

**The Queensland Bulldog Club
CONSTITUTION — 1974**

THE RULES OF THE QUEENSLAND BULLDOG CLUB

NAME

1. The name of the Club shall be the Queensland Bulldog Club.
- 1A. This Club is and shall remain affiliated with the Canine Control Council (Q'ld).

CONSTITUTION

2. The Club shall consist of –
 - (a) Office bearers as provided for in Rule 18.
 - (b) A Management Executive, hereinafter referred to as the Executive, as provided for in Rule 20.
 - (c) Ordinary members as provided for in Rule 5.
 - (d) Life members as provided for in Rule 13.

OBJECTS.

3. The objects for which the club is established are:-
 - (a) To foster interest in and endeavour in every way to promote general improvement in the bulldog. The Standard of these dogs shall be as that recognized by the Canine Control Council (Q'ld).
 - (b) To hold at such times as the Club shall decide shows, parades or competitions; to provide or obtain provision of the necessary prizes, prize monies, trophies and certificates as may be considered necessary for the successful conduct of such shows and competitions.
 - (c) To hold at such times as the Club may decide, lectures or other means of providing instruction in the breed, or matters appertaining to breeding, rearing, management and general improvement in the dogs.
 - (d) To do all things in the power of the Club to advance and protect the interests of the dogs, dog lovers, fanciers and breeders in Queensland.

OFFICES

4. The Club shall meet at such place or places as the Executive may from time to time determine.

MEMBERS

5. Applicants for membership of the Club shall be limited to persons who own and have exhibited, or have owned and exhibited a Bulldog registered with any recognised Canine Association in the Commonwealth of Australia. Any person desirous of becoming a member must be proposed and seconded by members of the Club. Any person desirous of becoming an Associate of the Club, may likewise be proposed and seconded by members of the Club. Associates shall pay the same annual subscription as members.

The Club shall consider all applications for membership and for all associateships and shall have power to grant or refuse any application.

- 5 (a) Any applicant for membership who does not comply with the provisions of Rule 5 in this regard may be accepted as an Associate Member of the Club.

PRIVILEGES

6. Each member shall, subject to these Rules, have the right to vote for the election of Office Bearers, and to vote at all General Meetings of the Club.

Members and Associates shall have free admission to shows, parades, exhibitions or lectures held by the Club, and in the case of members such concessions in entry fee as may be approved by the Club in general meeting.

ADDRESSES

7. Every member shall inform the Hon. Secretary of his or her address and any alteration of address as it may occur. Any notice required to be given to a member shall be deemed so given if posted to the last address given to the Hon. Secretary.

RESIGNATIONS

8. Any member may resign from membership of the Club by delivering to the Hon. Secretary notice in writing of his intention to resign, and such resignation may be accepted at the next Club meeting, and shall take effect from the date of acceptance.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

9. All members ceasing to be members whether by retirement, resignation, expulsion, death, the operation of these Rules, or by any means however, shall forfeit by such cessation, all right in and claim of any nature whatsoever, to and upon the Club and its property.
10. A person who for any reason ceases to be a member of the Club, shall remain liable for any monies due from him to the Club at the date when he ceases to be a member, but a General Meeting shall have the power to resolve that any monies due by such member be written off wholly or in part.

PENALTIES

11. The Club shall have power to suspend, expel, or otherwise punish any member proved to be guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Club or who, in the opinion of the Club, is no longer qualified by these Rules to be a member of

the Club. No action shall be taken under this Rule unless the member to be dealt with shall have been given notice in writing of the charge preferred against him, and has been given an opportunity to appear personally, and to call evidence in answer to the charge. At least seven days' notice in writing of the date upon which the charge will be investigated must be given to the member concerned.

APPEAL

12. Any decision with regard to any member dealt with under Rule 11 shall be a decision of two-third majority of the members present and shall be final.

