



CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The club will be called UK9 Dog Sports Club and will be affiliated to British Sled Dog Racing.

2. Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in Sled Dog Sports
- To promote the sport of Sled Dog Sports
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
- To provide all services in a way that is fair to all members
- To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment

3. Membership

Membership should consist of officers and members of the club.

All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the club has adopted and the policies and rules of race organisations namely BSSF (British Sled Dog Sports Association), SDAS (Sled Dog Association of Scotland), IFSS (International Federation of Sled Dog Sports) & WSA (World Sled Dog Association) with local variations.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

- Adult member
- Junior member
- Family member

4. Membership fees

Membership fees will be set annually and determined at the Annual General Meeting.

Fees will be paid by annual subscription.

5. Officers of the club

The officers of the club will be:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Honorary Secretary
- Treasurer
- Access / Development Officer
- Publicity / Technical Officer
- Child Welfare Officer
- Dog Welfare Officer
- Junior Representative

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

6. Committee

The club will be managed through the Management Committee consisting of: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson & Secretary. Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee. The aforementioned positions were decided at the creation of the club and shall remain in position until they tender resignation. New committee members will be elected by membership votes.

The Management Committee will be convened by the Secretary of the club and held no less than 4 times per year.

The Management Committee will be responsible for adopting new policies, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the club.

The Management Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Management Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.

The Management Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/regulations/constitution. The Management Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.

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: 1 st January

An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus up to two other officers.

8. Annual general meetings

Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given by the Club Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days' notice to be given to all members.

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

Nominations for officers of the Management Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.

Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM.

All members have the right to vote at the AGM.

The quorum for AGM's will be: 25% of membership

The Management Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM.

9. Discipline and appeals

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Secretary.

The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.

The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 14 days of the hearing.

There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 14 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

10. Dissolution

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

In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain will become the property of: UK9 Dog Sports Centre, or any other club with similar aims.

11. Amendments to the constitution

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