

## **Retrieving and Field Trial Club of South Australia (RAFTCOSA) Club Rules.**

As adopted at the AGM held on November 13<sup>th</sup>. 2016

As the club does not own any buildings or land, all club rules concern the conduct of trialling. The rules are given for the successful running and continuance of retrieving trials.

### **Preamble: General Conditions, as copied from Dogs SA Constitution.**

The only people permitted to handle exhibits at any exhibition conducted by Dogs SA are:

1. Members of the Association
2. Members of the Controlling Bodies in the State or Territory in which the person is domiciled.
3. All dogs must be pure bred Gundogs and registered with Dogs SA
4. Dogs registered as "Associate Gundogs" are eligible to compete in RATGs

All trials will be conducted in accordance with the ANKC Retrieving & Field Trials rules and regulations. A copy of these rules will be available at the fixture.

### **RAFTCOSA Club Rules:**

#### **PATRON**

The Annual General Meeting shall have the option of appointing one or more Patrons in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Nominations for the position of Patron shall be forwarded to the Secretary in writing not later than two calendar month before the Annual General Meeting
2. The appointment of a Patron shall not be for a set period of time, but shall be an ongoing appointment
3. The appointment of a Patron shall be approved by not less than three quarters of the members of the Club present at such an Annual General Meeting
4. The Annual General Meeting may terminate the appointment of a Patron by not less than three quarters of the members of the Club present at such an Annual General Meeting voting in favour of such a termination
5. The appointment of the Patron shall be subject to the acceptance of the position in writing, forwarded to the Secretary by the nominated person
6. The committee may from time to time invite the Patron to attend Club Functions, make presentations, and make donations of prizes and/or sponsorship for the use of the Committee in achieving the objects of the Club

#### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**

A Full member of the Club who has rendered special services to the Club may on the recommendation of the Committee at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, be elected to a Life Member of the Club with full privileges without payment of subscription. The election of a Life Member shall be by a secret ballot and for the recommendation to succeed at least three-quarters of the votes of the Full Members and Life Members present (junior members excluded) must be in the affirmative.

No person shall be recommended to Life Membership unless:

1. They have been a member of the club for approximately Fifteen (15) years. Such Life Members when approved by the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a member without payment of any subscription.
2. Life Members shall like any member pay for any Publication, Scheme or Levy which is compulsory and or mandatory to being a member of the Club. To be eligible for life membership a member must have made valid contributions exceeding expectation to the club without negative controversies and as deemed reasonable by the members.

## **FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR**

At the first Committee Meeting of each term of office, the Secretary shall ensure that each Committee Member has available to them

1. An up to date copy of the Constitution and Rules
2. A copy of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
3. Committee to confirm or elect persons for positions such as Trophy Officer, Membership Officer, Trial Convenor, Website/Newsletter manager/editor, Public Officer and any other position the committee deems appropriate and relevant.
4. Duty guidelines to be provided by the Secretary for all nominated positions and any other nominated officers mentioned in the Rules, and that these duty statements are reviewed at this time.

## **MEMBERSHIP OFFICER**

The Committee may appoint a Membership Officer who will be responsible for maintaining up to date records of membership currency status and correct contact details.

## **TROPHY OFFICER**

The Committee may appoint a Trophy Officer who shall be responsible for all club trophies:

1. Knowing the whereabouts at all times of club trophies.
2. Organise the return and cleaning of trophies in acceptable return before next presentation. (Perpetual trophies will remain the property of RAFTCOSA and winners wanting to take the trophy interstate will be required to sign a statement to the effect that they will be responsible for the safe return of the trophy in appropriate time prior to next presentation.)
3. Report to Committee the condition of the trophies, in addition to the cost of maintenance, repair, and replacement if required.
4. Be responsible for the engraving of all trophies as well as the collating and ordering of all ribbons/sashes required for Trials and end of year presentations.
5. The trophy officer may also be the point scorer responsible for collating points for the annual trophies:

## **Winchester Trophy**

Open to South Australian Resident RAFTCOSA members competing in All Age and Championship stakes in trials conducted in South Australia.

