

# The SPANIEL CLUB

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**Patron:**  
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**Secretary:**  
Miss J Clifford

**Acting Treasurer:**  
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## The Spaniel Club Rules

- 1. TITLE:** 'The Spaniel Club' hereinafter called the 'Club'
- 2. OBJECTIVES:** to encourage and improve the working qualities of Spaniels through Field Trials
- 3. MEMBERSHIP:** The Club shall consist of the following: A President, unlimited Vice-Presidents, a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Field Trial Secretary, Hon Treasurer, a Committee, Life Members, Junior Members and an unlimited number of Members and Joint Members with no geographical restriction.
- 4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS:** Candidates for membership will be elected by the Committee. Those under the age of 16 are eligible for free junior membership but are not entitled to vote.
- 5. MEMBERSHIP LIST:** An up to date list of Members names and their addresses, must be maintained and, if so requested, the list of names be made available for inspection by the Kennel Club and Members of the Club.
- 6. JOINT MEMBERSHIP**  
Joint membership is available and confined to two members of the same household and one vote for each member of the partnership is allowed. This class of membership however will only allow one entry into a field trial. Individual full membership is required if both parties wish to enter. In the case of joint ownership both owners must be members of the Club, whether jointly or individually.
- 7. COMMITTEE:** The management of the Club shall be in the hands of a committee consisting of: The Chairman, Vice-chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Field Trial Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and up to a further 12 Members.  
The President and Vice-presidents shall be ex-officio members of the committee without voting powers.  
The committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the committee should a vacancy occur between General Meetings. Those co-opted have full voting rights but shall only hold office until the next AGM of the Club at which the election of Officers and Committee takes place  
The Committee shall have the power to deal with and decide all matters which may arise and are not provided for in these Rules.
- 8. CLUB PROPERTY:** The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, all cups and trophies shall be returned to their original donors or in the event that they are not readily traceable then they will be presented to the Kennel Club for use in connection with working spaniels. All monies shall be donated to the Kennel Club Charitable Trust with the proviso that it shall only be used for the benefit of working spaniels.
- 9. ACCOUNTS:** The financial year of the Club shall be from February 1st to January 31st. All banking accounts shall be held in the name of the Club, into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signatures of any two of the following officers providing they are not members of the same family: The Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Field Trial Secretary, Hon Treasurer.

The accounts shall be kept by the Hon Treasurer.

The accounts must be certified annually and presented to the Members at the Annual General Meeting

**10. SUBSCRIPTIONS:** The annual subscription is due on the 1st January each year and shall be such amount as agreed by Members in a General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club. No Member whose subscription is unpaid or underpaid is entitled to any of the privileges of membership and if the Member shall fail to pay outstanding subscriptions by the 30th April in the year in which the subscription fell due then his/her membership shall automatically cease from that date after which they shall have no claim on the assets of the club.

**11. EXPULSION:** Any member who shall be disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A 11.j (5) and/or Kennel Club Rule A 11. j(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Club. 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 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 that meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, his/her name shall be 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 within two calendar months from the date of such Meeting appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

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

## **12. METHOD OF CONDUCTING MEETINGS**

At any meeting, whether General or Committee, an agenda giving the items to be discussed and the resolutions to be moved shall be circulated. The minutes of the previous meeting shall be passed before any other business is conducted. No business shall be transacted at a meeting unless notice thereof appears on the agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting are urgent. Voting shall be decided by a majority and in the case of equality the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

### **a) Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held by the 30th April at such time and place as the Committee shall appoint for the following purposes:

I. To elect the officers and committee

(NB. All the Officers and one third of the Committee Members shall retire at each AGM but are eligible and may stand for re-election. Anyone seeking election must have their written nomination signed by; themselves, their proposer and seconder with the Hon Secretary 14 days prior to the date of the AGM.)

II. To receive an annual report and certified accounts

III. To discuss any motion duly placed on the agenda of which prior notice has been given by the proposer to the Hon Secretary by the 31st January.

There shall be not less than fourteen days' notice, given in writing to Members of a General Meeting and 10 members shall form a quorum.

**b) Special General Meeting:** A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon Secretary if 25 members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. The Committee of the club is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting.

Not less than 14 days notice of any such Special General Meeting must be given to each member and no business other than that detailed on the agenda shall be discussed. 25 members shall form a quorum.

**c) Committee Meetings:** Meetings of the Committee shall be held when necessary for which 7 days notice shall be given. 5 members shall form a quorum.

**13. AMENDMENTS TO RULES:** The rules of the Club may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the notice of which contains specific proposals to amend the rules. Such alterations shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval of the alterations.

**14. ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB:** 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 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 Club which may occur during the course of the year.

#### **15. KENNEL CLUB FINAL AUTHORITY**

The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpretation of the rules of the Club and in all cases relative to canine or club matters.

#### **16. AFFILIATION**

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

#### **17. UNDISCHARGED BANKRUPT**

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