



NORTHERN BORZOI ASSOCIATION RULES

General

1. The Association shall be called the **Northern Borzoi Association**.
2. The aim and objectives of the Association shall be to promote the breeding of pure Borzoi as defined by The Kennel Club Limited (hereinafter call "The Kennel Club"), as the only recognised standard by which Borzoi are to be judged and so maintaining the perpetuation of the qualities of the breed.
3. To promote education, study and the welfare of the breed.
4. The Association shall not join any federation of societies or clubs.
5. The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules of the Association in all cases relative to canine or Association matters.

Kennel Club Rules

6. The officers acknowledge that in the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title (MoT) fee will be forwarded annually to the Kennel Club by the secretary, for the continuance of registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of the title of Societies and Breed Councils and the affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities.

The officers also acknowledge their duty to inform The Kennel Club of any changes of secretary or other officers and committee members of the Association which may occur during the course of the year.

7. The rules of the Association may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the notice for which should contain any specific proposals to amend the rule.

Any proposed alteration to the rules may not be brought into force until The Kennel Club has been advised and approved the alteration.

New rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately.

8. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the committee or hold any office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

Membership

9. No officer or member of the Northern Borzoi Association Committee shall be eligible for election to the Borzoi Club Committee.
10. The Association shall consist of an unlimited number of members whose names and addresses shall be detailed in a book kept for that purpose by the secretary. Such book shall

be made available for inspection by (a) The Kennel Club and or (b) a member of the Association subject to receiving adequate notification of such a request. A declaration of the number of members of the Association must be made with the annual returns.

An up-to-date list of members and their addresses, and those of branch members, where appropriate, must be maintained and, if so requested, made available for inspection by the Kennel Club and members of the Association.

11. The election of members shall be entrusted to the committee, each applicant shall be proposed and seconded by another fully paid-up member. A vote on membership being taken by a show of hands. A majority vote against shall exclude the applicant from membership.
12. An annual subscription shall be paid which entitles the subscriber to full membership, plus an optional donation to the Northern Borzoi Association's Rescue Scheme during its lifetime.

Senior membership with full voting rights is available for members over 65 at a reduced rate. Junior membership for ages eight to sixteen (without voting rights) shall be available for the same reduced rate. The annual subscription shall be as proposed by the committee and agreed by the members at Annual General Meeting.

The annual subscription shall be payable to the treasurer on the 1st January each year. No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any privileges of membership. If any member shall fail to pay the annual subscription by 1st February, his/her name shall be automatically erased from the register. Acceptance back on the register will be dependent upon a new application and payment of arrears. The committee shall have the power to erase their 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, and on payment of any arrears, be readmitted to membership.

13. The payment of the subscription entitles the member to enjoy the benefits and privilege of the Association; such payment is a pledge to abide by the Rules and Code of Ethics of the Association.
14. The Committee shall have the power to recommend to an Annual General Meeting the election of Honorary Life Members, subject to obtaining a majority vote.
15. The officers and committee of the Association will not tolerate members bullying, abusing or making inappropriate statements on social media/Internet sites.

Any member found to be making derogatory remarks or defamatory or inflammatory statements about any persons, show or canine entrant and a complaint is received, will be reported to the Kennel Club.
16. Any member who shall be disqualified under Kennel Club rule A11.j.(5) and/or Kennel Club rule A11.j.(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Association.

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 condition as The Kennel Club may impose.

If the Association expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows, trials or competitions, the Association must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required.

Committee

17. The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, a chairman, (who shall have served on the committee for at least three years) a vice-chairman and a committee of eight. The president shall be invited to take the chair at the Annual General Meeting. The chairman or vice-chairman will take the chair at all committee meetings. A cup steward will be elected from the committee, by the committee.

Voting for the officers and committee shall take place at the Annual General Meeting. Each fully paid-up member shall be entitled to one vote, but members who have not paid their current subscription by 31st January will not be entitled to vote. Each member of a partnership shall be entitled to one vote.

