

GREATER COLLIN KENNEL CLUB, INC.
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE I
Names and Objects

SECTION 1.

The name of the Club shall be GREATER COLLIN KENNEL CLUB, INC.

SECTION 2.

The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) To further the advancement of all pure-bred dogs.
- (b) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all breeds of pure-bred dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog events.
- (c) To conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows, obedience trials, and other performance events under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 3.

The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder of residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 4.

The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such Bylaws as may be required to carry out these objects.

BYLAWS
ARTICLE I
Membership

SECTION 1.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area. There shall be four (4) types of membership identified as follows:

- (1) Individual Membership - for those eighteen (18) years of age or older and will enjoy all Club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.
- (2) Joint Membership - for two Individuals eighteen (18) years of age or older, officially residing at the same address. Each Joint Member shall share the same privileges as an Individual Member except that there will be only one copy of Club correspondence or publications due them. Each candidate for membership shall comply with all eligibility requirements prior to making application. Should eligible members of the same household become qualified for membership at different times, they may apply for and be granted Individual Membership. When, and if, another household member is elected to membership, the membership may be converted to Joint during the next year's dues renewal period.

- (3) Junior Membership - open to children between the ages of eight (8) and under eighteen (18). Junior Members are not entitled to voting or office holding privileges. Junior Members are not required to pay dues. Upon the 18th birthday of a Junior Member, in good standing, their membership will automatically convert to either Individual or Joint with all the privileges thereof.
- (4) Lifetime Membership – for members who have been a member in good standing for twenty-five (25) consecutive years in the Club. Lifetime members are not required to pay dues and will enjoy all membership privileges.

SECTION 2. Dues

Dues shall be set by vote of the Club membership after recommendation of the Board of Directors (hereafter referred to as the Board). Dues are payable on or before the first day of January of each year. Joint Membership is two (2) people. Each person shall have one (1) vote. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of November, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year.

SECTION 3. Election to Membership

Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by this Constitution and Bylaws and rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry letters of recommendation from two (2) members who are in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year. Any person applying for membership after October 1st shall attach a check for his membership application, but those monies shall apply to the forthcoming year's dues. Prospective applicants must attend three (3) meetings before they are eligible to submit an application to the Corresponding Secretary. Applications will be read at the first and second meetings of the Club, with the applicant in attendance, following its receipt. At the next Club meeting, with the applicant not in attendance, the application will be voted on. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Affirmative votes of three-fourths (3/4) of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not re-apply within six (6) months after such rejection.

SECTION 4. Termination of Membership

Membership may be terminated:

- (a) By resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Corresponding Secretary, but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered debt to the Club and become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.
- (b) By lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid ninety (90) days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional ninety (90) days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.
- (c) By expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE II
Meetings and Voting

SECTION 1. Club Meetings

Meetings of the Club shall be in Collin County the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month, place as may be determined by the Board. Notice of each meeting shall be mailed or electronically sent to the membership by the Corresponding Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be twenty percent (20%) of the members in good standing. The Treasurer shall ensure an up-to-date roster of members in good standing is available at each meeting. Members will have the option of choosing written or electronic notifications.

SECTION 2. Special Club Meetings

Special Club meetings may be called by the President; or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board; and shall be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five (5) members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in Collin County at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Notice of such meetings shall be mailed or electronically sent to the membership by the Corresponding Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business shall be transacted thereat. The quorum for such meetings shall be twenty percent (20%) of the members in good standing.

SECTION 3. Board Meetings

Meetings of the Board may be held in Collin County the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month, prior to the regular meeting, or such place, date and hour as may be designated by the Board. Notice of each such meeting shall be mailed or electronically sent by the Corresponding Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting and shall be noted on the regular meeting notice. The quorum for such meetings shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 4. Special Board Meetings

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, and shall be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a written or facsimile request by at least three (3) members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in Collin County at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Notice of such meetings shall be mailed or electronically sent by the Corresponding Secretary at least five (5) days prior to and not more than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. The quorum for such meetings shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 5. Conducting Business

The Board may conduct its business by telephone conference or video conference through the Corresponding Secretary. Items voted upon by telephone conference or video conference must be confirmed in writing by each voting Board member within seven (7) days. All such votes must bear the Board member's signature.

