



# **THE JACK RUSSELL TERRIER CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA™**

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Founded in 1981

# ***CONSTITUTION***

## **PREFACE**

The JRTCSA has signed an agreement with the Jack Russell Terrier Club of Great Britain on 29 May 1995 wherein "We agree to abide by the Breed Standard, Constitution, Rules of Affiliation, Bye-Laws and Aims of the JRTCGB".

## **1. NAME**

The name of the Club shall be **The Jack Russell Terrier Club of South Africa** (herein referred to as **JRTCSA**)

## **2. OBJECTIVES & PURPOSE OF THE CLUB**

- 2.1. To promote and preserve the true working terrier known as The Jack Russell.
- 2.2. To apply the Breed Standard of JRTCGB.
- 2.3. To oppose influence by any organisation or persons whose actions may result in practices considered to be detrimental to the Jack Russell Terrier and its future.
- 2.4. To protect the Jack Russell Terrier as a true working terrier and to preserve the rights of the working terrier enthusiast to work the terrier in the traditional manner.
- 2.5. To encourage lawful and humane terrier work and to educate newcomers to the world of the working terrier.
- 2.6. History has shown Kennel Club/Union/Society recognition to be detrimental to the physical structure and working capabilities of a variety of working breeds. Therefore this club is opposed to Kennel Club/Kennel Union/Breed Society recognition of the Jack Russell Terrier.

## **3. MEMBERSHIP**

The number of members shall be unlimited and shall be open to all persons who shall agree upon enrolment to abide by the constitution and byelaws of The Jack Russell Terrier Club of South Africa. Such membership to be granted under the following headings

- 3.1. Single Adult membership (aged 18 years and over)
- 3.2. Joint/Family membership (including co-habiting couples, parent & child membership)
- 3.3. Junior membership (under 18 years of age)
- 3.4. Pensioner (over 65 years of age)
- 3.5. Overseas membership
- 3.6. Honorary Life membership

The Club reserves the right to refuse membership

#### **4. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Terms may be reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) upon recommendation from the National Committee. The subscription for each class of member shall be as follows:

- 4.1. Single Adult membership: 100% per annum.
- 4.2. Joint/Family membership: 150% per annum
- 4.3. Junior membership: 50% per annum
- 4.4. Pensioner membership: 50% per annum
- 4.5. Overseas membership: 200% per annum
- 4.6. Honorary Life membership may be granted by a two thirds majority vote of members present at an AGM upon recommendation of the National Committee.
- 4.7. The annual subscription shall be due on the first day of January each year. Any member failing to pay by 28 February shall be deemed to have terminated his/her membership.
- 4.8. The Regions may receive towards its funds from National treasurer a portion of member's subscription as follows:
  - 10% of membership fees
  - Life member and Overseas membership fees. Nil.
- 4.9. The end of the Financial Year shall be 28th February.

#### **5. PROCEDURE OF TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE:**

- 5.1. Any member deemed as acting in a manner likely to be detrimental to The Jack Russell Terrier. This club or its members, may have their membership terminated following an enquiry as per Rule 5 by a majority decision of the National Committee.
- 5.2. The member or members will be notified in writing at least twenty one (21) days before the enquiry takes place on the pending termination of membership, outlining the reasons for the enquiry, allowing the member or members to present a response in writing at least seven (7) days before the enquiry, or by appearing before the National Committee.
- 5.3. The member or members will be notified in writing of the outcome within seven (7) days of the enquiry taking place.
- 5.4. An appeal can be lodged with the National Committee in writing within twenty one (21) days of the enquiry or requesting a personal appearance before the National Committee.

#### **6. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB**

The Officers of the Club shall consist of a Chairperson (who has held a national or regional office for a full term of one year), a Vice Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer, Publicity and Sales Officer, a Breed Records Officer, a Registration Inspector and a Gameness/Working Inspector. The Officers of the Club shall be appointed by a member's majority ballot at the AGM. No postal or proxy vote allowed.

