

THE SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF NORTH WALES  
CLUB RULES (2022)

1. The Club shall be called “THE SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF NORTH WALES” and its aim shall be to encourage and promote the breed as a working dog and to adhere to the Breed Standard approved by the Kennel Club, in breeding, showing and obedience. To help and encourage novice owners, breeders and handlers.
2. The Club shall consist of an unlimited numbers of members.
3. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary who together with a committee of nine members, . . . shall conduct the affairs of the club. Any five to form a quorum.  
In the event of a Committee member retiring for any reason, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt a replacement. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on a committee or hold . any other office or appointment within a KENNEL CLUB REGISTERED SOCIETY.
4. The Officers and Committee Members shall retire in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election for a three year period. If a retiring officer is not re-elected he or she can if desired, be automatically nominated for election as a Committee member. If any member of the Committee fails to attend three meetings in succession without giving prior notice to the Secretary, he or she shall cease forthwith to be a member.
5. No member of the Club shall be eligible for election as an officer or Committee who is an official of another Club devoted to the same breed.
6. The Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not dealt with in the Club Rules.
7. All members shall be asked to put forward any names they may wish to suggest and these together with names of retiring Officers and committee members shall be voted for by a postal ballot of all members provided that those members are fully paid up. Permission of the nominee in writing to be obtained before submitting. In the event of a postal ballot resulting in a tie, the members attending the A.G.M. shall be asked to decide the issue by a secret ballot without prior discussion being permitted.
8. A banking account shall be opened in the name of “The Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales” and all Club money lodged to that account, excepting that a Deposit Account may be opened with a Building Society in which those funds which the Committee deems not to be immediately needed for the efficient running of the Club may be deposited. All payments made by cheque and signed by two appointed officers, one of whom shall be the Treasurer. Similarly, cash transfers from the Building Society Account to be signed by two appointed officers, one of whom shall be the The Treasurer.
9. Annual subscriptions shall be decided at each year's Annual General Meeting. Junior members shall not be entitled to vote on Club matters. Subscriptions are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year notice of withdrawal must be given before the above date. Members joining after September 30<sup>th</sup> shall not be liable to pay their next subscription until 1<sup>st</sup> January of the following year after. No other form of payment shall entitle to membership of the Club. Any member whose subscription is one year in arrears shall be communicated with and, in the event of the Subscription remaining unpaid shall cease to be a member. A member who joins after September 30<sup>th</sup> shall not be entitled to vote in any ballot, nor stand for any office or committee of the Club before the A.G.M. following. Candidates for any office of the Club must have served a term as a committee member or officer of the Club.

10. No expense shall be incurred by the Club's officials or Committee beyond the Club's funds.
11. The Committee shall have the power to accept any new member.
12. The financial year ends 31<sup>st</sup> December and the accounts shall be audited and a copy of the balance sheet sent to all members. The Annual general meeting shall take place in the first quarter of the year. 12 members shall constitute a quorum.  
 Certification of accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two unqualified individuals with accounting experience, independent of the committee. The certified accounts will be made available on request to members fourteen days prior to the A.G.M.  
 A Special general meeting can be called at any time by The Secretary of the Club or on the request of ten members.  
 All members shall receive at least fourteen days notice previous to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. No business other than that named in the Agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting. No business shall be transacted at the A.G.M. unless notice appears thereof in the Agenda, with the exception of routine matters, which in the opinion of the Chairman are urgent.
13. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee and in the event of the Club ceasing to exist a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the assets.
14. The Rules of The Club shall not be altered except at an A.G.M. or Special General Meeting. Any alterations of rules passed at the General Meeting shall not be brought into force until The Kennel Club has been advised and given approval of the alteration. the notice for which contains specific proposals to amend the rules.
15. The Club shall not join any federation of Clubs or Societies  
 The Club must produce a list of judges each year which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Club's annual returns. (Kennel Club Regulation C4a(1)(b))refers)  
 The Committee shall be empowered to remove any names from the list if, in its opinion, it is no longer desirable that the name shall be included. This list shall be added to from time to time as the Judges Sub-Committee decides, such additions to be obtained from a list of persons proposed by members of the Club. This list should be reviewed at least every three years.

Before being placed upon the club's list candidates must satisfy the following criteria:-

### **C List**

Persons who meet the following requirements

To have a minimum of 5 years proven interest in pedigree dogs

To have attended a requirements of a dog show judge seminar (it is not mandatory to sit and pass examination)

Attend a conformation and movement seminar

To complete at least 2 full-days stewarding appointments

### **B List (Breed Specialist)**

Persons who meet the following requirements

To have a minimum of 5 years judging experience in Shetland Sheepdogs and the support of The Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales.

