

**THE HUMBERSIDE HOUND ASSOCIATION**  
**RULES**

**1 CONSTITUTION**

- a) NAME The Association shall be called THE HUMBERSIDE HOUND ASSOCIATION
- b) OBJECTS The objects of the Association shall be to promote and encourage all activities pertaining to the Hound Breeds and to support the breeding of Hounds of correct conformation and temperament according to the Kennel Club standards.

**2 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

The Association shall consist of Patron, President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, a Committee of 11 and an unlimited number of Members. The President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be 'ex officio' Members of the Committee.

**3 COMMITTEE**

The management of the Association shall be in the hands of the Committee (as set out in 2 above). President, Officers and Committee Members shall serve for a period of three years after election, at which time they shall retire but may remain eligible for re-election. President, Officers and Committee to be elected separately.

- a) *Election of President, Officers and Assistant Secretary.* By secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations to be received, in writing, by the Honorary Secretary, Not less than 14 days prior to that meeting. Nominee, Nominator and Seconder to be fully paid-up Members.
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- a/i Only those Members currently serving on the Committee of this Association, in the capacity of either officer or Committee Member, shall be eligible for election as Officers.
- a/ii Members nominated under section a/i above who fail to be elected to the post of Officer, shall automatically become Nominees for election to the Committee.
- a/iii Postal and proxy votes are not allowed.
- a/iv The Chairman shall chair every meeting during his term of Office and may, in addition to his own vote, be entitled to a casting vote when a tie is reached.
- b) *Election of the Committee.* By secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations to be received, in writing, by the Honorary Secretary not less than 14 days prior to that Meeting. Nominee, Nominator and Seconder to be fully paid-up Members.
- b/i No Member is eligible for election to the Committee unless they have been full Members from 1st January of that same year or, in the case of co-opted Members to the Committee, they must have been Members at the time of the previous year's AGM. (With special reference to Rule 5 - failure to pay the Annual Subscription by 1st March.)
- b/ii Postal and proxy votes are not allowed.
- c) Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as may be deemed necessary. 5 Members - at least 2 of whom shall be Officers - shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.
- d) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt Members onto the Committee in the event of a position becoming vacant between Annual General Meetings. Co-opted Members shall stand for election at the next Annual General Meeting.
- e) If an Officer or Committee Member attends less than  $\frac{2}{3}$  (two-thirds) of the main events, inclusive of Committee Meetings, in the period between AGMs then (unless due to unforeseen circumstances and at the discretion of the Membership) he will automatically be

removed from office at the AGM and the Membership may elect a new Officer or Committee Member. The offending Member must be advised of the position before the AGM.

- f) The Committee may deal with any matter not specifically provided for in these rules.
- g) No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of, or hold any other office or appointment within, a Kennel Club Registered Society.

#### 4 MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership is open to all Hound Enthusiasts and shall be approved at the discretion of the Committee whose decision will be final.
  - a/i Ordinary Membership (single).....single vote
  - a/ii Joint Membership (2 or more Members in joint ownership of a Hound; 2 or more Members in a registered partnership; 2 or more Members of one family/household).....two votes
  - a/iii Junior Members (age 16 and under).....NO vote
- b) The Association will keep a list of Member's names and addresses which will be available for inspection if so requested by the Members of the Association or the Kennel Club.
  - b/i A declaration of the numbers of members of the Association shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club along with the Annual Returns to the Kennel Club.
  - b/ii Members who do not wish their names and addresses to be included on a data base listing must advise the Honorary Secretary accordingly.
- c) Members may not vote at the AGM unless they have been full Members from 1 January of that same year. (With special reference to Rule 5 - failure to pay the Annual Subscription by 1st March.)

#### 5 SUBSCRIPTION

- a) The annual subscription shall be payable to the Honorary Treasurer on the 1 January each year at the following rates:-
  - a/i Ordinary Membership (single).....£3.00
  - a/ii Joint Membership .....£4.00
  - a/iii Junior Members (age 16 and under).....£ .50p
  - a/iv Founder Membership - as a/i or a/ii
- b) A member whose subscription is unpaid shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of Membership and, if any Member shall fail to pay the annual subscription by 1 March, the Committee shall have the power to erase his name from the list of Members but, if the Committee shall subsequently receive a satisfactory explanation, the Member may, at the discretion of the Committee be re-admitted to Membership upon payment of arrears.
- c) New Members joining the Association after 1 October can be admitted to Membership for the unexpired portion of the year and the whole of the following year on payment of the full annual subscription.

#### 6 CLUB PROPERTY

- a) The property of the Association shall be vested in the Committee and, in the event of the Association ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of any assets.
  - a/i Unless otherwise stated at the time of donation, all cups and trophies will become the property of the Association. The Committee shall have absolute discretion regarding the awarding of any cup, or trophy, at any show .
  - b) In the event of the Association ceasing to exist, the outcome of the General Meeting deciding the disposal of any assets shall be notified to the Kennel Club and a final Statement of Accounts, with a record of disposal of the property of the Association shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within 6 months. The persons named as Officers and Committee of the Association shall be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Association.

#### 7 EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any Member who shall be suspended under the Kennel Club rule A42.j.(4) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club rule A42.j.(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 Association, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Association, the Committee of the Association may, at a meeting the notice convening which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of the Member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Association 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 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 Association, 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. The Association shall report the Matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days of the time of such meeting and supply particulars required.

## 8 GENERAL MEETINGS

The financial year of the Association shall be from 1 October to 30 September of the following year.

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the final quarter of the calendar year, to receive the report of the Committee and the Balance Sheet, to elect Officers and Committee and to discuss any resolution duly placed on the Agenda of which prior notice has been given by the Honorary Secretary. No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting 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.
- a/i Notification of a General Meeting may be published in 'Our Dogs' and 'Dog World' or may be delivered by post or by hand not less than 28 days prior to that Meeting.
- a/ii Items for inclusion on the Agenda to be received by the Honorary Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the Meeting. Proposer and Secunder to be fully paid-up Members of this Association.
- a/iii The Agenda to be circulated to the members not less than 7 days prior to the Meeting.
- a/iv 10 Members shall constitute a quorum for an Annual General Meeting.
- b) A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary if 20 Members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed. The Committee of the Association is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting. No business other than the matter on the Agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting, at which 25 Members shall constitute a Quorum. The Agenda to be circulated not less than 7 days prior to the Meeting.
- c) The rules of the Association shall not be altered except at a General Meeting the Agenda for which contains specific proposals to amend the rules. Any alteration to the rules shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given it's approval of the alterations.

## 9 CLUB ACCOUNTS

A Banking Account shall be opened in the name of the Association into which all revenue of the Association shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signature of two Officers, neither of whom shall be related nor shall be Members of the same Household. The Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman and Vice Chairman shall all be empowered as signatories. The accounts shall be kept by the Honorary Treasurer and will be certified annually and presented to the Members at the Annual General Meeting. Certification of Accounts must be carried out by one qualified Accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience. No Member shall incur any expense without the sanction of the Committee.

## 10 COURT OF APPEAL

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

## 11 FEDERATIONS

The Association shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

## 12 CONTINUANCE OF REGISTRATION

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 continuance of Registration and that prior to 31 July each year other returns, as stipulated in the Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Registered Societies, shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club. If returns cannot be forwarded prior to 31 July the Officers acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club accordingly. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Secretary of the Association which may occur during the course of the year.

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