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**“Striving to become the organisation of choice for members”**

The British Rottweiler Sports Dog Club

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## 1 Title

The Club shall be called, “The British Rottweiler Sports Dog Club” and may be referred to as the BRSDC.

### 1.1 The Registered Address of the BRSDC

The registered address of the BRSDC will be that of the appointed Club Secretary.

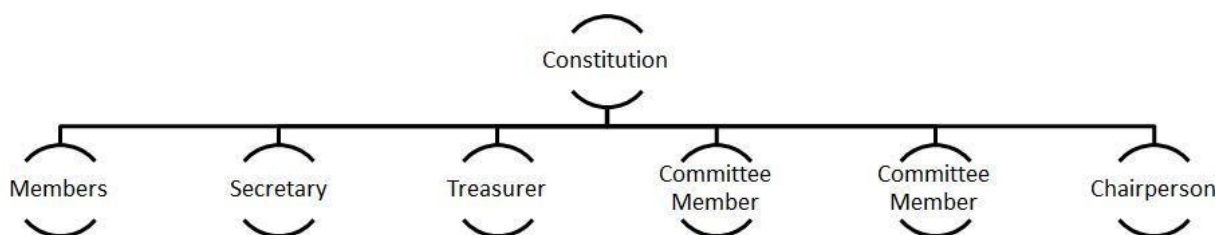
(Reference: IFR, 19/10/2011, Constitution 1.2 [http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org/en/ifr\\_constitution\\_/](http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org/en/ifr_constitution_/)).

### 1.2 Effective Date of the Constitution

This constitution will be effective as of the notice of approval given by the Kennel Club dd/mm/yyyy. All previous versions will no longer valid.

### 1.3 Organisational Structure

The organisational structure highlights the internal culture of the BRSDC as being a flat order of hierarchy. The Constitution will maintain at its core, principles that protect the interests of the wider membership.



## **1.4 A Not for Profit Organisation**

The BRSDC is a not for profit organisation. The BRSDC will use its resources to promote the interests and the future development of the Rottweiler in the United Kingdom. To this end the committee will primarily manage the financial resources of the organisation to meet its costs.

The committee may at its discretion, agree to maintain a set capital amount in its accounts, which will be kept aside explicitly as a contingency fund to meet any unexpected or unplanned costs.

Any surplus above this amount will be re-invested back into the organisation and these decisions will form part of the Treasurers annual report at the AGM.

## **1.5 Abbreviations & Definitions**

- BRSDC - British Rottweiler Sports Dog Club
- KC - Kennel Club
- IFR - International Federation of Rottweilerfriends
- ADRK - Allgemeiner Deutscher Rottweiler Klub
- FCI - Fédération Cynologique Internationale
- AGM - Annual General Meeting
- SGM - Special General Meeting
- BST - Bred Suitability Test
- BS - Breed Survey
- IGP - International Trail Rules
- ITC - Information Communications & Technology
- H&S - Health and Safety
- RA - Risk Assessment

## **2 Club Aims**

The British Rottweiler Sports Dog Clubs vision and mission statement is;

*"To become the organisation of choice for members and the partner of choice for all other stakeholders, in respect of the interests and the future development of the Rottweiler in the United Kingdom."*

We will do this by;

### **2.1 The Sharing of Common Goals**

Sharing the common goals of the Kennel Club of Great Britain (KC), the International Friends of the Rottweiler (IFR), The Allgemeiner Deutscher Rottweiler Klub (ADRK) and the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) in promoting and protecting the Rottweiler as a working breed.

## **2.2 Our Purpose and Tasks**

Observing the Breed Standard in recognition of the KC and adherence to the standard in accordance with the FCI, thereby promoting in every way, the general improvement of the breed with regard to conformation, temperament and type.

We consider it of prime importance to encourage members to breed exclusively with dogs that are healthy in body and mind, with a self-assured nature, a well-balanced nervous condition and a sufficiently high stimulus threshold. Therefore the BRSDC have adopted a code of ethics that all members should abide by.

To promote this we will encourage members to undertake dog training/behavioural exercises that will enable the attainment of at the least, basic control and obedience. Tests such as those represented by the Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Award Scheme (or higher) and the introduction of tests which promote socially acceptable behaviour will also be promoted.

We will support breeding regulations that encourage conformation of all breeding dogs to the breed standard concerning the health of the dogs and their physical and mental conformation as well as the participation of all breeding dogs to breed suitability tests.

(Reference: IFR, 19/10/2011, Constitution 2.1 [http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org/en/ifr\\_constitution\\_/](http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org/en/ifr_constitution_/))

## **2.3 Promoting the Rottweiler in Competitive Sports and Training**

The BRSDC will attentively follow all development in the fields of canine sport and training and will collaborate on and contribute to all such developments to ensure the preservation and the keeping and breeding, of the Rottweiler as the strong utility dog and whose breed specific character allows him to function in a socially acceptable manner.