To have judged a minimum of 60 Shetland Sheepdogs present at open shows or championship show without Challenge Certificates

And /Or to have achieved JEP level 2 requirements (see below)

## **B List (Non-Breed Specialist) JEP Level 2**

Persons who meet the following requirements

To take and pass requirements of a dog show judge.

To pass points of a dog assessment.

Attend a breed appreciation day (BAD) and pass a multiple choice examination (MCE) for Shetland Sheepdogs

View ring stewarding seminar and take on line quiz

Complete critique writing seminar and take on line quiz

**A1 List** For persons who have previously been approved by the K.C. to award Challenge Certificates in Shetland sheepdogs and have completed their first appointment and have the support of The Shetland sheepdog Club of North Wales.

**A2 List** For persons who fulfil all the requirements for the A3 list and have been assessed in accordance with K.C. requirements and have been accepted by the K.C. for inclusion on the A2 list and have the support of The Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales

**A3 List (Breed Specialist)** (TOJS) requirements Persons who meet the following requirements

A minimum of 7 years judging experience in Shetland Sheepdogs and the support of The Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales.

To have judged a minimum of 1 Shetland Sheepdog Club Show or three Shetland Sheepdog Club Supported shows

To have judged the breed minimum of 120 dogs present to include the above

To have bred and/or owned 3 Shetland Sheepdogs who have been awarded K.C. stud book

To have attended a seminar given by a K.C. accredited trainer and passed the relevant examination on K.C. Regulations & Judging procedures.

To have attended a points of the dog assessment conducted by a K.C. accredited trainer on conformation and movement

To have attended a seminar given by a K.C. accredited trainer on conformation and movement.

To have attended at least 1 Shetland Sheepdog Breed Club judging seminar run in accordance with relevant K.C. code of best practice and passed an examination and/or A3 assessment by a Shetland Sheepdog Club

To have stewarded for 12 days for any breed(S) at KC licensed show excluding companion show

## **A3 List (Non-Breed Specialist)**

To have at least ten years judging experience in any one other breed and including seven years judging experience in Shetland Sheepdogs and have the support of SSCNW or 3 Shetland Sheepdog Club supported show

To have judged the breed with a minimum of 120 dogs present

To have awarded CC's in at least one other breed in the pastoral group.

To have attended at least 1 Shetland Sheepdog Breed Club judging seminar run in accordance with relevant K.C. code of best practice and passed an examination

To have judged at one Shetland Sheepdog Club Open Show or three Shetland Sheepdog and/or A3 assessment by a Shetland Sheepdog Club

To have bred/owned a minimum of 3 dogs in any breed when they obtained their first entry in the Kennel Club stud book (save in exceptional circumstances)

## **A3 List (JEP LEVEL 3)**

Undergo a minimum of 3 mentoring sessions with a minimum of 12 months between the first and third sessions

To be observed judging a Shetland Sheepdog Club Show, breed supported entry or Championship show without CC's

Complete the remaining 10 days stewarding appointments (one time qualifications )

To have owned or bred 3 dogs who have been awarded K.C. stud book (save in exceptional circumstances)

To have achieved the relevant hands on experience in line with relevant stud book band ( band E)

To have attended and passed a breed-specific assessment for Shetland Sheepdogs run by the Kennel Club..

16 Any member who shall be suspended under kennel Club rules A42j(4) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under K.C. rule A42j(8) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of The Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification. If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the committee of The Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interest of the Club, the committee of the club may, at a meeting, the notice of convening which include as an object the consideration of the conduct of the member, determine that a special General Meeting of the club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. Notice of the Special Meeting shall be sent to the accused member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising him/her of the place, date and hour of the meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at that meeting, a resolution 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 club, except that he/she may within two calendar months from the date of such a meeting appeal to The kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club shall impose.

17 The Kennel Club shall be the final court of appeal in all matters of dispute.

18 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 31<sup>st</sup> July each year, other returns, as may be stipulated in the Kennel Club regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities, will be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the kennel club of any change of Secretary of the society, which may occur during the course of the year.

19 The Club shall maintain a list of member's names and addresses which are available for inspection if so requested by the members of the club by the Kennel Club.

20 Judges for the Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales Championship and Open Shows are selected by postal ballot of the membership annually.

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