



# South West Competitive Obedience Group

## Rules and Regulations

(To be read in conjunction with Kennel Club Regulations C)

### **Name and Objectives**

The Society shall be called the “**South West Competitive Obedience Group**” and its objectives shall be:

*a) To promote responsible dog ownership*

- b) To promote the training of any breed of dog for Competitive Obedience*
- c) To support obedience shows*

## **Management of the Society**

The management of the Society shall be in the hands of the following officers of the Society: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and a Committee consisting of up to ten members, of whom all shall retire annually.

Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election every year.

Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary but at least one every six months.

A quorum for Committee meetings shall be 50%.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings.

Those co-opted shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Society at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place. Co-opted Committee members shall have voting rights at Committee meetings.

The Committee shall have the power to charge such fees as it may from time to time determine for membership and attendance at training classes, and to raise funds for the Club in any way it deems fit.

## **Members**

Candidates for membership shall be accepted on payment of subscription and completion of the Society's membership form.

Members must reside in either Devon or Cornwall

An up to date list of Members and their addresses will be maintained by the Membership Secretary and, if so requested, made available for inspection by the Kennel Club and Members of the Society. A declaration of the number of Members of the Society shall be made with Annual Returns Each member shall be entitled to one vote immediately upon acceptance of membership. Voting shall be by show of hands at the meeting.

Any member who shall be suspended/disqualified under Kennel Club rule A42J(5) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club rules A42j(9) 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 the member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the society shall be called for the purpose of passing 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 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 condition as the Kennel Club may impose.

No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve as a member of the Committee or hold any other office within a Kennel Club registered society

### **Subscriptions**

The annual subscription shall be such amount as agreed by Members in General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club.

The Committee shall have the power to charge such fees as it may from time to time determine for attendance at training events, and to raise funds for the Society in any way it deems fit.

### **Society Accounts**

The Treasurer shall receive all monies, keep a proper record of receipts and payments and submit a properly audited income and expenditure account of balance sheet to members at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. He/she shall keep a banking account in the name of the Club and withdrawals from the banking account to be made on the signature of two or more officers who shall not be related. The financial year of the Society shall commence on 1st January and end 31st December of each year.

### **Society Property**

The property of the Society shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Society ceasing to exist, a final General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Society's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club.

If the Society is wound up or ceases to be a training club under these regulations a final statement of accounts must be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as Officers and Committee of the Club on the last return furnished to the Kennel Club will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in July to receive the report of the Committee, to present to the members of the society the certified statement of account, and to elect the Officers and Committee. Notice of all General and Special Meetings will be given on the Society's website. Items for inclusion on the Agenda will be accepted up to 14 days before the date of the meeting. Not less than 28 days notice in writing must be given of all General Meetings.

A Special General Meeting may be summoned by the Secretary at the request of the Committee or on the requisition in writing of at least 10% of the Society members specifying the business to be transacted.

## **Annual Returns to the Kennel Club**

The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of Registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the registration and maintenance of title of societies and municipal authorities be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of secretary of the society which may occur during the course of the year

## **Kennel Club Final Authority**

The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of this Club and in all cases relative to canine club matters.

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