In doing so, particular attention will not only be given to traditional IGP style training but also to other canine training activities which are also suitable to recognise, preserve and put to use the traits of a strong utility breed.

(Reference: IFR, 19/10/2011, Constitution 2.1.2 [http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org/en/ifr\\_constitution\\_/](http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org/en/ifr_constitution_/))

## **2.4 Continuous improvement**

When new findings concerning the Rottweiler breed exist, the "Constitution of the British Rottweiler Sports Dog Club" and/or its annexes and other regulations will be amended and communicated in a timely manner so as to continuously improve in the function and contribution made by the organisation.

(Reference: IFR, 19/10/2011, Constitution 2.1.4 [http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org/en/ifr\\_constitution\\_/](http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org/en/ifr_constitution_/))

## **2.5 The organisation of activities**

The BRSDC will organise all activities deemed necessary and/or useful to attain its goals, including but not limited to the organisation of training events, canine sport activities, seminars, lectures, publications, etc. To ensure a more direct and effective organisation and influence at national and regional levels, regional structures will also be established and recognised.

(Reference: IFR, 19/10/2011, Constitution 2.1.6 [http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org/en/ifr\\_constitution\\_/](http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org/en/ifr_constitution_/))

## **2.6 Active promotion of the Rottweiler**

We will actively foster communication with other Rottweiler clubs and societies as well as members of the general public to support and encourage the better understanding of the "Complete Rottweiler", intensifying our efforts to promote the original physical characteristics and traits of character of the Rottweiler. These traits consist of a high confidence of character, a sociable behaviour within the family and society alongside the retention of aptitude as a utility dog.

(Reference: IFR, 19/10/2011, Constitution 1.1 [http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org/en/ifr\\_constitution\\_/](http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org/en/ifr_constitution_/))

The Club will not join any Federation of Society's or Clubs which are not specifically accepted by the Kennel Club. (Previously Item 31)

(Reference: KC, 2014 - 2015, Rules & Regulations C3. a.(12)

## **3 Committee**

The Committee will carry out the day-to-day business of the BRSDC on behalf of the Members. The Committee will have the authority to deal with any matter relating to the running of the organisation not provided by the these rules. (Previously Item 18)

The Committee can comprise of up to nine Members, who shall be elected by the Members of the club annually at the AGM. Committee Members must be proposed by a paid up Member of the club and seconded by another paid up member. In addition, authorised BRSDC Area Groups are permitted to be represented at Committee Meetings For this purpose four Committee places may be utilised for the proposed Area Groups North, East, South & West

If any Committee Member misses three or more consecutive meetings, the Committee reserves the right to ask the member to resign.

(Reference: KC, 2014 - 2015, Rules & Regulations C3. a.(1)

### **3.1 Election Process of the Committee**

The Committee will be elected by the members annually at the Annual General Meeting. The protocol for the election process will be;



- a. The election of the Secretary
- b. The election of the Treasurer
- c. The election of 3 Committee members.

The Committee will then gather to appoint the;

- d. Chairman
- e. Vice Chairman (if required)
- f. and National Training Coordinator (at a time when the role & function is clearly defined and understood).

### **3.2 Committee Meetings**

The Committee will hold as many meetings as it feels necessary to carry out its day to day responsibilities efficiently. However it is envisaged that there will be a minimum requirement to meet at least on a quarterly basis.

The BRSDC is a national organisation and its committee members are likely to be distributed over a wide geographical reach. The majority of meeting will be conducted through electronic group conferences. Therefore it would follow that "potential candidates for the committee" are comfortable with the requirements and use of the ITC Systems used and acknowledge that electronic communications are actively encouraged so as to;