LIFE-MEMBERSHIP

13. Only one life-membership may be conferred upon a member of the Club, and at an Annual General Meeting for outstanding and sustained service to the Club, providing that no life-membership shall have been conferred at any of the three preceding Annual General Meetings of the Club. No such life-membership shall be conferred on any member unless –

- (a) he shall have served the Club faithfully for a period of at least 10 years, and
- (b) he shall have been recommended by any financial member to receive the conferring of such life-membership.

Life-membership shall entitle the holder to the privileges set out in Rule 6 and to relief from the payment of all subscriptions and levies payable by the members.

Life-members will be entitled to receive a Life-membership badge of such a design and value as the Club may decide, to be held during his or her life, but at all times to remain the property of the Queensland Bulldog Club.

FINANCIAL SUBSCRIPTION

14. The annual subscription to the Club shall be fixed for the ensuing year at the Annual General Meeting; payable in advance on or before the 1st January in each year.

MEMBERS INDEBTED

15. Any member who has been indebted to the Club in any sum whatever for a continued period of 90 days or longer may upon being given seven clear days' notice in writing by the Hon. Secretary be struck off the role of membership by the Club. Such members may become a member again by paying all dues owing and applying for membership as prescribed in Rule 5.

USAGE OF FUNDS

16. The funds of the Club shall be applied in carrying out the objects of the Club, and the expenses in connection with the management of the Club, and in holding such functions as shall be decided upon by the Club.

CUSTODY OF FUNDS

17. All funds of the Club shall be paid into the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia to the credit of the Club within 5 days of their receipt. All accounts shall be passed for payment by the Club, and initialed by the Chairman before payment be made. All payments of the amount of \$5.00 or over shall be paid by cheque signed by the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer. Lesser amounts may be paid from petty cash which shall be obtained by cheque drawn for that purpose. Cheques, money orders and postal notes payable to the Club shall be endorsed by the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

OFFICE BEARERS

18. The Office Bearers of the Club shall consist of:-

Patron; President; 3 Vice-Presidents; Hon. Secretary; Hon. Treasurer; and Hon. Veterinary Surgeon.

All Office Bearers shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election. With the exception of the position of Patron, Hon. Vet Surgeon, all Office Bearers must be members of the Club and financial members of the Canine Control Council (Q'ld).

Any of the above Office Bearers that fail to attend any 3 consecutive monthly meetings without an accepted apology shall automatically forfeit his office, and such office shall become vacant for re-election in accordance with these rules.

ADMINISTRATION

19. The business affairs of the Club shall be controlled and managed by an Executive as provided for in Rule 20.

EXECUTIVE

20. The Executive shall consist of a President, 3 Vice-Presidents and Hon. Secretary and an Hon. Treasurer. They shall hold office until their successors are appointed.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

21. Nominations for the position of Office Bearers of the Club shall be proposed and seconded from the floor of the Annual General Meeting, when such offices are

declared vacant by the Chairman of the Meeting. All nominees shall consent to such nominations except for the Patron and Hon. Vet. Surgeon whose consent shall not be necessary. In the event of more members being proposed and seconded than there are positions vacant, a ballot shall be held at the Annual General Meeting. Each member at the Annual General Meeting shall write the name of the candidate for whom he wishes to vote on a voting paper. Each member shall personally place his voting paper in the receptacle provided.

Any voting paper containing a greater or lesser number of names than the number to be elected, shall be rejected as informal. Immediately upon the Chairman announcing that a ballot is necessary, he shall appoint two financial members to act as scrutineers.

In the event of there being insufficient nominations for any office those members so nominated shall be declared duly elected. Any position left vacant shall be filled by the Club at the first ensuing meeting.

When a ballot has been taken, the Chairman shall announce the order in which all candidates have been placed, declaring the names of those elected.

VOTERS AND POWERS OF VOTERS

22. (a) The Club shall have the sole right to elect members.
- (b) All shows, parades, competitions and the like shall be under the direction of the Club. All properties and funds of the Club shall be vested in the Executive.