#### **7. COMMITTEE**

- 7.1. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by an elected committee to be known as the National Committee. This National Committee shall consist of the above officers as per Rule 6, plus elected representatives from each region. Each Region shall be entitled to elect at their own AGM, to be held before the end of the

- financial year (28 February), one delegate to serve upon the National Committee. All such delegates to be duly elected members of their regional committee.
- 7.2. If a temporary officer vacancy occurs on the National Committee by virtue of death, resignation, suspension or expulsion of a member then the National Committee shall have the power to appoint a person from the National Committee to fill that vacancy until the next AGM.
  - 7.3. In the event of a vacancy for Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall fill the vacancy until the next AGM, at which time a new Chairperson shall be elected as per Rule 7.
  - 7.4. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall automatically take the Chair and, in the absence of both officers, a member shall be elected from among those present to act as Chairperson for that one meeting only.
  - 7.5. Non-attendance - If any member of the National Committee shall be absent from three consecutive meetings she/he shall be asked for an explanation and, if not acceptable to the National Committee she/he shall be deemed to have resigned from office.
  - 7.6. Meetings - The Committee shall meet as often as may be necessary but not less than once between each AGM. Such meetings shall be called by the Secretary upon direction from the Chairperson.
  - 7.7. Decision Binding - Any decision of the Committee within the scope of its duties or powers shall be final and binding on all members, providing that such decision is lawful, conducive to the objectives of the Club and does not infringe upon or negate the constitutional rules of the Club.
  - 7.8. The quorum for a meeting of the National Committee shall be half the Committee Members. Members holding more than one portfolio shall be entitled to one vote
  - 7.9. National Committee is responsible for producing a list of approved judges.

#### **8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

- 8.1. There shall be an Annual General Meeting to be held not later than three (3) months from the end of the financial year (28 February) each year. Attendance at the AGM shall be restricted to fully paid up members of the club and invited guests who shall be at the discretion of the Chairperson. No membership applications will be processed at the AGM. The purpose of the meeting being for the presentation of the National Accounts, National and Region Officers' reports, the election of officers of the National Committee and to discuss motions as described in Rule 8.4.
- 8.2. Not more than fifteen (15) calendar months shall elapse between each AGM.
- 8.3. The National Secretary shall notify all members of the Club stating date, place and time of such meeting and requesting such nominations for vacancies on the National Committee. Proposal will be taken from the floor.
- 8.4. Motions for the agenda duly signed by the proposer and seconder must be received by the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. No motion may be tabled in absence of mover unless the mover has nominated in writing to the Secretary a member to speak on her/his behalf. Motions for "any other business" will be taken from the floor at the start of the meeting. No further motions will be taken after this time, unless they are relevant to prior business already discussed at the meeting.
- 8.5. Special General Meeting may be summoned at any time at reasonable of notice (minimum 7 days) as specified by the National Committee, or must be called, with the permission of the Chairperson by the National Secretary if summoned to do so in writing, by not less than fifteen (15) members of the Club. Such meetings to deal only with the business specified in the request.

- 8.6. Voting at an Annual General Meeting shall be confined to fully paid up adult members of the Club, of not less than three (3) months standing, each of whom shall have one vote. In a case of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote. A majority vote shall be sufficient for all ordinary motions put to a meeting but alterations or amendments to the constitutional rules must receive a majority of two thirds (2/3) of the members present. Members entitled to vote, but not attending a General Meeting, shall be bound by the decisions of that meeting.
- 8.7. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be Twelve (12) paid up members; no motion shall be put to a meeting attended by less than that number.
- 8.8. Disorderly conduct - the power of suspending a member guilty of obstructive or disorderly conduct during the continuance of any current meeting shall be vested in a simple majority vote of members present. If carried, the Chairperson shall suspend the member for the remainder of the meeting or until an apology is received. If the conduct for which the member is being censured continues, the Chairperson will have the authority to suspend or adjourn the meeting to some future date.

## **9. ALTERATION OF RULES**

The rules of the Club may be amended, repealed or replaced only by a motion carried by a majority of at least two thirds (2/3) of the members present at an Annual General Meeting (in accordance with Rule 8.6).

## **10. NATIONAL SHOWS**

- 10.1. The Judge for the ensuing year shall be elected by the National Committee and announced at the AGM. The venue for the following National Show shall be announced at the AGM. The cost of the National Show to be borne by the National body. National Show to be held annually at site nominated by NC.
- 10.2. The Judge's decision at the National Show, which applies equally to Regional events, shall be final and binding in all cases, as long as the Judge's decision conforms to the bye-laws laid down relating to the Breed Standard. Judges to be given a copy of these bye-laws for guidance before judging commences.
- 10.3. All shows must comply with the JRTCGB show format as set out for National, Regional and affiliated shows dated 09-01-2004.
- 10.4. No person, other than the owner or Judge, may handle or pass an opinion on an animal once it has entered the ring, except with the express permission of the owner.
- 10.5. The Judge/s for the National Show to be elected by the National Committee from a list of approved International Judges.
- 10.6. Exhibiting at the JRTCGB National Show, in conformation classes, is limited to fully paid-up members.
- 10.7. All Terriers exhibited at the National Show aged 6 months and over must have a Certificate of Origin (CFO) with the Club.

