



NORFOLK GUNDOG CLUB
Recognised by the Kennel Club and
Affiliated to the Field Trial Council
(Kennel Club Registered Number 153)
RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **NAME OF SOCIETY.** The Name of the Society shall be "Norfolk Gundog Club".
2. **ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSTITUTION.** The Society shall consist of an unlimited number of members. The names and addresses of members shall be kept by the Hon. Secretary which shall be open to the inspection of members at reasonable times. The election of members shall be invested solely in the Committee, and shall when in meeting be by ballot. The election may, in the discretion of the Committee, be in writing sent to the members of the Committee giving the name of the candidate and his/her address, and the name of his/her proposer and seconder, and if no objection is made to the Hon. Secretary within seven days of the date of the communication, the candidate shall be deemed to be elected.
3. **SUBSCRIPTIONS.** a) Annual Subscriptions shall be set by the Annual General Meeting payable on 1st January following. Any member failing to pay his/ her subscription by 1st March shall have notice given him/her by the Hon. Secretary and if his/her subscription is 12 months in arrears he/she shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Society, but may be re-instated at any time by the Committee on furnishing what they consider to be a satisfactory explanation and paying all arrears of subscription. No member whose subscription is in arrears shall be entitled to vote at any meeting or win any prize or award offered by the Society. (b) The Joining Fee to be set by the Annual General Meeting. The Society must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by the members of the Society or by the Kennel Club.
4. **MANAGEMENT.** The affairs of the Society shall be conducted by a Chairman, Hon.General_Secretary, Hon.Treasurer/Membership Secretary, Hon. Field Trial / Working_Test Secretary and the Committee which shall consist of up to fourteen members including the Vice-Chairman. Three of the Committee shall retire annually but will be eligible for re-election. Officers of the Club will retire annually but will also be eligible for re-election and will be ex-officio members of the Committee. The Committee shall have powers to co-opt from outside the Committee for specific jobs and anybody so co-opted shall retire automatically from the Committee when the specific job ends. Five members shall form a quorum. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held conjointly by one or two persons. The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary must come from the Committee and must have served at least two years on the Committee, except in exceptional circumstances.
Management:

5. **POWERS OF COMMITTEE.** The property and management of the Society shall be vested in the Committee jointly, who shall have power at any time to call a General Meeting of the Society to arbitrate in disputed matters, to vote prizes or subscriptions to any Field Trial or Gundog Working Test Meeting, and to appoint an Executive from amongst their members, also to appoint sub-committees and to carry on the general business of the Society, and shall have full power to act on any matters not covered by these rules. The Committee shall have the power to deal with any question which may arise and is not provided for by the Rules, and to fill any vacancy occurring in their number between General Meetings. Any members who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42j(4) and/or disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j(8) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Society for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Society be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Society, the Committee of the Society may, at a meeting, the notice convening which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of a member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Society shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member giving particulars of the complaint and advising him/her of the place, date and hour of the meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at that meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, his/her name shall be forthwith erased from the list of members, and he/she shall thereupon cease for all purposes 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.

6. **GENERAL MEETING.** The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held early in the year at a date fixed by the Committee. The Hon. Secretary shall be bound to call an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time should he/she be required to do so in writing by not less than six members, and the Committee shall have power of calling an Extraordinary General Meeting whenever they think it desirable. Any resolution passed either at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting, can only be altered or rescinded at a subsequent General Meeting, due notice having been given to members.
7. **COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** Meetings of the Committee shall be held not less than once a year. The Hon. Secretary in conjunction with the Chairman shall have the power to summon a Sub-Committee Meeting by giving seven days notice.
8. **PRIZES AND CUPS.** No Prizes, Cups or Subscriptions shall be granted to any Field Trial which is not held under the Kennel Club Rules and Field Trial Regulations.
9. **METHOD OF CONDUCTING BUSINESS.** At every Meeting whether General or of the Committee, the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read and confirmed. At least 14 days' notice shall be sent of a General Meeting (with an agenda of the business to be transacted and also if possible of a Committee Meeting but if it is necessary a Committee Meeting may be called at a shorter notice. No business which is not contained in agenda other than matters

of routine shall be gone into at any General or Committee Meeting. The Chairman, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside at every meeting and shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie taking place, and his/her ruling on any point shall be binding on the meeting as would that of the Chairman.

10. ACCOUNTS. A Banking Account shall be opened in the name of the Society into which all revenue of the Society shall be paid and from which withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of two or more officers, one of whom shall be the Treasurer. The accounts duly audited by two persons, shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Society. A copy of the rules of the Society shall be supplied to any member on application to the Hon. Secretary.
11. EXPENSES. All expenses on behalf of the Society must be submitted and approved by the Committee.
12. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS. Any member may withdraw from the Society at any time on giving notice to the Hon. Secretary, providing always that such member shall be liable for his subscription for the current year in which he/she gives notice, and shall have no further claim upon resignation taking place, on any of the property or funds belonging to the Society.
13. The accidental omission to give notice to any member of the Society or of the committee, and the non-receipt by any member of any such notice shall not affect the validity of the proceedings of such meeting.
14. The Norfolk Gundog Club recognises the Kennel Club as a final court of appeal in all matters of dispute relating to Field Trials or Gundog Working Tests and the Field Trials Liaisons Council a similar capacity as regards Field Trials, and recognises that the Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the rules and regulations of the Society and in all matters relative to Canine or Society matters.
15. In the event of the Society ceasing to exist for any cause, all cups, trophies etc., the property of the Society, which have been won outright, and the assets of the Society shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Committee.
16. The Society shall not join any federation of Societies or Clubs.
17. The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuation of Registration, and that by the 31st July each year, other returns as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations must also be forwarded to the Kennel Club, i.e. Names and addresses and telephone numbers of all officers of the Club and Committee members. The Officers also acknowledge their duties to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.
18. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or, or hold any office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

FIELD TRIAL (AND GUNDOG WORKING TESTS) RULES

1. All Field Trials and Gundog Working Tests must be run under Kennel Club Rules and Field Trial Regulations all dogs must be registered at the Kennel Club.
2. Stakes and Tests are open to all. Members will have preference in draw.
3. Nominations for all Stakes at Field Trial Meetings and Gundog Working Tests must be applied for on an entry form provided by the Society and entry fees must be sent with the application for a nomination. The draw for nominations will take place in public at least 7 days before the Event. All nominees will be advised seven days before the Event.
4. Dogs in Open Stakes and Novice Stakes will be expected to retrieve fur and feather.
5. No dog will be discarded for hard mouth unless two or more Judges have examined the damaged game.
6. The Committee insist that dogs not in line must be on slips or leads, and behind the Spectators' Flag.
7. Bitches in season or any dogs suffering from any infectious diseases must be removed from the Trial Grounds.
8. The Committee reserves the right to abandon the meeting at any time.
9. Any complaint must be made in writing to the Secretary within seven days of the Event
10. Only in exceptional circumstances no one handler shall handle more than one dog in any stake less than 24 dogs.
11. In the foregoing rules the word dog included both sexes.
12. The nominations for Field Trials and Gundog Working Tests should relate to the owner and not to the individual dog.
13. Entry forms must be lodged with the Secretary 7 days before the Event after which no changes will be permitted without a veterinary certificate.
14. Any person donating ground for a Field Trial or their keeper providing he/she is a member and nominations are received by the given date, will automatically obtain a run the following season, in an equivalent stake.