of the Committee meeting minutes on request.

- (a) The Officers shall be proposed, seconded and elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they shall retire and if so desiring offer themselves for re election, or until they resign.
- (b) The Annual General Meeting, if it thinks fit, may elect a Patron, President and Vice-Presidents. A Patron, President or Vice-President need not be a member of the Society and on election shall, ex officio, be an honorary member of the Society.
- (c) The Committee may elect any person as an honorary member of the Society for such period as they think fit and they shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership except that they shall not be entitled to vote at meetings, serve as officers or serve on the Committee.
- (d) No member can become an officer without first serving as a Committee member for three months.

(9) COMMITTEE

- (a) The Committee shall consist of not more than 6, the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and not more than 3 elected members.
- (b) The Committee members shall be proposed, seconded and elected at the annual General Meeting each year and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they shall retire and if so desiring offer themselves for re election. Any casual vacancy occurring by resignation or otherwise may be filled by the Committee but any member so chosen must retire at the next Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election at that meeting.
- (c) Committee meetings shall be held not less than once a quarter and the quorum of that meeting shall be at least 4. The Chairman and the Secretary shall have discretion to call further meetings of the Committee if they consider it to be in the interests of the Society. The Secretary shall give all the members of the Committee not less than two days oral or written notice of a meeting. Decisions of the Committee will be passed by a simple majority, and in the event of equality of votes the Chairman (or the acting Chairman of that meeting) shall have a casting vote. The Secretary, or in his/her absence a member of the Committee, shall take minutes.

(d) The Committee may from time to time appoint from among their number such sub-committees as they may consider necessary and may delegate to them such of the powers and duties of the Committee as the Committee may determine. All sub-committees shall periodically report their proceedings to the Committee and shall conduct their business in accordance with the directions of the Committee.

(e) The Committee shall have power to enter into contracts for the purposes of managing the Society on behalf of all the members of the Society.

(f) The members of the Committee shall be indemnified by the members of the Society against all liabilities properly incurred by them in the management of the affairs of the Society, when so doing with the approval of the Committee. No individual who has been a member for less than 3 Months may be elected to the Committee.

(g) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members of the Society to attend and advise the Committee at any meetings, however, these co-opted members will not be entitled to a vote at the meeting.

(h) No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

(10) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held each year not later than 30th June to transact the following business:-

- (i) to receive the Chairman's report of the activities of the Society during the previous year;
- (ii) to receive and consider the accounts of the Society for the previous year and the Treasurer's report as to the financial position of the Society;
- (iii) to elect the Officers and other members of the Committee;
- (iv) to decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted.

(b) Notification of the date of the A.G.M. will be given, in writing, at least 60 days before the event and the Agenda will be circulated on the day of the A.G.M.

(c) Nominations for election of a member to any office or for membership of the Committee shall be made in writing by the proposer and seconder to the Secretary not less than 28 days before the Annual General Meeting. Notice of any resolution proposed to be moved at the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to the Secretary not less than 28 days before the meeting, and such nominations or resolutions should appear on the Agenda.

(d) The first Newsletter following the AGM will contain the minutes of that AGM.

(11) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee and shall be called within 28 days of receipt by the Secretary of a requisition in writing signed by not less than 12 members stating the purposes for which the meeting is required and the resolutions proposed.

(12) PROCEDURE AT THE ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) The Secretary shall send to each member at his/her last known address written notice of the date of the Meeting together with the resolutions to be proposed thereat at least 21 days before the meeting.

(b) The Chairman or in his/her absence a member selected by the Committee, shall take the chair.

(c) Each member present shall have one vote and resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

(d) The Secretary or in his/her absence a member of the Committee, shall take minutes at Annual and Special General Meetings.

(e) Only fully paid-up members of at least 60 days standing are entitled to attend and vote at Annual or Special Meetings. Any member absent from a General meeting may appoint any member to vote for

him/her at such meetings by giving written notice to the Secretary to be received not less than 48 hrs. before the meeting. Such proxy shall only relate to the subjects named therein.

(13) ALTERATION OF THE RULES

The rules may only be altered by a resolution at an Annual General or Special General Meeting, notice of which includes details of the proposal to alter the rules, provided that the resolution is carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the vote and approved by the Kennel Club.

(14) POLLS

The result of all polls of members is final and binding on the Committee.

(15) FINANCE

The financial year of the Society is from 1st January to 31st December.

(a) All money payable to the Society shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in a bank account in the name of the Society. No sum shall be drawn from that account except by cheque signed by two of the three signatories who shall be the Secretary, Treasurer and one other Committee member. Any moneys not required for immediate use may be deposited in a deposit account as the Committee in their discretion think fit.

(b) The income and property of the Society shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Society and no part thereof shall be paid by way of bonus, dividend or profit to any members of the Society, save as set out in Rule 15(c)

(c) The Committee shall have power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses.

(d) The financial transactions of the Society shall be recorded in a proper set of books kept by the Treasurer.

(e) The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, the Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of Registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.

(16) PROPERTY

The property of the Society, other than cash at the bank, shall be vested in not more than four Custodians. They shall deal with the property as directed by resolution of the Committee and entry in the minutes shall be conclusive evidence of such a resolution.

(17) WEBSITE

All contents of the website must be approved by the Committee.

(18) EMAIL GROUP

An Email Group, vested in the Committee, will be maintained and made available to all members.

(19) DISSOLUTION

A resolution to dissolve the Society shall only be proposed at a Special General Meeting and shall only be carried by a majority of at least three quarters of the members by ballot and the outcome shall be notified to the Kennel Club.

(a) The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Society.

(b) Any property remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Society shall be given to an organisation, a charity or charities nominated by the last Special General Meeting.