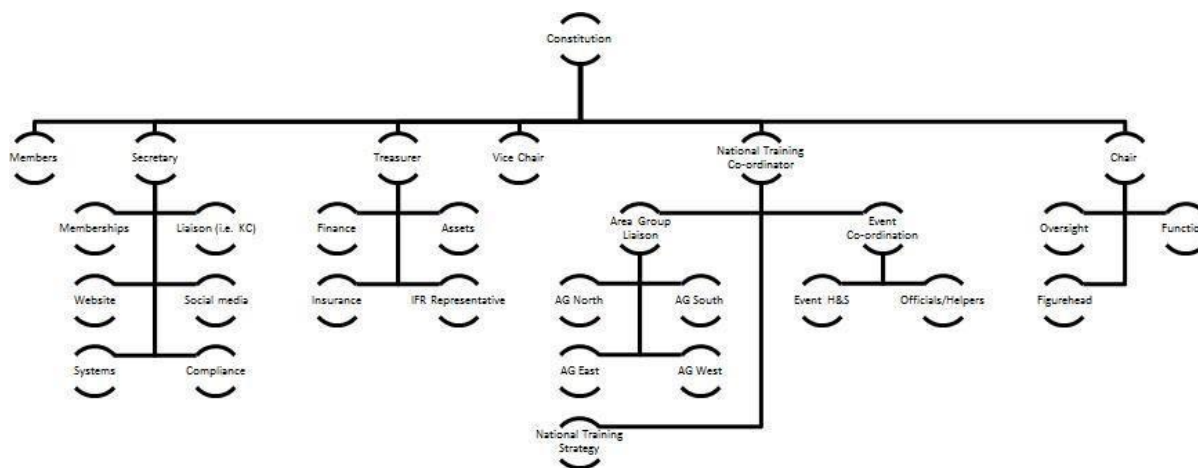
- d. Optimise efficiency
- e. Facilitate the opportunity for speedy and or multiple meetings in quick succession
- f. Reduce costs to the organisation.
- g. Reduce the carbon footprint of the organisation
- h. Maximise convenience

It is noted that there will be times that the committee will require face to face meetings and that this requirement will be decided upon at the sole discretion of the committee according to the nature of the meetings and/or the requirements of the meeting.

### **3.3 Officers**

The Officers and Committee members of the Committee shall be:

- i. Secretary
- j. Treasurer
- k. National Training Coordinator (at a time when the role & function is clearly defined and understood)
- l. Chairperson
- m. Vice Chairperson (if required)



The above organisation chart is for indicative purposes only and illustrates how future roles and responsibilities might be distributed amongst the committee. Until such time as the situation becomes clearer, the role of National Training Coordinator and Vice Chairperson will be filled by a Committee Members.

### 3.3.1 The Role of the Secretary

The Secretary will;

- n. Undertake to keep a Minute Book (Agenda/Action list) which will contain a full record of all business transacted at General Meetings and Committee Meetings, including a record of all Guarantees offered by the Society.
- o. Will maintain a list of the names and addresses of all current members of the BRSDC.
- p. Will work closely with the Treasurer as required in order to maintain a system of accounts showing a complete record of the Income and Expenditure of the BRSDC and a Balance Sheet.
- q. Will ensure that the Minute Book, Membership list, Accounts and Balance Sheet and also all or any other documents belonging to the BRSDC, are produced to the Kennel Club at any time when required.
- r. Will develop and maintain the systems and record keeping to ensure compliance and ease of access.

(Reference: KC, 2014 - 2015, Rules & Regulations, Section C Regs. 4.a.(1)(c)

Anyone considering taking up the role as Secretary is directed to Annexe 4 "The Role of The Secretary". This Document is intended to act as a guide and Standing Orders for anyone considering taking up the role of Club Secretary of the BRSDC. It will assist anyone thinking of taking up this role and is intended to provide an overview of what the role involves and an insight into the duties of the Club Secretary.

### **3.3.2 The Role of Treasurer**

The Treasurer will undertake to keep accurate financial records of all business transacted by the BRSDC. including but not necessarily limited to;

- s. Management and maintenance of the BRSDC bank account
- t. The maintenance of a system of accounts showing a complete record of the income and expenditure of the BRSDC and a balance sheet throughout the financial year which runs 1st January to 31st December.
- u. Ensure such Accounts and Balance Sheet and also any other documents belonging to the BRSDC, are produced and made available to the Kennel Club at any time when required.
- v. Will ensure that a copy of the annual Statement of Accounts for the last financial year which will be certified in accordance with the Rules of the BRSDC will be sent to all members of the Society except that provision may be made in the Rules of the BRSDC for the annual Statement of Accounts to be forwarded on request by a member, otherwise, it will be available for inspection by members at the Annual General Meeting and at other times stipulated in the Rules.
- w. The maintenance of an Asset Register
- x. A Banking Account shall be held in the name of the BRSDC at the NatWest Bank Acc No 26095750 into which all revenue of the BRSDC shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signatures of the Treasurer plus one or more authorised officers of the committee who will not be related or reside in the same household.
- y. Ensure a best "Best Value" approach with regard to purchases - when necessary reporting to the Committee details concerning the trade off between price and performance that provides the greatest overall benefit under the specified selection criteria.
- z. Provision of annual accounts showing the income and expenditure of the BRSDC and a balanced sheet to be presented at the AGM.