SECTION 6. Voting

Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year and lifetime members shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election.

ARTICLE III Directors and Officers

SECTION 1. Board

The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and two (2) other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing and shall be elected for a one (1) year term at the Club's annual meeting, provided in Article IV, and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Officers

The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities, both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

(a) The **PRESIDENT** shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President, in addition to those particularly specified in these Bylaws.

(b) The **VICE PRESIDENT** shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in the case of the President's death, absence or incapacity. The Vice President shall provide for the Club a meaningful and educational program at each of its regular meetings.

(c) The **RECORDING SECRETARY** shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club.

(d) The **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY** shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these Bylaws.

(e) The **TREASURER** shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. The Treasurer shall deposit the same in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. The Treasurer's book shall at all times be open to inspection by the Board, and the Treasurer shall report to them at every meeting on the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported. The Treasurer shall report to the regular Club meetings the balance on hand with sum total of deposits and expenditures for each preceding month; and at the annual meeting shall render an account of all money received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer and President shall both sign bankcards, but only one need sign checks, except that all checks of \$1,000 or greater shall require both signatures. Names on the Club's Certificates of Deposit shall be changed to correspond with any changes in responsible officers. Both the President and Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine. All members requesting reimbursement for expenses must submit original receipts or photocopies to the Treasurer.

SECTION 3: AKC Delegate

The Club shall elect by an affirmative majority of members in good standing, present and voting, a Delegate to the American Kennel Club from the membership of the Club. The Delegate shall serve until such time as he should pass away, become incapacitated for more than six months, resign, or two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing, present and voting, with or without cause, should declare the position vacant. It shall be the duty of the Delegate to attend meetings of the American Kennel Club and represent the Club in accordance with the instructions of the Membership; to perform such duties as are incident to the office as prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club and to report to the membership, through the Corresponding Secretary, after each meeting of the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 4. Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring on the Board or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such a vacancy, or at a special Board meeting called for that purpose, except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE IV

The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION 1. Club Year

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

SECTION 2. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of January at which officers and directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballot from those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within thirty (30) days after the election.

SECTION 3. Election

The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The two nominated candidates for other positions of the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.

SECTION 4. Nominations

No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. No persons of the same immediate family may accept nomination for office. During the month of October, the Board shall select a nominating committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a chairman for the committee and it shall be his duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before November 1st.

(a) The committee shall nominate one (1) candidate for each office and two (2) candidates for the two (2) other positions on the Board, and after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Corresponding Secretary in writing or electronically. No member of the nominating committee may be nominated for office by the committee.

(b) Upon receipt of the nominating committee's report, the Corresponding Secretary shall before November 15th notify each member of the candidates so nominated.

(c) Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the December meeting by any member in good standing in attendance, provided the person so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance, his proposer shall present to the Corresponding Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from those members who have not accepted a nomination of the nominating committee.

(d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

ARTICLE V Committees

SECTION 1.

Within thirty (30) days after the election of officers and directors, the Board shall each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, obedience trials, other performance events, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may be well served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid on a particular project.

SECTION 2.

Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall send written notice to the terminated appointee. The Board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

SECTION 3. Auditing Committee

An Auditing Committee to consist of three (3) persons shall be appointed by the President, subject to approval of the Board, and shall report on such audits no later than the March general meeting every two (2) years, upon a change of Treasurers, or at the discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE VI Discipline

SECTION 1: American Kennel Club Suspension

Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

SECTION 2. Charges

Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Corresponding Secretary together with a deposit of fifty dollars (\$50), which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether the action alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix the date of a hearing by the Board not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by Registered Mail, together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.

SECTION 3. Board Hearing

The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by the complainant and defendant, the Board may, by a majority vote of those present, reprimand or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six (6) months from the date of the hearing; and if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written word and filed with the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION 4. Expulsion

Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board meeting and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceeding may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within sixty (60) days, but not earlier than thirty (30) days, after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If the expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

SECTION 1.

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by the Board or by written petition addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, signed by seven (7) members in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board and

must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Corresponding Secretary for a vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Corresponding Secretary.

SECTION 2.

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendment has been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

SECTION 3.

All amendments to these Bylaws must be approved by the American Kennel Club .

ARTICLE VIII

Dissolution

SECTION 1.

