



Somerset Pedigree Whippet Racing Club

General Rules.

1. The name of the club shall be “**SOMERSET PEDIGREE WHIPPET RACING CLUB**”.

2. DOGS AND PEOPLE ATTEND AT THEIR OWN RISK. THE CLUB ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT OR INJURY TO EITHER.

3. At least one Club Committee Official shall be a member of the Whippet Club.

4. Aims and objectives.

The aims and objectives of the club will be

- (1). To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in pedigree whippet racing.
- (2). To promote the club and whippet racing within Somerset.
- (3). To insure a duty of care to all members of the club and visitors to our events.
- (4). To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone.
- (5). To act as a responsible tenant of any hired or loaned facilities.

5. Membership.

Non-members may attend up to, but no more than, three club meetings in any calendar year. Anybody wishing to become a member of the club must submit an “Application for Member ship” form. Applicants must be endorsed by a paid-up member. The completed form must be sent to the club Secretary. All applicants will be reviewed by the Committee and the Secretary will advise the applicant(s) of the outcome.

5.2. Any applicant who does not have a whippet with a passport for a dog of eligible racing age, can only be granted an “associate membership” Associate members are not eligible to vote at any club meetings.

5.3 Membership fees and racing/trialling charges are set annually at the AGM.

5.4 Club membership fees are due on the first meeting of the current year or the first attended meet.

6. The Committee.

All officers will retire at the following AGM but will be eligible for immediate re-appointment All nominees must be present to be eligible for official positions including committee posts.

7. Finance.

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.

The club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.

The financial year of the club will end on the 30th of November. An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the AGM. Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer and at least one other officer.

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8. Annual General Meeting.

Notice of the AGM will be given by the Secretary.

Not less than 21 clear days-notice to be given to all members.

All voting members may nominate themselves or another voting member for any of the roles on the Committee. Nominations must be sent to the Secretary seven days prior to the AGM.

Any matter, which a member wishes to raise at the AGM, shall be notified to the Secretary in writing at least seven days before the meeting.

The AGM will receive a report from outgoing officers of the Committee and a statement of the audited accounts.

Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM

Only voting members have the right to vote at the AGM

Each voting member shall have one vote. A vote will be carried by a simple majority. In the event of equality of votes for and against, the Chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote.

An Extraordinary General Meeting (outside of the AGM) can be called by the Secretary, or 3 or more Committee members.

9. Disciplinary procedures, conduct and behaviour.

Pedigree whippet racing and the activities of the club both on and off-site is intended to be a safe and sociable activity where members can participate in their sport without fear of bullying, harassment, intimidation or unacceptable behaviour from other members of the club, or from visitors to the club.

Any member or visitor expressing "unacceptable behaviour" can be expelled from the club grounds immediately by any club official on the day. The Committee can rescind membership for anyone expressing "unacceptable behaviour".

10. Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through majority vote of the membership.

11. Amendments to club rules

The club rules will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.