18. A maximum of two members of any family or partnership can serve on the committee at the same time and, of those two, only one can be an officer.

19. The Association may have a patron, elected at the Annual General Meeting at which time the term of office may be determined.

20. The management of the Association shall be in the hands of officers and committee of eight, who will serve a two-year term. Four members of the committee will retire in one year and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The remaining four retiring in the alternate year and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Where there are more than four committee places available for re-election, the four members serving two years consist of those with the highest number of votes at the Annual General Meeting at which they were elected.

21. The President shall be elected for a period of three years; the vice-presidents shall be elected annually.

22. A person may be co-opted to the committee to fill any casual vacancy and will only serve for the remainder of the remainder of the one-year term of the person he/she replaces, but he/she shall be eligible for re-election.
23. The officers shall be ex-officio members of the committee.
24. The officers and committee shall have the power to deal with any question relating to the management of the Association not provided for in the rules, and for all financial matters, including the guaranteeing of classes, offering specials and voting of the use of any Association funds towards any matter connected with dog shows and/or welfare issues.
25. Members of the committee and any member of the Association who may be called upon to undertake any special services on behalf of the Association shall be entitled to receive all reasonable outlays incurred in carrying out such services.
26. A member of the committee shall vacate office if absent from any meetings/events or any sub-committee on four consecutive occasions without just cause intimated to the secretary.
27. No person shall be deemed a member of the Association or be entitled to the privileges of membership until subscriptions have been paid. Members whose subscriptions for the current year have not been paid by 1st February shall not be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting on any matter whatsoever.

Finances

28. The financial year of the Association shall be from 1st January to 31st December.
29. 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 withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of two out of three of the president, secretary, and treasurer. These shall act as the Association Trustees. The duties of the secretary and treasurer shall be those as laid done by The Kennel Club.
30. An auditor or auditors shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting but any casual vacancy in the office of auditor shall be filled by the committee appointing another auditor, who, however, shall hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting. The auditor(s) must be one qualified accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience. Those undertaking the certification must be independent from those who prepared the accounts.

A copy of the annual statement of accounts for the last year, certified in accordance with the rules of the Association to be sent to all members of the Association. However, a copy of the annual statement of accounts will be made available on request to members 14 days

prior to the AGM. Additionally, the annual statement of accounts will be available for inspection by members at the Annual General Meeting.

31. The members of the committee and the sub-committee, the secretary, treasurer, auditor(s) and other officers for the time being of the Association, shall be indemnified out of the funds of the Association against loss, costs and charges which they may respectively incur or be put to on account of any contract, deed, act, matter or thing done, entered into, executed or permitted by them respectively on behalf of the Association and each of them shall be chargeable only for so much money as he/she may actually receive and they shall not be answerable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults only.

Cups and Trophies

32. Cups and trophies will be held from Association show to Association show. Any points cups and trophies to be awarded on the year from 1st January to 31st December. A non-refundable fee will be required which will be donated to the Northern Borzoi Association's Rescue Scheme. The Committee to decide on the amount of such deposit. Exhibitors are liable for loss or damage to the cups and trophies whilst in their possession. The amount of deposit will be determined by the Committee from time to time. A donor of any cup or trophy will state in writing that the cup or trophy is an outright gift and the property of the Association.

Property

33. The property of the Association shall be vested in the committee. In the event of the Association ceasing to exist, a final General Meeting shall be called to decide the Association assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club.
34. Upon dissolution or winding up of the Association, a final statement of audited accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Association shall be forwarded to The Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as officers and committee of the Association on the last return furnished to The Kennel Club, will be responsible by The Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Association.

35. The Association may be dissolved or wound up only by the following procedure:

A Resolution to be put forward by the committee or one third of the membership, this must then be:

- (a) Followed by a Special General Meeting where three-quarters of the membership present and voting shall confirm the resolution.

- (b) Voting on the resolution shall be by postal ballot of all members and a three-quarter majority shall decide. The postal ballot shall be undertaken not less than fourteen days after the date of the Special General Meeting. Voting papers to be returned to the Kennel Club by the specified date on the voting paper.

