Membership Application

"Our continuing goals are to do everything in our power to protect the Bulldog breed, promote interest and advancement of the Bulldog breed through education relating to responsible ownership and breeding and to encourage sportsmanship and competition at dog shows."

Name(s): _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Email(s): _____

Phone Number(s): _____ [ ] Home [ ] Cell _____ [ ] Home [ ] Cell

1. Do you own a bulldog(s)? If so, how many? _____

2. Interests: [ ] Conformation [ ] Breeding [ ] Obedience [ ] Performance [ ] Pet Therapy [ ] Pet/Companion
   Have you participated in any of the above and if so, for how long? _____

3. Reason for this application to BCGS? _____
   _____

4. Skills/Volunteer Interest: [ ] Dog Show Handling [ ] Obedience Training [ ] Agility [ ] Dog Tricks [ ] Judging
   [ ] Show Chairperson [ ] Event Organizer [ ] Membership [ ] Fundraising [ ] Secretary [ ] Treasurer
   [ ] Newsletter [ ] Website [ ] Computers [ ] Education [ ] Dog Rescue [ ] Other

5. Other animal affiliated clubs or organizations of which you are a member or were a member: _____
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6. Have you ever been suspended from the American Kennel Club and if so, please explain circumstances: _____
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I (we) hereby agree to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Bulldogs shall be judged. I also agree to abide by the Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle's Constitution and By-Laws (available at www,bulldogclubofgreaterseattle.com) and the Code of Civility and Sportsmanship (attached) and to abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club. I hereby certify that I am in good standing with the American Kennel Club.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Proposed by the following BCGS members: (signature & printed name) ***(Proposals may be submitted by email to secretary@bulldogclubofgreaterseattle.com. Must include name of prospective member.)***

BCGS Member 1: Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Emailed: [ ]
BCGS Member 2: Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Emailed: [ ]

Membership Dues (individual or household, limited to two members in the same household): $20.00
Dues for individual or household memberships are payable at the time the application is received and has been endorsed by two active BCGS members. Membership is presented at the next monthly meeting and voted on during the following monthly meeting. Until applicants have been voted into membership, they are not able to vote in any election. Members voted in September-December shall be considered as having paid dues for the following year. The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle meets monthly online or at a designated meeting place in the Seattle area. For more information, visit the Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle Facebook page and the club's website at www.bulldogclubofgreaterseattle.com

Mail completed application and first year's dues to:
Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle, Attn: Sandy Fisher, 704 228th Ave NE, #515, Sammamish, WA 98074

Date Received: _____ Payment Received: _____ Date Presented: _____ Date Voted: _____ Approved: ___ Rejected: ___

Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Code of Civility and Sportsmanship

Shared Values
All members of BCGS are expected to embody and uphold the organization's core values at all times, both within club activities and in their conduct outside the club. These values serve as the foundation for a positive and welcoming environment where everyone can thrive and the integrity of the sport is preserved.

- Lead by example with humility, kindness, and ethical conduct. Inspire others to uphold these standards consistently in all interactions and activities.
- Foster an inclusive and respectful atmosphere where diversity is not only accepted but valued, ensuring that every member feels welcome and supported.
- Preserve the sport for future generations by maintaining its integrity, honoring its traditions, and protecting its positive reputation in the broader community.

Responsibility to the Community
Each member has a duty to support the growth and health of the club community. This involves being proactive in helping others, encouraging participation, and ensuring the club's standards are upheld.

- Support newcomers by offering mentorship, sharing education, and providing encouragement. This approach helps foster a culture of growth and inclusivity.
- Encourage both membership and active participation in club events and activities to strengthen connections and build a vibrant community.
- Uphold AKC rules, club bylaws, and breed standards with diligence, maintaining fairness and consistency in all aspects of club life.
- Avoid actions that could jeopardize the club's integrity or legal standing by always acting with transparency and accountability.

Ethical Conduct and Civility
Ethical behavior and civility are essential to nurturing a positive and trusting environment. Members are expected to communicate honestly and respectfully, whether in person or online, and to act with dignity and humility in all interactions.

- Engage in honest, respectful, and courteous communication in all settings to foster a welcoming and positive environment.
- Avoid gossip, disparagement, bullying, or misleading statements that could harm individuals or the reputation of the sport.
- Accept constructive criticism graciously and approach every aspect of competition with humility and grace.

Communication Expectations
Effective and responsible communication is vital for maintaining the integrity of the club and the sport. Members should use all forms of communication thoughtfully and ensure that concerns are addressed appropriately.

- Use social media and written communications responsibly, focusing on sharing positive and accurate information that reflects well on the club and the sport.
- Avoid spreading rumors, innuendo, hostility, or misrepresentation that could damage reputations or the sport's standing.
- Direct any concerns or issues to the appropriate club leadership rather than public forums, so that matters can be resolved constructively and respectfully.

Commitment to Dogs and the Sport
The welfare of dogs and the preservation of the sport are at the heart of BCGS. Members are entrusted with upholding the highest standards for dog care and for the legacy of purebred dog sports.

- Prioritize the welfare, health, and well-being of dogs and their breeds, ensuring they lead happy, healthy lives.
- Maintain high standards of care, cleanliness, and responsible breeding practices to support the longevity and quality of the breeds.
- Respect the history, traditions, and integrity of purebred dog sports, honoring those who have contributed to the sport's legacy.
- Always conduct oneself in a manner that reflects positively on the sport and related organizations, acting as ambassadors for the community.

Sportsmanship in Competition
Sportsmanship is a cornerstone of the club's values. Members are expected to approach competition with fairness, professionalism, and respect for all participants.

- Treat exhibitors, judges, officials, volunteers, club members and spectators with dignity and respect, acknowledging and appreciating their contributions.
- Compete honestly and fairly, judging and exhibiting dogs based solely on their merits without bias or favoritism.
- Understand and accept that reasonable minds may differ regarding competition outcomes and always respect differing opinions with professionalism.
- Show appreciation for competitors and recognize the effort they invest, fostering camaraderie and mutual respect among all participants.
- Decline to exhibit under judges where a conflict of interest may exist, in order to maintain impartiality and trust within the sport.

Accountability and Discipline
Accountability is essential to upholding the values and standards of BCGS. Members must understand the consequences of violating ethical expectations and the club's commitment to protecting the community from misconduct.

- Recognize that violations of ethical expectations may result in disciplinary action, which can include reprimands, suspension, or permanent removal from membership.
- Acknowledge that the club may take additional action in cases involving legal or ethical misconduct to ensure the safety and integrity of the community.