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members. In the event of dissolution of the Club, other than for purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any member of the Club but after payment of debt of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable canine organization selected by the Board .

ARTICLE IX

Order of Business

SECTION 1.

At the meetings of the Club, the order of business so far as the character and nature of the meeting shall permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Corresponding Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of officers and board (annual meetings)
- Election of new members
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Program
- Adjournment

SECTION 2.

At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Minutes of last meeting
Report of President
Report of Corresponding Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Reports of Committees
Unfinished business
New business
Adjournment

ARTICLE X
Parliamentary Authority

SECTION 1. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.

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STANDING RULES

1. No Standing Rule may, in any way, change or modify the Club's Constitution or Bylaws.
2. “No dog, owned or co-owned, by a member of the Greater Collin Kennel Club will be entered at this show. No member of the Greater Collin Kennel Club will exhibit a dog at this show.” This policy statement applies to GCKC conformation shows and GCKC performance events when held in conjunction with a conformation show. This policy must be published in all premium lists and catalogs. (Revised 10-20-04, 4-19-06, 06-18-14)
3. The Judges Selection Committee will consist of two (2) members whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. This committee shall then be approved at the next regular meeting of the Club by the members in good standing, present and voting.

Members of the Judges Selection Committee will be:

1. GCKC Liaison to the Lone Star State Classic Judges Selection Committee to be appointed for a four year term initially. Each subsequent appointment shall be for the term of three years and appointments can be made for consecutive terms.
2. GCKC Chairperson to be appointed for a term of three years and appointments cannot be made for consecutive terms.

This committee will provide judges names per group, as determined by the cluster judges' selection committee, to the cluster's judges' selection committee after input from the general membership of GCKC. The list of judges selected by the LSSC committee shall be brought before a GCKC general meeting for review and approval. This process will be done for the July and December shows each year. (Revised 02-20-13, 01-15-14)

4. Each Committee Chairman shall present to the Show Chairman an itemized report, including original receipts or photocopies, listing expenses and income for his committee no later than the next membership meeting following the show. (Revised 8-15-07)
5. The Board will appoint the Show Chairman and Assistant Show Chairman at a Board Meeting in January each year after the annual election for a term not to exceed three (3) years, with the Assistant becoming the Chair at the end of the Chair's term and at that time the Board will appoint the new Assistant for the next term. Any vacancy in the position of Show Chairman will be filled by the Assistant Show Chairman. At the time of such vacancy, the Board will appoint a new Assistant Show Chairman. The Board has the right to replace the Show Chairman or Assistant Show Chairman at any time. (Revised 02-20-13)
6. The Board will appoint the Obedience/Rally & Agility Chairman/men at a Board Meeting in January each year after the annual election (Revised 02-20-13)
7. The GCKC will subsidize its AKC Delegate in the following manner:
All properly authenticated receipts presented for travel, food, and lodging at the AKC Delegates' meetings shall be reimbursed for actual expenses up to a maximum of \$1,000 per meeting. (Revised 8-20-03, 8-15-07)

8. Member judges will be hired only for their provisional breeds or in the event of an overload. They will receive no compensation for their provisional breeds. For an overload, they will be paid \$4 per entry with a maximum payment of \$200. (Revised 1-15-02)
9. Permit Judges will be contracted at a rate of \$4/dog with a maximum of \$350 and a Judges Luncheon ticket. No hotel room expense will be paid for permit judges who are hired only to judge their permit breeds. (added 02-20-13)
10. Both the President and Treasurer must sign all contracts indebteding the Club for \$2,000 or greater excluding those contracts that fall within the perview of the Cluster Committee. (Revised 8-15-2007)
11. The Cluster Committee shall consist of the President, Show Chairman, and two (2) members at large appointed by the Board. Should any one of the four committee members be unable to serve, the Board shall appoint a replacement. (Revised 8-15-2007)
12. Prospective Junior Member applicants must attend two (2) club meetings and/or events before they are eligible to submit a Junior Membership application to the Membership Chair. Applications will be read at the first meeting of the Club, following its receipt. At the next Club meeting, with the Junior applicant not in attendance, the application will be voted on. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Affirmative votes of three-fourths (3/4) of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the Junior applicant. (Added 02-20-13)

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