(Reference: IFR, 19/10/2011, Constitution 1.3 [http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org/en/ifr\\_constitution\\_/](http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org/en/ifr_constitution_/))

(Reference: KC, 2014 - 2015, Rules & Regulations, Section C Regs. 3.a.(4)

(Reference: KC, 2014 - 2015, Rules & Regulations, Section C Regs. 4.a.(1)(c)

Anyone considering taking up the role as Treasurer is directed to Annexe 5 "Role of The Treasurer". This Document is intended to act as a guide and Standing Orders for anyone considering taking up the role of Club Treasurer in the BRSDC. It will assist anyone thinking of taking up this role and is intended to provide an overview of what the role involves and an insight into the duties of the Club Treasurer.

#### **3.3.2.1 Certification of Accounts**

The accounts will be certified annually and presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting. Certification must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience. Those undertaking the certification must be independent from those who

prepared the accounts. (Reference: KC, 12014-2-15, Section 3 C Regulations, C3.a.(15) and KC 01.01.2015 C Regulation Changes)

A copy of the annual statement of accounts for the last financial year, certified in accordance with the above requirements, will 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 members at the AGM and at other times as stipulated in the rules. (Reference: KC, 12014-2-15, Section 3 C Regulations, C3.d.(10) and KC 01.01.2015 C Regulation Changes)

### **3.3.2.2 Authorisation of Payments**

All revenue will be deposited into the bank account of the BRSDC. A Banking Account shall be held in the name of the BRSDC at the NatWest Bank Acc No26095750 into which all revenue of the BRSDC shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signatures of the Treasurer and where possible should be countersigned by one or more authorised officers of the committee who will not be related or reside in the same household.

(Reference: KC, 12014-2-15, Section 3 C Regulations, C3.a.(3) and KC 13/11/2014 KC Sanction)

### **3.3.3 The Role of the Chairman**

Anyone considering taking up the role as Chairperson or as Vice Chairperson is directed to Annexe 6 "Role of The Chairperson". This Document is intended to act as a guide and Standing Orders for anyone considering taking up the role of Chairperson/Vice Chairperson in the BRSDC. The document provides an overview of what the role involves and an insight into the duties of the Chairperson/Vice Chairperson in order that any prospective member putting themselves forward for the post has a very clear understanding of the responsibilities and the requirements of the role.

### **3.3.4 The Role of the National Training Coordinator?**

Currently this role is an aspiration that we are considering working towards in the short to medium term. It is envisaged that the development of this role will be embryonic and on-going and it is felt that the objectives of the role can only be succeeded through the development of a team of closely co-operating trainers working with the National Training Coordinator.

The aspirations connected with the post are as follows;

- g. Year 1 - Establish a network of "Area Groups"
- h. Years 1 - 5 achieve a GB podium position at the IFR World Championships.
- i. Years 5 - 10 achieve the fulfilment of all available team and reserve places at the IFR World Championships.
- j. Within 10 - 15 years become IFR World Champions.

- k. By achieving the previous 3 milestones - assist the Committee in preparing a coherent, realistic and potent bid to host the IFR World Championships between years 10 - 15 or sooner.

Anyone considering taking up the role as National Training Coordinator is directed to Annexe 7 "Role of The National Training Coordinator". This Document is intended to act as a guide and Standing Orders for anyone considering taking up the role as National Training Coordinator of the BRSDC.

The document provides an overview of what the role involves and an insight into the duties of the National Training Coordinator in order that any prospective member putting themselves forward for the post, has a very clear understanding of the responsibilities and the requirements of the role.

### **3.4 Committee Voting Rights**

The following Officers and Committee Members shall have full voting rights: Vice Chairman (if in post), Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Members. The Chairman's vote is reserved for occasions when a casting vote is required.

### **3.5 Co-opted Committee Members**

Any vacancy occurring amongst the officers of the Committee may be filled by the Committee, who may co-opt someone to fill the vacancy, but the person so appointed shall only hold office for such time as the person in whose place he/she is appointed would have held office if the vacancy had not occurred.

### **3.6 Sub-Committees/Working Parties**

By mutual agreement, the Committee shall have the right to appoint some of its members from time to time to fulfil specific roles on an 'as required' basis. In addition the formation of Subcommittee(s) or working party(s) may be undertaken to exercise documented and agreed powers of the Committee.

### **3.7 Quorum**

The quorum for a meeting of the Committee is five Committee Members including at least one Officer.

### **3.8 Un-discharged Bankruptcy**

No person whilst an un-discharged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society." (Reference: KC, 2014 - 2015, Rules & Regulations, Section C Regs. 3.a.(13)

## **4 Membership**

Membership of the club is open to all persons whether dog owners or not, at the Committee's discretion. Acceptance of membership of the club shall be deemed to be acceptance of the Rules and Regulations of the BRSDC and Kennel Club of Great Britain or any substitution thereof.