Meetings of the Association

- 36. There shall be an Annual General Meeting to receive the report of the report of the committee and the balance sheet, to elect officers and committee and to discuss any resolution duly placed on the agenda, prior notice of which has been given to the honorary secretary by a specific date. 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. Any resolution for inclusion on the AGM or GM Agenda must be forwarded with signatures of the proposer and seconder.
- 37. Nomination forms are to be sent out prior to the Annual General Meeting, accompanied by a record of attendance at meetings and Association events by the retiring committee. Nominations must be proposed and seconded, and signed, by fully paid-up members, and must be signed by the member signifying their willingness to stand. In the event of an equality of votes being recorded, a re-vote shall be taken.
- 38. Any proposition defeated at a General Meeting, Annual General meeting or Special General Meeting may not be resubmitted for consideration by the membership for a period of two years from the date of the meeting where the said proposition was defeated.
- 39. A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the secretary if one third of the members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed. No business other than the matter on the agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting. The date of a Special General Meeting shall not be later than 28 days after receiving the request for such a meeting. Members will receive notice no later than 14 days before the proposed Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. The committee shall have the power to call a Special General Meeting for any reason whatsoever.
- 40. The Committee shall decide the date, time and venue of any meeting of the Association.
- 41. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting of the Association to any member(s), providing this does not exceed one tenth of the total membership being entitled to receive such notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings of any meeting.
- 42. Meetings of the committee shall be held as often as may be necessary. Seven shall form a quorum, including two officers, for the transaction of business. If committee attendance falls below the stated quorum, those committee members remaining may take such action as deemed necessary to conclude the business remaining on the agenda.

43. The committee may order the formation of a sub-committee as and when deemed necessary.
44. In the course of meetings of the committee and sub-committee, members must disclose any interest which may conflict with the proper consideration of a matter under discussion. The meetings shall then decide whether the member can participate in and/or vote upon the said matter.
45. All sub-committees shall submit full reports of their activities to the committee and also minutes of their meetings for the review by the committee. They shall have no executive powers.
46. The Association shall keep a minute book which must contain a record of all business transacted at general meetings and committee meetings, including a record of all guarantees offered by the Association. The Association must also maintain a system of accounts showing a complete record of Income and expenditure of the Association and balance sheets.

All of these and any other documents belonging to the Association to be made available to the Kennel Club on request. Certified accounts to be available for all members/sent to all members on request at the Annual General Meeting at times stipulated in the rules.

Judges

47. The Committee shall maintain lists (A1, A2, A3, B and C) of those persons competent and willing to officiate as judges and these lists shall be for the year only and revised annually. Candidates for any list must send details of their judging experience to the honorary secretary for consideration by the judges sub-committee appointed by the committee of the Association to review applications to the judging lists. Judges sub-committee members need not be members of the Association and a minimum of 75% of the selection panel to have awarded Challenge Certificates in the breed.

Persons wishing to judge should apply in the first instance for inclusion on the appropriate list using the Northern Borzoi Association's Application Form which is available from the secretary. Criteria for each list will be reviewed by the committee in accordance with the mandatory Kennel Club Judges' Working Party requirements as issued by the Kennel Club. The secretary will maintain the current criteria and make these available on request.

A1 List – Judges who have previously been approved to award CCs in the breed and to have carried out the appointment.

A2 List – Judges who if invited to judge by the Association would in principle be approved by the Kennel Club to award CCs in the breed for that occasion.

A3 List – Judges who the Association would support as being suitable to award CCs in the breed but who, as yet, have not been approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 List.

B List – Judges who have been approved by the Association to judge at shows without CCs or Open Shows.

C List – For aspiring Judges who do not fall into the above categories.

It is the responsibility of those people whose names appear on the list to provide the secretary with annual updates of their judging experience.

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Rule 47 is subject to change according to the mandatory Kennel Club Judges Working Party requirements issued by the Kennel Club from time to time.

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