



UNITED KINGDOM SIGHTHOUND SPORT CONSTITUTION

NAME

1. The Society shall be named United Kingdom Sighthound Sport

OBJECTIVES

2. The objects of the Society shall be:
 1. Promote 'Fit For Function' sighthounds.
 2. To encourage the participation in Lure Coursing of all eligible breeds.
 3. To encourage support of Special Lure Coursing and Racing classes all dog shows which schedule them.
 4. To run Lure Coursing Competitions.
 5. To keep canine health at welfare at the heart of our activities and promote responsible care when participating in Lure Coursing.
 6. To promote the breeds according to the Kennel Club standard.

MEMBERSHIP

3. The Society shall consist of an unlimited number of members, whose names and addresses shall be entered on a database kept for the purpose by the Secretary. This database shall be available for inspection, if so requested, by members of the Society or by the Kennel Club.

FINANCE

4. The financial year of the Society shall run from 1st January to 31st December

5. The annual subscription, entitling membership of the Society shall, for each member, be such sum as decided by the members at the Annual General Meeting except in the case of additional related members resident at the same address whose annual subscription per person shall be 50% of the members' annual subscription.
6. A member shall become a life member on the payment in one sum of ten annual subscriptions.
7. Subscriptions are payable on application for membership and subsequently on 1st January each year.
8. At the beginning of each year notice shall be sent to members that the annual subscription became due on 1st January. No person shall enjoy any privilege of membership until the annual subscription has been paid.
9. The Accounts will be certified annually and presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting. 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 sent to all members of the society, or provision may be made for a copy of the annual statement of accounts to 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 the members at the Annual General Meeting and at times to be stipulated in the rules.
10. No member is empowered to pledge the credit of the Society without first obtaining the written authority of the Committee, which shall be written in the minutes and all items of expenditure likely to exceed £100 shall first come to the Committee for approval.
11. The funds of the Society shall be deposited in a Bank, Building Society or Post

Office Account approved by the Committee and all cheques shall be signed by one of the following officers: Chairman, Honorary Treasurer or Honorary Secretary.

12. The revenue of the Society shall not be available for dividend, but shall be used solely to further the objectives of the Club.
13. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

EXPULSION

14. Any Member who shall be disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A11.j(5) and/or Kennel Club Rule A11.j(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.
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16. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- 17.** The management of the Society shall be in the hands of the following officers of the Society Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.
- 18.** The Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and not more than nine other members.
- 19.** Three members of the Committee shall retire bi-annually. Officers shall retire on a 3 year rotation.
- 20.** Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.
- 21.** The officers shall be elected by the incoming Committee at the first Committee meeting held following the Annual General Meeting.
- 22.** Any members of the Committee absent from three successive meetings shall have attention drawn to the fact and, failing a satisfactory explanation, the seat shall be declared vacant.
- 23.** In the event of vacancies occurring during the year, the Committee shall have the power to fill the same by co-option.
- 24.** No individual who has been a member for less than 12 months may be elected on to the Committee.
- 25.** The detailed business of the Society shall be conducted by the Committee who shall have power to give special prizes or donations from the funds of the Society to further the objects laid down in rule 2.
- 26.** Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary but at least one every twelve months.

QUORUM

- 27.** A quorum of Committee meetings shall be four and of the Annual General Meeting shall be seven. A quorum of a Special General Meeting shall be ten, all of whom must have been paid up members for the preceding six months.

MEETING

- 28.** The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of February after not less than twenty eight days' notice to members in writing. No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the agenda with the exception of those matters which, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, are urgent. At this meeting the Committee for the ensuing year shall be elected, the balance sheet duly audited by an independent auditor shall be presented and the Committee reports shall be read.
- 29.** Nominations for membership of the Committee shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary not less than ten days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 30.** Election of the Committee shall be by a show of hands or written ballot. The nominations polling the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.
- 31.** A member desiring to move any alterations or addition to the existing rules or any other business at the Annual General Meeting must give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 21 days prior to the meeting. Proposed changes to the rules must be on the notice of the meeting or sent to members 14 days prior to the meeting.
- 32.** The Honorary Secretary shall, upon a requisition signed by twenty five members and specifying the business, for which such a meeting is required, summon a Special General Meeting. Not less than 14 clear days' notice shall be given in writing to the members of a General Meeting. Should the Honorary Secretary fail to call the meeting, the requisitionists may do so. The meeting shall be held not less than seven or more than fourteen days after the receipt of the requisition by the Honorary Secretary.

33. Notice may be given for the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting to any member by sending it by post or email or Facebook to him or her at the address registered in the records of the club.

PROPERTY

34. All winners of cups and other trophies, which are not won outright, must return them to the Cup Steward prior to the event at which they will next be on offer. The Cup Steward will issue a reminder 28 days before the required return date. It shall further be the duty of the Cup Steward to obtain a signature of the winners of the trophies who must also be asked to sign a declaration to the effect that they are solely responsible, whilst in their possession, for the safety, insurance, return in the condition received and replacement / repair if lost / damaged, of the trophies.

DISSOLUTION

35. The property of the Society shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of dissolution or winding up of the Club, whether voluntary or by order of the court, any net assets remaining after settlement of all due liabilities shall be donated to a Canine Rescue Organisation agreed on by the officers of the club. A final statement of accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Society shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as Officers and Committee of the Society will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Society

DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY

36. The Data Protection Act currently exempts private clubs from the need for registration of their databases, but the Club will follow best practice guidelines as follows:

1. The Membership Secretary holds a simple UK-based electronic database of the information provided by members on their membership application form including e-mail addresses where supplied.

2. Member contact details will be used for mailing newsletters, renewal reminders and other club information the Committee deems appropriate. E-mail addresses will only be used if the member has given permission via the membership form and will only be used for club business. From time to time, the Club may allow

third party material to be included with mailings to offset the costs but undertake not to pass contact details to any third party at any time.

3. Committee Members undertake to treat any member contact details as confidential and for the use of club business only. Membership records will be kept for five years or at the discretion of the Committee. Any member who has any concern regarding the use or holding of their contact details at any time should contact the Membership Secretary in writing giving details of the nature of their concern.

GENERAL

- 37.** No alterations or additions to these rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, notice of which includes details of the proposal to alter the rules.
- 38.** No alterations shall be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval of the alterations.
- 39.** In any case not covered by these rules the decision of the Committee shall be final.
- 40.** The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the rules and regulations of the Society and in all cases relative to canine or Society matters.
- 41.** The Society shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.
- 42.** The officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Honorary 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, be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Honorary Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year