

LEICESTERSHIRE GUNDOG SOCIETY

Rules and Regulations

1. Name and Objectives.

The Society shall be called "The Leicestershire Gundog Society" herein after referred to as "The Society". It's objectives will be to promote Field Trials, Working Tests and Dog Shows for the purpose of encouraging an intelligent interest in the breeding, rearing and exhibition of high class specimens of the breeds within the Gundog Group. To encourage the natural instincts for which these breeds were created: and to create a feeling of good fellowship among dog fanciers generally.

2. Officers, Committee and Members.

The Society shall consist of a Patron, a President and an un-limited number of Vice-Presidents, a Chairperson, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Field Trial Secretary, an Honorary Working Test Secretary, an Honorary Show Secretary and a General Committee of not less than eight nor more than twelve elected members and an unlimited number of Honorary Members and Ordinary Members.

3. Management of the Society.

- a. The Management of the Society shall be in the hands of the Officers and General Committee of eight and no more than twelve elected members , all of whom shall retire annually and will remain eligible for re-election. The Show and Working Sub Committees shall consist of not less than three and no more than eight elected members. All of whom shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election.
- b. Meetings of the General Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary and not less than twice per year. A quorum at General Committee meetings shall be five. Any Officer or Committee Member who fails to attend at least 70% of Committee Meetings, without an acceptable apology, could be subject to removal from the Committee at the discretion of the other serving Committee Members. Each Committee and Sub Committee shall have the power to Co-opt Members in the event of a position becoming vacant between Annual General Meetings and those Co-opted shall only hold office until the next Annual General Meeting takes place. No individual who has been a fully paid up Member for less than **two** years may be elected to the General Committee.
- c. The General Committee shall have the power to appoint such Sub-committees deemed necessary and make regulations for their conduct as required.
- d. The Officers and Committee of the General Committee shall have full voting rights, and the Chairperson to have the casting vote when required.

4. Election of Members

- a. The General Committee of the Society recommends to the membership that- All Candidates for membership shall be proposed and seconded by separate fully paid up Members.
- b. The application shall be made on the prescribed form and submitted to the General Committee for approval. The Society must send a list of members and those of branch members where appropriate, to the Kennel Club with their Annual Returns and if so requested, make an up to date list of members available for inspection by the members of the Society or the Kennel Club.
- c. As a condition of Membership members shall abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Society.

5. Voting Rights.

Each member shall be entitled to one vote immediately upon acceptance of membership and in case of joint members both parties shall be entitled to an individual vote. Postal/Proxy votes are not allowed.

6. Society Property.

The property of the Society shall be vested in the General Committee and in the event of the Society ceasing to exist, a final General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of assets, and the outcome of the meeting shall be notified to the Kennel Club within six months. In the event of this not being possible, the General Committee shall be empowered to deal with the matter at their discretion and the outcome notified to the Kennel Club within six months. Any such assets realised will be used in the interest of dogs, at the General Committee's discretion. Where possible all donors of cups and trophies are to provide written acknowledgement that they have been given as outright gifts to the Society.

7. Society Accounts.

- a. Banking Accounts shall be held in the name of the Society, one of these accounts to be No.4 Account (Working). The Society's Treasurer to transfer to this account all the subscriptions of the Working Members (Only) not later than 1st March each year. Monies to be drawn from No.4 Account on the signatures of the Field Trial Secretary/Treasurer and any other nominated member of the Working Sub Committee.
- b. The Society's Accounts will be presented to the Annual General Meeting, after being certified by Auditors duly appointed annually at the General Meeting.

8. Subscriptions.

- a. The Annual Subscriptions shall be due on the First of January each year and shall be as agreed by the Members in an Annual General Meeting and then notified to the Kennel Club.
- b. Membership Subscription Rates are those as shown on the current Membership Joining Form. Membership classes are Single, Joint, Gamekeeper and Junior Memberships. Junior Membership ceases on the Member's 18th Birthday. Gamekeeper Membership is confined to those in fulltime employment as Gamekeepers.
- c. That in addition to the subscription for the selected membership category a joining fee of £10 be charged on each occasion of joining or rejoining the Society.
- d. No Member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any privileges of Membership. If any Member shall fail to pay outstanding Subscriptions by 31st March, his or her name shall automatically be erased from the register. Acceptance back on the register will be dependent on a new application and payment of back arrears.
- e. Re-joining and New Members subscriptions may only be paid by Bank Standing Order.

9. Expulsion of Members.

- a. "Any Member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule 42.J.(5) and/or any other Member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule 42.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 General Committee of the Society, be injurious to the character of the Society, the General Committee may at a Meeting convening which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of the member, determine that a Special Meeting of the Society shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. A 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 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 cease 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 conditions as the Kennel Club may impose."
- b. If the Society expels any Member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows, trials or competitions, the Society must report the matter to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required.

10. Financial Year.

The Financial Year of the Society shall be from 1st January to 31st December.

11. Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held before 31st May to receive the report of the General Committee and the Balance Sheet, to elect the Officers and to discuss any resolution duly placed on the agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Hon. Secretary in writing by 15th April.

The agenda will be forwarded to fully paid up Members. No business shall be transacted at Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the Agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those, which in the opinion of the Chairperson of the Meeting, are urgent.

The Chair at all General Meetings shall be offered to the President or in his/her absence the Chairperson of the General Committee.

At least one month's notice of the Annual General Meeting will be given to Members in writing. The Agenda will be circulated at the Annual General Meeting and no other business shall be transacted at this meeting.

12. Special General Meeting.

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary if 25 Members send a signed requisition to do so. The General Committee of the Society is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting. One month's notice shall be given to Members in writing stating the business to discuss, and no other business than that detailed on the agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

13. Amendments to Rules

The Rules of the Society may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the agenda for which contains specific proposals to amend the Rules. Any proposed alterations to the Rules may not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has been advised and approved the alteration(s). New Rules or amendments introduced to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately.

14. Annual Returns to the Kennel Club.

"The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title Fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Hon. Secretary for continuance of Registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns as stipulated in the Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Hon. Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year."

15. The Kennel Club Final Court of Appeal.

The Kennel Club shall be the final court of appeal in all matters of dispute.

16. The Society shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

17. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on any of the Society's Committees or hold office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society/Club.

Effective from 1st May 2015.