Points are tallied throughout the season and are awarded as follows:

Three points for first place,  
Two points for second place and  
One point for third place.

## **RAFTCOSA Annual Awards**

Open to South Australian Resident RAFTCOSA members where points are accumulated in South Australia during the SA trialling season. Separate Trophies for Novice, Restricted and All Age – presented at the Club AGM.

Novice, Restricted and All Age points  
First Place 6 points,  
Second Place 3 points,  
Third Place 1 point.

Championship points:  
First Place 12 points,  
Second Place 6 points,  
Third Place 3 points  
Fourth Place 1 point.

## **Other RAFTCOSA Trophies are:**

### **Cecil Adkins Novice Encouragement Trophy**

To be awarded at RAFTCOSA's first Novice Trial of the year.

The judge will select the best dog or bitch that they think will go on to higher stakes in the future.

Competitor does not need to finish the trial.

### **Meningie Cup**

Perpetual Trophy awarded since 1978 to the winner of the Meningie Cup, run in All Age Stake over at least four runs.

### **Revlain Trophy**

Awarded to the highest scoring novice dog over the 2 days at the Meningie cup weekend.

Donated by Kate & Noel Eltringham

## **JUDGES**

RAFTCOSA will not extend a contract to a judge where a condition of acceptance includes the handling of a dog on the same day.

RAFTCOSA reserves the right to decide whether judges, entering their dogs on the day of judging, are permitted to handle their dogs in stake(s) they are not judging. Judges will not be able to handle their dogs for stakes being run in parallel to the stake they are judging. This decision will be made by the Trial Manager/committee at the closure of entries for the trial and decision be made known to judge at this point in time.

The Club reserves the right to change the Judge should this be necessary.

When not running a dog, competitors may be required to act as gun steward or game steward.

No competitor or spectator is permitted to return to the trial grounds after the trial.

The Committee reserves the right to remove any competitor or spectator by law or any other means from the trial area or campsite that is clearly disruptive to the Members and/or participants of the trial.

All protests shall be immediately lodged (in writing) with the Trial Manager or Trial Secretary, accompanied by a \$50 deposit which will be refunded unless the members of the Retrieving & Field Trial Committee deems the protest to be frivolous in which case the deposit will be retained.

## **Amendments made at 2023 AGM as a result of new constitution:**

### **Financial Year:**

The financial year of the Club shall be from 1st October to 30th September in the following year.

### **Membership eligibility:**

A Pensioner/Senior membership shall be available to a Seniors Card holder and/or any person receiving a government pension

A Family membership shall be defined as 2 people living at the same address or 2 related people

### **Subscription fees:**

The subscription fee for each class of membership shall be due and payable within 21 days after each Annual General Meeting of the Club.

### **Duties of Office Bearers**

Duties of the Secretary:

The Secretary shall carry out the duties of that office under the direction of the Committee and;

- i. keep a true record of all meetings of the Club and its Committees;
- ii. attend to all correspondence and issue notices for meetings;
- iii. keep a record of Exhibitions and the results thereof;
- iv. ensure that a current copy of the Constitution of the Association and the Constitution and Rules of the Club are available for perusal by any member at any Exhibition, meeting or other official function of the Club;
- v. ensure that such Schedules, entry forms and other documents required for the proper conduct of an Exhibition by the Association and ANKC are provided at each Exhibition; and
- vi. keep such other records and do such other things as are ordinarily done by a secretary and as the Committee may direct from time to time.

#### Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:-

- i. receive and record all monies due to the Club and pay the same into a bank account of the Club;
- ii. present a report on the finances of the Club to each Committee meeting and at each Annual General Meeting of the Club;
- iii. keep proper books of account of all monies received and disbursed on behalf of the Club; and
- iv. generally perform all such duties as are usually performed by a Treasurer and such additional duties as the Committee may direct from time to time.

All books, accounts and correspondence of the Club shall be produced by the Secretary and Treasurer at Committee meetings and at the Annual General and any Special meetings of the Club and shall be:

- a. delivered up to the Committee on demand and otherwise on the retirement of the office bearer concerned;
- b. produced to the Council of the Association as it may require from time to time.