Essex Working Trials Society - 2000

Society Rules

(Updated June 2019)

1. The Society shall be known as Essex Working Trials Society - 2000.

The registered office of the Society shall be Fiddlesticks, Tiptree Road, Great Braxted, Essex CM8 3EF or such other address as the Committee may decide.

The object of the Society is to provide facilities for the training and instruction of dogs for Working Trials and to hold Kennel Club Licensed Working Trials Competitions.

2. The Government of the Society shall be a Committee of maximum nine members (not less than six), consisting of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and maximum six (not less than three) other members elected by the Society at the Annual General Meeting to be held in July of each year.

3. Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election annually. Club members will not be eligible for election onto the committee until they have completed 12 months continuous membership.

Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary but at least every three months.

A quorum for Committee meetings shall be 4.

 The Committee will conduct its business in accordance with protocols determined within the Committee.

 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings.

Those co-opted shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Club at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place.

4. **MEMBERSHIP**

 The committee reserve the right to refuse membership to any person they see fit.

 Membership fee is £10.00 per person annually.

 The Society must advise the number of their members to the Kennel Club with their Annual Returns and, if so requested, make an up to date list of members available for inspection by the members of the Society or by the Kennel Club. Each full member shall be entitled to one vote immediately upon acceptance of membership. Associated members have no voting rights. Postal votes are allowed only in exceptional circumstances.

5. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, a final General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Club’s assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club.

 If the Club is wound up or ceased to be a Registered Society under these Regulations a final statement of accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Society shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as Officers and Committee of the Club will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club.

 6. **SOCIETY ACCOUNTS**

 (a) A Banking Account shall be held in the name of the Society at any Bank or Building Society as the Committee deem to be in the best interest of the Society into which all revenue of the Society shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signatures of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer. (Must be two).

(b) The Society’s books shall be audited annually and presented to the Society at the Annual General Meeting. **NOTE**: Certification of accounts must be carried out by one qualified Accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience.

**7. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

(a) The Annual subscription shall be such amount as agreed by members in General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club.

(b) No member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any of the privileges of Membership and if the Member shall fail to pay outstanding subscriptions, 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 back arrears.

8. Any Member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42j(5) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Society.

 If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Society be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interest of the Society, the Committee of the Society 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 Society 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 Society 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.

 A Rule stating that if a Society expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs. Dog Shows, Trials, or Competitions, the Society must report the matter in writing to The Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required.

9. The financial year of the Society shall be from 1st January to 31st December each year. The Annual General meeting shall be held within the month of July.

10. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

 To receive the report of the Committee and Balance Sheet, to elect Officers and to discuss any resolution duly placed on the Agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Secretary. 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.

 Notice of an AGM will be published in the Working Trials Info Facebook page and the club’s website two months before the date of the AGM. Agenda items are to be received by the Secretary for inclusion on the Agenda, not less than 7 days before the Meeting.

 A Special General meeting shall be summoned if 15 Members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. The committee of the Society is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting.

11. 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 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

 The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.

12. The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Society in all cases relative to Canine or Society matters.

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

14. Electric, Pinch, Prong, Spike or Grip collars are NOT allowed at any at **any** event held by the Essex Working Trials Society.

15. **CODE OF CONDUCT OF CLUB MEMBERS AND COMPETITORS ENTERING A TRIAL**

Essex 2000 abides by and would like to promote the KC code of conduct.