## **11. AFFILIATION OF NON UK TERRIER CLUBS TO THE JRTC OF GB**

- 11.1. Clubs requiring affiliation shall agree to adopt the Breed Standard, the Constitution and abide by rules of affiliation of the JRTCGB. Affiliated Clubs should note carefully the "guidance notes for affiliated clubs" in the rules for affiliation.
- 11.2. Affiliated clubs may send a non-voting delegate to be present at National Committee meetings of JRTCGB.
- 11.3. Clubs will be accepted for affiliation at the jurisdiction of the National Committee. The affiliation may be terminated by either party.

- 11.4. It is not the policy of this club to form Overseas Regions in countries where an affiliated Club in good standing already exists except by negotiation with the existing affiliate club in that country & at the discretion of the National Committee.
- 11.5. It is not the policy of this Club to accept direct affiliation from Overseas Clubs based in countries already having a parent club in good standing and already affiliated.

## **12. SHOW COMPLAINTS**

- 12.1. Complaints concerning any aspect of a National or Regional Show shall be forwarded in writing to the National Secretary for adjudication by the National Committee (whose decision shall be final) within seven (7) days of the occurrence.
- 12.2. Such complaints may not be voiced publicly at the time of the occurrence, but only made to a member of the organising committee of the Show concerned, whose duty it is to report it to the National Secretary within the allotted seven (7) days.
- 12.3. Such complaint by a member to be accompanied by a fee of R100.00 which will be returnable upon the complaint being substantiated by the National Committee.

## **13. BYE-LAW**

- 13.1. The Committee may from time to time make bye-laws not inconsistent with these rules for governing the conduct of members and the affairs and events of the Club. A copy of these bye-laws to be made available to any member on request

## **14. DISSOLUTION**

- 14.1. A motion for winding up of the Club may be put to a Special General Meeting called for this purpose by the National Secretary, on behalf of the National Committee, giving reasonable notice (minimum of 7 days) in writing to all members on the register.
- 14.2. At such a meeting a majority of three quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the voting members shall be required to carry the motion. In the event of such a meeting being called, postal votes may be submitted and accepted providing such votes are received seven (7) days prior to the date notified of the meeting. All votes will be in accordance with rule 8 of the constitution.
- 14.3. Upon the motion for the winding up of the Club being carried by the stated majority, the assets of the Club, after payment of the debts and liabilities, shall be devoted to a charitable purpose designated by the meeting.

## **15. CONFLICTING ORGANISATION**

No JRTCSA member may permit their Jack Russell Terrier to participate, or participate themselves in any Jack Russell Terrier related event or activity, connected in any way to a Conflicting Organization. Jack Russell Terriers registered with a Conflicting Organization cannot be shown at a JRTCSA event

## 16. GENERAL

- 16.1. All complaints and grievances with reference to the Club, its members or activities, to be made in writing to the National Secretary who will include them on the agenda for the next meeting, Committee or General, as the nature of the complaint demands.
- 16.2. All such complaints or grievances not notified in writing as above must be treated as heresy and therefore cannot be acted upon.

## 17. REGISTRATION OF TERRIERS & PREFIX

The criteria for registration of a Jack Russell Terrier with the JRTCSEA is as follows

- 17.1 Registration is only available to paid up members of the JRTCSEA
- 17.2 The Terrier must be at least 50% white
- 17.3 The Terrier must not have any KC registered terriers within its pedigree/ C of O
- 17.4 The Terrier should generally conform to the Breed Standard

The Rule for overseas registration with JRTCGB is as follows:

If an overseas affiliate club exists in the country of residence then an applicant for overseas membership must first become a member of that club

If an affiliate club exists in the country of residence then the applicant for overseas registration must first register the terrier with that club.

The conflicting organisation rule applies at all stages.

The fee for registration is as current GB Pounds plus correct return postage. For a litter it is at current GB Pounds. Phone number & email address must be included as per the requirements for UK registration.

The inbreeding rule i.e. father/daughter, mother/son, or brother/sister matings within the pedigree will render the terrier unregistrable.

NOTE RULES 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 above are part of the affiliation rules as agreed with & adopted by all affiliated clubs & regions of the JRTCGB.

Signed on behalf of **THE JACK RUSSELL TERRIER CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA**

L Weich  
Chairperson

A Weich  
Secretary

Dated: 19/11/2016

**GENERAL NOTE** - It must be borne in mind that every Officer of the Club must act legally, and nominees of the Club may sue any officer for fraud or dishonestly where evidence of this comes to light. The Club will not be responsible for legal acts by Officers taken outside the scope of their authority or instructions.

As amended AGM May 2002. AGM May 2006. SGM 19 November 2016