CONTRACTS

23. The Executive may enter into all such negotiations and contracts and rescind and vary all such contracts and do all such acts deeds and things in the name of, and on behalf of the Club, as the Executive may consider expedient for or in relation to any of the matters dealt with by these Rules or otherwise in the purposes of the Club.

VACANCIES

24. In the event of a vacancy or vacancies occurring among office bearers for any cause whatever, the Club shall have the right to fill such vacancy or vacancies at the first ensuing meeting.

The term of office of a member or members so appointed shall expire at the Annual General Meeting next following the appointment.

REMOVALS

25. Any Office Bearer may be removed from office by resolution of two-thirds of the members of the Club at a special general meeting of the Club summoned for the purpose of considering such removal, and of which seven days' notice specifying the object of the meeting and the reason has been given to each member of the Club.

NO CONFIDENCE

26. A special general meeting as provided for in Rule 31 may at any time express a lack of confidence in the Executive, and if confirmed by such meeting, the Executive shall cease to function in all matters other than calling a special general meeting to elect a new Executive. The old office bearers may seek re-election. The procedure for the annual election of office bearers shall govern the election of the new Executive.

SUB-COMMITTEE

27. The Executive may delegate any of its duties to a Sub-committee which must report to the Executive for ratification of its action or actions, which shall not be binding until so ratified.

MEETINGS – ANNUAL GENERAL

28. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of December in each year on a date to be determined by the Executive. At least 14 days' notice of such a meeting shall be given to members by the Hon. Secretary. At this meeting the Executive shall present a report of the Club's activities, together with a statement of receipts and expenditure during such period, and a balance sheet showing the financial position of the Club. The financial report shall be audited and signed by the Club's Auditors.

MEETINGS- GENERAL

29. The Executive may at any time call a General Meeting of the Club. 7 days' notice of such meetings shall be given to members in such a manner as is provided by these Rules, and such notice shall specify the nature of the business to be considered at such meetings.

EXECUTIVE

30. The Executive may at any time and shall on request in writing of 5 financial members, summon a Special General Meeting. Notice of meeting and nature of business shall be given as provided for General Meetings.

SPECIAL GENERAL

31. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be deemed a Special General Meeting or an Ordinary General Meeting, for the purpose of transacting any business required by these Rules to be transacted at such meetings.

QUORUM

32. The Executive shall meet at such times and places as they shall determine for the dispatch of business. Notices of such business shall be given in writing by the Hon. Secretary at least 72 hours prior to the time fixed for the meeting. The President shall have the power to convene or direct the convening of, a meeting of the Executive.
33. All speeches and voting at meetings, shall be deemed to be private.
34. At any General Meeting of the Club whether Annual, Ordinary or Special, ten (10) members shall form a Quorum. At any Executive Meeting of the Club, four (4) members shall form a quorum.

QUORUM LACKING

35. If at any duly summoned meeting of the Club the number of financial members present shall not constitute a quorum, no business shall be transacted at that meeting. The Hon. Secretary shall then call another meeting setting out in the Notice convening such meeting, the fact that at the first meeting no quorum was present, and that the same business, specifying such, shall be brought up at the second meeting.

CHAIRMAN

36. The President may in his discretion preside at all meetings of the Club at which he is present. In his absence or exercising his discretion not to preside, a Vice-President shall preside. Should any or all Vice-Presidents in their discretion refuse to preside, a member of the Club may be elected by the meeting to preside. The Chairman shall have a primary and, in the case of an equality of votes, a casting vote.

VOTING

37. At every meeting of the Club or Executive every question, excepting the election of Office Bearers, shall be by a show of hands, unless a ballot is demanded by two members present at the meeting, when the question shall be by ballot. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

DISPUTES

38. Disputes in connection with the affairs of the Club shall be settled by the Executive whose decision thereon shall be final.