Membership may be refused when the Committee considers that membership of an individual may not be in the best interests of the club. The BRSDC will not subjugate existing members to a process of annual re-election or approval. (Reference: KC, 2014 - 2015, Rules & Regulations, Section C Regs. 3.a.(2))

#### **4.1 Membership Applications**

Acceptance of Members will be undertaken by the Committee. No reason need be given for a membership application being declined.

#### **4.2 Membership List**

The BRSDC will maintain an up to date list of members and their addresses, and those of branch members where appropriate and, if so requested, make the list available for inspection by the Kennel Club and members of the BRSDC. A declaration of the number of members of the Society will be made with the Annual Returns.

As a condition of membership of the BRSDC, Members agree to abide by this requirement as explained within the BRSDC membership application/renewal form (Annexe 8). Thereafter, the use of membership data will be subject to the protection of legislation as laid down by the Data Protection Act 1998.

(Reference: KC, 2014 - 2015, Rules & Regulations, Section C Regs. 3.a.(14))

#### **4.3 Members voting rights**

Any Member who has not paid the Annual Subscription by 1st February shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting, and there shall be no power to vote by proxy. There shall be no power to demand a ballot but whenever the Committee shall deem it desirable to take a ballot of the Members of the Club, voting papers in such form as the Committee shall prescribe, shall be sent by email to every Member of the Club stating for what object or objects the ballot is required. A date shall be appointed of not less than seven days from the date of posting by which the same are to be returned to the Secretary. Ballot papers not returned by such a date shall be deemed void.

Joint Members will receive one vote each member of partnership.

#### **4.4 Subscriptions**

The Annual Subscription shall be such amount as agreed by Members in a General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club and shall be payable on the 1st February each year. No member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any of the privileges of Membership and if the Member shall fail to pay outstanding subscriptions by 1st March his/her name shall be automatically erased from the register. Acceptance back on the register will be subject to a new application. In the case of Members joining after the 1st February in any year, the subscription paid shall carry membership to 1st February in the following year.

## **5 Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held as early as practicable in March of each year. The Secretary shall give notice to all Members twenty-one days prior to the date. Items for the agenda shall be received no later than fourteen days prior to the meeting and the final agenda will be distributed seven days prior to the meeting. No business shall be transacted at an AGM unless notice thereof appears on the agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting are urgent.

Every effort will be made by the Chairperson to include items raised by members for the agenda at the AGM, however, priority will be given to the items that are of a statutory requirement for the meeting. (Please refer to Annexe 9 Sample BRSDC AGM Agenda).

(Reference: KC, 2014 - 2015, Rules & Regulations, Section C Regs. 3.a.(5))

## **6 Special General Meeting (SGM)**

A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Secretary if Members numbering 20 percent of paid up Members send a requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting. No business other than that detailed on the agenda can be discussed at the Special General Meeting. Members shall be notified of the Special General Meeting twenty-one days prior to the meeting. (Reference: KC, 2014 - 2015, Rules & Regulations, Section C Regs. 3.a.(4))

The Committee is empowered to call an SGM as precedented in the Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Club 3.a.(7)

(Reference: KC, 2014 - 2015, Rules & Regulations, Section C Regs. 3.a.(7))

## **7 Changes to rules**

The rules of the Club may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the notice for which contains specific proposals to amend the rules. Any proposed alteration to the rules may not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has been advised and approved the alteration. New rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately and included in the BRSDC Constitution with effect from the AGM.

(Reference: KC, 2014 - 2015, Rules & Regulations, Section C Regs. 3.a.(5))

Although the BRSDC is self-governing and free to form its own rules and regulations, no rule or regulation will contradict or compromise the Rules and Regulations of the KC.

## **8 Maintenance of Title & Annual Returns to the Kennel Club**

- a. The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, the Maintenance of Title Fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of Registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated by the Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities, shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

- b. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year

(Reference: KC, 2014 - 2015, Rules & Regulations, Section C Regs. 3.56.(17))

## **9 Insurance**

There is no requirement in law that says we must buy insurance for a voluntary or community run event. However, we want to make sure that we are covered in case something goes wrong and where someone might make a claim against the BRSDC. Therefore the BRSDC will purchase Public Liability Insurance on an annual basis.

Additionally, from time to time, other bodies may stipulate that we have insurance in place so that we can take part in activities, such as the IFR World Championships. Once again, this is not compulsory in law, but is a conditional requirement for entry to such events.

Having public liability insurance may give us peace of mind, but it's good planning, not insurance that stops things going wrong. Therefore the committee has produced an "Event Guide" which will enable organisers to adopt a unified, common sense approach to safety and risk assessment

### **9.1 Participant Liability**

In the event of an accident during a trial, the handler/participant is liable for himself/herself and his/her dog. The handler is to concur with the instructions of the judge and the organising club and thereby executes of his/her own free will the instructions at his/her own risk.

