

Updates to the Dogs West Basic Club Constitution

Important Amendments – Please Review and Update Your Club Constitution

Dogs West has updated the Basic Club Constitution and Rules Template, effective May 2025. These amendments aim to improve alignment with legal requirements, clarify member access rights, and streamline processes for dissolution.

Summary of Key Changes:

Definitions Updated

- Clarified terminology:
 - *Act*: Associations Incorporation Act 2015
 - *ANKC*: Australian National Kennel Council T/As Dogs Australia
 - *CAWA*: Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc.) T/As Dogs West

Clause 13.2 – Club Records Access

- Members may request a copy of the Register of Members, but must:
 - Provide a statutory declaration outlining their purpose
 - Pay a reasonable charge as determined by the committee

Clause 53.4 – Distribution of Surplus Property

- Updated to reference Section 24(1) of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015
- Ensures any surplus property upon winding up is distributed only to approved not-for-profit entities (e.g. incorporated associations or licensed charities)

Clause 53.5 – Deleted

This clause has been removed to avoid duplication and to comply with the Act's structure

Why These Changes?

The amendments reflect:

- Legal compliance with updated state legislation
- Best practice governance for incorporated associations
- Clearer protocols for managing member data and club dissolution

Next Steps for Clubs:

- ✓ Please download and review the latest Constitution template (May 2025)
- ✓ Begin planning to adopt these changes at your next General Meeting or AGM
- ✓ Use the updated template when applying to register a new club or amend an existing Constitution

Access the updated template here:

[DogsWest - Information and Forms for Club Use](#)

For any questions or assistance, contact the Dogs West office.