BOOKS

39. The books of the Club, except books of account, which shall be in the custody of the Hon. Treasurer, shall be kept in the hands of the Hon. Secretary for the time being, and shall be open at all reasonable times for inspection by the members of the Club.

DUTIES OF THE HON. SECRETARY

40. Duties of the Hon. Secretary shall be:-

- (a) To keep the minutes and records of the Club, and conjointly with the Hon. Treasurer to be signing officer to operate upon the Club's banking account.
- (b) To conduct all correspondence in connection with the Club.
- (c) To keep a register of members.
- (d) To attend all meetings of the Club and the Executive.
- (e) To submit all returns and supply all information that may be required to be furnished by the Club.
- (f) To prepare the Annual Report for submission to the Executive.
- (g) To perform such duties as the Executive may direct.
- (h) To receive all monies on behalf of the Club and to give receipts for same on the proper form.
- (i) To pay all monies into the hands of the Hon. Treasurer.

DUTIES OF THE HON. TREASURER

41. The duties of the Hon. Treasurer shall be:-

- (a) Conjointly with the Hon. Secretary to be a signing officer, to operate upon the Club's banking account.

- (b) To receive from the Hon. Secretary all monies paid to the Club after checking with the duplicates of receipts given.
- (c) To keep the accounts and financial books of the Club.
- (d) To pay all accounts duly passed by the Club and initialed by the President.
- (e) To submit a statement of the finances of the Club to the Executive in meeting when and as demanded.
- (f) To prepare the Annual Balance Sheets and Statements of Receipts and Expenditure.
- (g) To perform such other duties as the Executive may direct.

JUDGES

42. Any member of the Club may nominate any licensed person as a Judge to adjudicate for the Club, but the appointment of Judges and Stewards shall be made by the Club.

HON. VETERINARY SURGEON

43. An Hon. Veterinary Surgeon shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall carry out such duties and conduct such inspections as may be considered necessary, or may be from time to time imposed upon him by the Executive, or by the Rules and Regulations of the Club.

INDEMNIFICATION

44. The Club shall at all times hereafter save harmless and keep indemnified the members of the Executive, each and all of them and their estate or estates, from and against all actions, claims and demands which may be instituted against or made upon them or any of them as members of the Executive in respect of any covenant, agreement, act deed matter, or things whatsoever lawfully entered into or performed by any or all of them as members of the Executive, in or about the execution of the powers conferred upon the members of the Executive by law or under the Rules of the Club for the time being in force.

PROPERTY AND FUNDS

45. The property and funds of the Club shall be vested in the Executive, or in two trustees appointed by the Executive who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Executive. Any office bearer or member having in his possession any property or funds of the Club, shall on vacating office, or ceasing to be a member of the Club, hand over such properties or funds on being requested so to do by the Executive, and shall be given a receipt for the time being for such properties or funds so handed over.

BY-LAWS

46. The Executive may make, alter or rescind By-laws for carrying out the objects of the Club, or dealing with any matters under its control. Such By-laws shall be made known to the members of the Club in such manner as the Executive may determine, and provided no objection shall be lodged in writing with the Secretary of the Club by at least 5 financial members of the Club, on the lapse of three (3) days after notice thereof, have been given to the members of the Club, they shall have the same force and effect as the Rules of the Club, provided they are not inconsistent therewith in which case they shall be void to the extent of such inconsistency. In the case of any objections aforesaid being lodged, a Special General Meeting shall be called as provided in these Rules to determine such objection.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

47. The Executive is the sole authority for the interpretation of the Rules and By-laws made hereunder, and the decision of the Executive upon any question involving their interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Club for which no provision is made by the Rules and By-laws, shall be final and binding upon the members.

AMENDMENT OF RULES

48. No alteration or amendment shall be made in any of these Rules except by resolution of two-thirds majority of the members present at a Special General Meeting of the Club, summoned for the purpose of considering such alterations or amendments. Such Special Meeting shall be summoned for in the manner provided for in these Rules.