(FCI Regulations 2012)

## **10 Events**

The Club may promote obedience shows, matches and working trials under the Kennel Club, IFR and FCI Rules and Regulations relating thereto. Positive training methods are encouraged and the use of an electric shock collar is expressly forbidden.

Any events where protection work takes place shall be held on privately owned land and where members of the public are invited spectators of the event, measures will be taken to ensure that whilst dogs are working, spectators are kept at a safe distance and stewards will be appointed for such events to ensure public safety.

Currently the BRSDC hold 4 classes of events;

- c. Training Days including BH Days & Seminars
- d. Conformation Events - Breed Surveys & Breed Suitability Tests
- e. IGP Nationals & Qualification Events
- f. Klubsieger (European Style Event Demonstration)



Although the main sporting activity of the BRSDC is currently centred around IGP, the organisation will look to support other dog sports activities according to the needs of its members.

### **10.1 Training Days Including BH Days & Seminars**

Training events, BH days & Seminars are events that are usually locally managed but sanctioned by the BRSDC Committee and often made bespoke to suit the requirements at the time and the experience of people attending. The distinguishing features of these events are as follows;

- g. Training events - usually the participants will be relatively small in number (up to circa 12 people). Usually the participants will have some experience within the activity taking place and the objective will be one of improving upon skills of which the foundations already exist. The management and delivery of the event is usually carried out by BRSDC members and external involvement of others along with spectators is unlikely.
- h. BH Days - this is often a small to medium size event that can often attract between 20- 30 people. The event is centred around the Begleithund (BH) Test Rules, the satisfactory fulfilment of which, serves as an entry point to the Breed Suitability Test and the sport of IGP. As such, the event may encapsulate a demonstration of the phases of the Breed Suitability Test and IGP procedures.
- i. Seminars are very similar to the training days but are often differentiated by;
  - i. Scale (Often attracting nationwide interests)
  - ii. Scope (Usually targeted at novice, intermediate or advanced levels)
  - iii. Participants will usually include a high proportion of spectators as well as dog handler teams.
  - iv. Delivery is often sourced externally and delivered by a high profile expert.

### **10.2 Conformation Events - Breed Surveys & Suitability Tests**

The meaning and purpose of the Breed Survey and Breed Suitability Test is to ascertain those Rottweilers which, according to the breeding goal (breed standard) are suitable for breeding, and to discourage unsuitable/non breed standard dogs from breeding.

A Breed Survey or Breed Suitability Test can only be held if authorisation from the BRSDC Committee has been given and the event has been published and deadlines have been adhered to. Breed Survey's and Breed Suitability Test's may only be held if there are at least 5 dogs named to participate. The maximum number of dogs to be judged in one day shall be 20.

The full specification describing procedures and requirements can be found online at [www.brsdc.weebly.com](http://www.brsdc.weebly.com) and the attached appendices 13 and 14.

### **10.3 IGP Nationals & Qualification Events**

IGP is a three level, three phase dog sport. There are three progressively more difficult levels of competition that lead to the IGP titles from IGP 1 through to IGP 3.

Each level comprises three phases — Tracking, Obedience and Protection. At all three levels, each phase is allocated 100 points and from these the judge deducts points for any errors according to the points system.

The IGP Nationals is the flagship event of the BRSDC sporting calendar. The event is often combined with the Klubsieger but can also run as a standalone event. It serves as the "shop window" to demonstrate the organisations development in the sport of IGP as well as the final selection process that offers a gateway for participants to represent Great Britain at the IFR World Championships. *Every effort should be made to hold the IGP Nationals annually between the dates of the 1st April and 30th June.*

The current qualification criteria for individual dog/handler teams is as follows;

- v. Participation in the BRSDC IGP nationals is a mandatory requirement for all competitors wishing to represent the organisation at the IFR World Championships.
- vi. Participants must be members of the BRSDC.
- vii. However an IGP3 qualifying score achieved on a ground that is not the dog/handler teams "home ground" (and agreed by prior notification with the committee) will also be taken into consideration. *For this purpose we encourage the use of any of the following trials, the GSDL All-Breeds, the BAGSD Super Trophy and the FCI Joint Selection Trial.*
- viii. In the event of a tie, the qualifying score at the BRSDC IGP Nationals will be the deciding factor and in the event of a further tie the highest protection score followed by the highest obedience score will take precedence.
- ix. Dogs with a change of handler must have competed and qualified at IGP3 level with the current handler at one (1) domestic IGP trial held by a recognised club involved in IGP (see current clubs listed in the FCI Joint Selection Trial agreement) before coming eligible for entry to the IFR IGP World Championships as a team GB member. (The competitor must send proof in the form of a score book which shows the qualifying IGP3 score, the date and the judges details).  
This proposal will be reviewed on an annual basis in order to be reflective of the progress achieved within the BRSDC.

