



CONSTITUTION

These Bylaws are subject to and governed by the State of New Jersey LLC Laws and the Articles of Incorporation of Stonehedge Dog Sports, LLC.

ARTICLE I

Name and Objects

SECTION 1. The name of the club shall be Stonehedge Dog Sports Club

SECTION 2. The objects of the club shall be:

(a) to promote the training of all breeds of dogs;

(b) to disseminate knowledge regarding

- Barn Hunt
- Happy Ratters
- WCERA
- CGC/ATT
- Farm Dog Certification
- Other dog sports

(c) to conduct classes for the training of dogs and their handlers;

(d) to encourage the training of judges;

(e) to hold and support

- Barn Hunt trials
- Barn Hunt Fun Tests
- Happy Ratters trials
- Happy Ratters Judge's Workshops
- WCERA trials
- CGC/ATT/FDC testing
- and any other event for which the club is eligible

(f) to promote cooperation and good sportsmanship among its members in the training and exhibition of dogs.

SECTION 3. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, directors, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions on furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Constitution or in Article I of the Bylaws.

SECTION 4. The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such bylaws as may be required to carry out these objects.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Membership

SECTION 1. Eligibility. There shall be Regular, Limited, Supporter and Lifetime types of membership open to all persons 18 years of age and older who subscribe to the purposes of this Club. Junior memberships will also be made available to those person under the age of 18. Juniors will require an adult guardian co-signee and an adult sponsor who is a member of the club. The guardian and sponsor can be the same person.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.

Club Benefits	Regular Membership	Limited Membership	Supporter Membership	Lifetime Membership	Junior Membership
Monthly Group Activities (at club's expense)	YES	YES	NO	TBD	TBD
Discounted Merchandise	YES	YES	YES	TBD	TBD
Priority access to Guest Lectures	YES	NO	NO	TBD	TBD
Priority access to Demos (bitework, etc)	YES	NO	NO	TBD	TBD
Priority access to Lessons & Clinics	YES	NO	NO	TBD	TBD
Reserved runs in Trials (3 members selected each month)	YES	NO	NO	TBD	TBD
Free t-shirt	YES	YES	YES	TBD	TBD
Recognition Program for special titles	YES	YES	NO	TBD	TBD
Free shirts/gear for BH Regionals & National	YES	NO	NO	TBD	TBD
Annual Versatility Awards	YES	YES	NO	TBD	TBD
Annual Holiday Party & Awards Dinner	YES	YES	NO	TBD	TBD

SECTION 2. *Dues.* Regular membership dues shall not exceed \$55 per year, Limited membership dues shall not exceed \$25 per year, Supporter membership dues shall not exceed \$10 per year, payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. Lifetime & Junior membership dues TBD. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the Financial/Fiscal year. During the month of November the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the Financial/Fiscal year.

SECTION 3. *Election to Membership.* Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the board of directors (“Board” or “the Board”) and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the constitution and bylaws and the rules and regulations of the Club. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the Financial/Fiscal year.

All applications for membership shall be filed with the Secretary. Each membership application shall be reviewed and voted on by the board of directors.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club can reapply six months after the date of rejection.

SECTION 4. *Termination of Membership.* Memberships may be terminated:

(a) *by resignation.* Upon written notice to the Secretary. (b) *by lapsing.* A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member’s dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the Financial/Fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional [30 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.

(c) *by expulsion.* A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these bylaws.

ARTICLE II

Meetings and Voting

SECTION 1. *Club Meetings.* Meetings of the club may be held no less than quarterly by methods, in-person or virtual, in Hackettstown NJ, as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be sent via email by the Secretary thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.

SECTION 2. *Special Club Meetings.* Special club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held by methods such as virtual or in-person in Hackettstown NJ designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be sent *via email* by the Secretary *ten days (10)* prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other club business may be transacted thereat.

SECTION 3. *Board Meetings.* Meetings of the Board may be held each month (or as frequently as is necessary) in Hackettstown NJ by methods (virtual or in-person) as designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be sent via email by the Secretary, *thirty (30) days* prior to the date of the meeting.

SECTION 4. *Special Board Meetings.* Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held virtually or in Hackettstown NJ, if held in-person designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting.

Written notice of such meeting shall be sent via email *by the Secretary ten (10) days* prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat.

SECTION 5. *Voting.* Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the Financial/Fiscal year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the club at which the member is present and a vote is held. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting

ARTICLE III

Directors and Officers

SECTION 1. *Board of Directors.* The Board shall be comprised of the officers and 2 other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing. General management of the club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board.

SECTION 2. *Officers.* The club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Board and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws.

(b) The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.

(c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club; have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, keep a roll of the members of the club with their email addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these bylaws.

(d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the club. The club shall be insured in such amount and through a type of policy as the Board shall determine which will cover the actions of the Treasurer.

(e) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person; in which case the Board shall be comprised of five (5) persons.

ARTICLE IV

The Club's Financial/Fiscal Year, Official Year

SECTION 1. *Financial/Fiscal Year.* The Financial/Fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January, and end on the last day of December.

SECTION 2. *Club's Official Year.* The club's Official Year shall begin on the first day of January, and end on the last day of December.

ARTICLE V

Committees

SECTION 1. The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the club. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board.

SECTION 2. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

ARTICLE VI

Discipline

SECTION 1. *Expulsion.* The Board shall vote on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII

Dissolution

SECTION 1. The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the Board

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the above Constitution and Bylaws and agree to abide by them as a condition of my membership.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-signee Name: _____ Co-signee Signature: _____

Guardian Name: _____ Guardian Signature: _____