The organisational aspirations of the BRSDC and its IGP objectives fall into three main categories;

- f. Short - Medium term
- g. Medium - Long term
- h. Long term sustainability

These aspirations will be determined by the S.M.A.R.T criteria (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-framed) to guide the BRSDC in the setting of these objectives. Currently the headline objectives being considered are;

- i. Years 1 - 5 achieve a GB podium position at the IFR World Championships.
- j. Years 5 - 10 achieve the fulfilment of all available team and reserve places at the IFR World Championships.
- k. Within 10 - 15 years become IFR World Champions.
- l. By achieving the previous 3 milestones - the Committee will consider preparing a coherent, realistic and potent bid to host the IFR World Championships between years 10 - 15 or sooner.

These aspirations will be reviewed on an annual basis and progress reported to the members.

## **10.4 Klubsieger (European Style Event Demonstration)**

The Klubsieger European Event Demonstration is an annual event held by the BRSDC. It is an open event for members and non-members alike and is intended to provide a demonstration of the Klubsieger style event held on the continent as well as providing enthusiasts from both the working and conformation sides the opportunity to meet and unite for a common purpose, the future of the British Rottweiler. The event usually has a high attendance and can easily attract in excess of 100 people. There is a high mix of participants and spectators and a diverse cross section of people can be expected including the presence of young persons.

This event is considered by many in the UK to be one of the most exciting weekends in the Rottweiler calendar and regularly attracts significant interest throughout the UK. The judge and background staff will have a full day's work in the ring as every dog will be graded and receive a typed critique.

The catalogue will usually begin with the younger dogs starting with the males and then the females in the following classes;

- x. Baby Class (4-6 months)
- xi. Puppy Class (6-9 months)
- xii. Youth Class (9-18 months)
- xiii. Intermediate Class (15-24 months)
- xiv. Open Class (>15 months)
- xv. Working Class (>15 months)
- xvi. Champion Class (>15 months)
- xvii. Veteran Class (>8 years)

## **10.5 Training Events - Authority of the Trainer/Committee**

As a condition of membership, all Members must comply with the directives of the relevant Trainer during all aspects of training. All dogs must be deemed healthy and approved as being suitable for training in the relevant sport by the Trainer and/or Committee. It is the responsibility of the Trainer and/or Committee to ensure that all individuals participating in any training discipline are able to show a suitable commitment to the discipline in the relevant sport. The Committee reserves the right to refuse permission for individuals or dogs deemed unsatisfactory to train/attend Club events.

## **10.6 Fitness to Train**

If in the opinion of a majority of the Committee present at a training session, any dog brought to any training class or other function promoted by the BRSDC is unfit for training, or is ill or is suffering from any disease, then the dog may either be refused admission to or be asked to be removed from that training session. Further, in the event of the Committee at that training session deciding the suspension should operate for more than one session, the Member has the right to request that the suspension be brought before the next Committee meeting of the Club, whose decision shall be final.

## **10.7 Removal of Members/Persons From Training Events**

The Committee reserves the right to remove from a training session any person or persons who, in the opinion of the majority of the Committee, present, use undue force or in any way attempt to train a dog by any means prejudicial to that dog's welfare; whose attitude is considered a disturbance to other members training, or the Club in general; or does not take appropriate steps to protect the welfare of their dog at all times. Any member so removed from a training session may be liable to expulsion from the Club as per rule 13.

## **10.8 Training Events - Finances**

Members organising or involved in training events arranged under the Club's name cannot directly profit from such events and monies raised will be paid into the Club's bank account after expenses. All expenses are to be properly documented.

The BRSDC will incentivise Area Groups to hold events and will look to allow as a minimum, the recovery of expenses plus the annual fee required by the KC for the registration of Branches from any surplus. However, any losses in connection with an event managed by an Area Group will be borne by that Area Group.

The financial arrangements for each event will be considered by the Committee on a case by case basis.

## **10.9 Bitches in Season**

Individuals/Members with bitches in season must make the circumstance of their dog known to the trainer/event organiser.

## **10.10 Safety**

We should avoid getting caught up in "red tape", after all, our sport is enjoyed by people everyday without a problem. However we should give some consideration about how we make our events run smoothly, deciding on things that might be an issue. Therefore the committee has put together an "Event Guide" which includes guidance on risk assessments for use by members and or partners considering hosting an event on behalf of the BRSDC.

## **11 Training Groups**

To form a training group within the BRSDC, the group must meet the following conditions and have approval from the Committee.

- i. Four paid up members of the BRSDC
- j. All members of the training group must be members of the BRSDC

- k. The name of the training group
- l. The names of three elected Officers of the training group
- m. The details of the training ground with indications of arrangements for public access and safety
- n. Details of the adequate equipment provision, servicing and renewal
- o. The group must show that adequate experience and knowledge by the trainer(s) is available to the group.
- p. An undertaking that the rules of the BRSDC will be fully implemented
- q. All special events/trials held, must be approved by the Committee along with any financial arrangements, qualifications/certificates proposed.
- r. Each training group will pay an "Annual Affiliation Fee" which is primarily required to meet any additional costs incurred by the BRSDC according to its obligations, the amount will be agreed each year at the AGM.

Upon approval by the BRSDC Committee, the Area Group will be subject to a six month probationary period. Following a 12 month period the club shall be reviewed to assess its growth and its general performance and fit. The BRSDC Committee may also in its absolute discretion reserve the right to refuse to register any training group/organisation or renew such registration.

## **12 Disposal of Assets/Property**

If for any reason the Club should cease to exist, or is wound up or ceases to be a Club under the regulations of the Kennel Club, a final statement of audited 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 on the last return furnished to the Kennel Club, will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Society. Reference KC Rules & Regulations C 3.a.(9)

To assist with the compliance of this rule and to promote transparency concerning the management of the organisation the Treasurer will maintain an "Asset Register" which will accurately record the following;

- s. All the assets of the organisation
- t. Date of acquisition
- u. Cost of assets
- v. Any depreciation of asset
- w. Date of disposal
- x. Cost of disposal/income

In the case of cups, trophies and gifts, an acknowledgement shall be sought from donors of any cups or trophies that the gift is made outright to the Club.

## **13 Discipline**

Whilst the BRSDC does not wish to impose unreasonable rules of conduct on its members, certain standards of behaviour are necessary to maintain good internal relations and respect within the organisation and at the same time protect the interest of all members.

The BRSDC prefers that discipline be voluntary and self-imposed and in the great majority of cases we are confident that this how it will work. However, from time to time, it may be necessary for the BRSDC to take action towards individuals whose level of behaviour is considered unacceptable.

The Full Disciplinary Procedure is set out in Annexe 16 and members attention is also drawn to Annexe 18 KC Code of Conduct, of which the principles contained therein will be drawn upon in matters concerning discipline.

### **13.1 Expulsion of Members From The Club**

Any Member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club rule A42j(5) and /or any Member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified Under Kennel Club rule A42j(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club.

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee of the Club may, at a Special Meeting called for the purposes of passing a resolution, 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 Club; 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.

If the Club expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows, trials, or competitions, the Club will report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required.

(Reference: KC, 2014 - 2015, Rules & Regulations, Section C Regs. 3.a.(7)(Reference:

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### **13.2 Grievance Procedure**

The purpose of the procedure is to provide a member who considers that he or she has a grievance with an opportunity to have it examined quickly and effectively, and where a grievance is deemed to exist, to have it resolved, if possible, at the earliest practicable opportunity. Most grievances can be settled informally and members are encouraged to settle their grievances in this way if possible.

The full Grievance Procedure is set out in Annexe 17.

## **14 Communications Statement**

The rapid growth of social media technologies combined with their ease of use and pervasiveness make them attractive channels of communication. However, these tools also hold the possibility of a host of unintended consequences. To help us identify and avoid potential issues the KC have provided some examples of best practices which are intended to help us understand, from a wide range of perspectives, the implications of participation in social media. (Ref KC Code of Conduct)

Therefore the BRSDC will adhere to the following policy regarding its use of social media and communication channels in general.

- m. The BRSDC will adopt in full the principles of the KC Code of Conduct and principles therein.
- n. Specifically, the BRSDC will only post promotional information and or public facing information on its official channels - our website [www.brsdc.org](http://www.brsdc.org) and the Official BRSDC - British Rottweiler Sports Dog Club Facebook page. All members must observe this requirement concerning their own posts. Any inappropriate posts that do not meet this requirement will be deleted by the admins.
- o. Internal matters concerning members and or the workings of the organisation of a day to day nature will be communicated on its official website <https://brsdc.weebly.com/> available via a member login and the BRSDC Official Members Group Facebook page. Members are respectfully reminded that this is not monitored 24/7 and that also, matters concerning a response from the committee should be directed to them in item d below.
- p. Matters concerning a response from the committee should in the first instance be addressed to the secretary by email at [brsdc.org@yahoo.com](mailto:brsdc.org@yahoo.com) or by using the contact page at <https://brsdc.weebly.com/contact.html>. The committee will endeavour to respond to such enquiries within 14 days.
- q. If none of the above channels of communication are available then the Committee can be contacted by post by sending a letter to The Secretary

## **15 Final Authority**

The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Society in all cases relative to Canine or Society matters.



