

NATIONAL COLLIE (ROUGH & SMOOTH) COUNCIL (AUSTRALIA)

CONSTITUTION

The Collies referred to hereinafter are Collies (Rough) and Collies (Smooth)

1. NAME

The name of the organisation shall be the "National Collie (Rough & Smooth) Council (Australia)" and shall here-in be referred to as the "Council".

2. OBJECTS

3. The objects of the council shall be:-

- (a) To encourage and promote in every way the quality of breeding, care, training and exhibition of Collies.
- (b) To educate and encourage exhibitors, breeders and judges to abide by the standard for Collies as approved by the Australian National Kennel Council.
- (c) To enable member Clubs to take co-operative action on matters which such Clubs agree are of common interest and for their actual benefit in the promotion of Collies.
- (d) To allocate the titles of

"Collie (Rough & Smooth) National Specialty Championship Show" and "Collie (Rough & Smooth) Specialty Championship Show".

For use by member Clubs, subject always to the approval of both the State or Territory controlling body and the Australian National Kennel Council.

- (e) To seek registration with the A.N.K.C., and if recognised, agree to be bound by the Rules and Regulations, and directions of the Australian National Kennel Council for the time being in force.
- (f) To become associated with overseas Collie organisations with objects kindred to the objects of the Council.
- (g) To collect, verify and publish information relating to Collies, and the breeding and exhibition of Collies.
- (h) To encourage member clubs to hold shows, parades, trials and other exhibitions as approved by and under the Rules and Regulations of their State or Territory controlling body and of the Australian National Kennel Council.
- (i) To legislate, to make By-Laws and do other Acts, matters and things, as may be necessary or expedient to promote all or any of the objects of the Council.

3. POWERS

(i)The Council shall have power to:-

- (a) Acquire a membership fee from member Clubs to carry out any or all of the objects of the Council.
- (b) Invest the funds of the Council not immediately required, in such manner as the delegates shall determine.
- (c) Hold breed Seminars, Conventions and Congresses through the sponsorship of the member clubs
- (d) Correspond with and become associated with overseas Collie organisations, for the purpose of the exchange of viewpoints on matters affecting the welfare of the Collie.
- (e) Allocate the title "Collie (Rough & Smooth) National Specialty Championship Show" and "Collie (Rough & Smooth) Specialty Championship show" to the various member clubs, subject always to the approval of both the State or Territory controlling body and the Australian National Kennel Council.

See By-Law No1 and 2

- (f) Purchase, hire, lease, or otherwise provide and maintain all types of personal property for the carrying out of the objects of the Council
- (g) DO ALL SUCH OTHER THINGS WHICH MAY APPEAR TO IT TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING INTO EFFECT ITS OBJECTS.
 - (ii) The Council shall not hold shows or any other type of exhibition. Such events shall only be conducted by the member Clubs.
 - (iii) Nothing in this Constitution shall effect the right or authority of an individual member Club to control and conduct their Club business in the way usually followed by a Specialist Club. Nor shall the Council effect in any way the normal relationship between a member Club and their State or Territory controlling body.

4. **MEMBERSHIP**

- (a) Any specialist Collie Club affiliated with a State or Territory controlling body, which is in turn a member of the Australian National Kennel Council upon payment of the prescribed annual membership fee, shall be eligible for membership of the Council except in the case of re-admission which must be in compliance with Clause 12 of the Constitution.
- (b) The following specialist Collie Clubs and such other Specialist Collie Clubs as may from time to time be admitted, shall be member Clubs, entitled to nominate a delegate to the Council.
 1. The Collie Club of NSW Inc.
 2. The Collie Club of Victoria Inc
 3. The Collie Club of South Australia Inc
 4. The Collie Rough & Smooth Club of Queensland IncAssociated Member Clubs:
 1. The Collie and Shetland Sheepdog Club of WA Inc.
 2. The Tasmanian Collie & Shetland Sheepdog Club
 3. The ACT District Combined Collie & Shetland Sheepdog Club. See ANKC Rules and Regulations (amended May 1993) 2 3 4 b for Associated Member Voting rights.
- (c) The membership fee shall be such amount as the council shall from time to time determine. See by-Law No. 4

5. **MEETINGS**

- (a) Each of the member Clubs named in Clause 4 (b) shall annually appoint one delegate to the Council. Each delegate must be a financial member of his member Club and the respective State or Territory controlling body. If for any reason, it should become necessary, member clubs may appoint a substitute delegate who shall ipso facto be deemed to be a delegate for voting and all purposes at a Meeting of the Council.
- (b) At Meetings of the Council each member Club shall have one vote, subject to its delegate being in attendance at such Meeting.
- (c) The quorum for Meeting shall be more in number than 50% of the number of member clubs.
- (d) Member Clubs may bring any business before a Meeting of the Council by giving 90 days notice of its intention to the Secretary. The Secretary shall communicate the Agenda for a Meeting to each of the member Clubs at least 60 days prior to the date of the Meeting.
- (e) Except with the unanimous consent of all member Clubs, no resolution carried at a Meeting of the council shall be valid UNLESS notice has been given in accordance with Clause 5 (d).

- (f) Notwithstanding the provision of Clause 5 (e) the Secretary shall at the discretion of the President, or at the written request of two member Clubs, submit any particular matter or urgency to the member Clubs by post, telegram, lettergram or by electronic means and the vote on any such matter shall be taken accordingly, at Meetings of the member Clubs. Also, should in the opinion of the President or Secretary, Council business require urgent action, this business may be conducted by Conference telephone call, provided that a quorum takes part. Conference calls must be confined to a limited Agenda or emergency decisions with prior notification by the Council.
- (g) The Council shall manage its own affairs and hold meetings at such time and place as it deems fit. The Annual General Meetings shall be held in the month of March or April of each year. See By-Law 7.
- (h) The President of the Council shall be Chairman of all Meetings of the Council. Should he/she not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the Meeting, the delegates shall elect a Chairman from among their number. The delegate appointed Chairman may record his/her own vote on any matter, but shall not have a casting vote.
- (i) Should the Secretary not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the Meeting, the delegates shall elect a Deputy Secretary for that Meeting from among their number. The delegate appointed Deputy Secretary may record his/her own vote on any matter.
- (j) Every motion submitted to the Meeting shall be decided by a show of hands. Provided that each member club with a delegate present shall have the right to record one vote. In the event of equality of votes on any matter the Chairman shall not have a casting vote, and the motion shall be deemed to be lost.

6. PRESIDENT

The President must be a Club member of one of the member Clubs and of the respective State or Territory controlling body, but shall not be a Club delegate. He/she shall be formally appointed for a term of two(2) years by the council delegates at an Annual General Meeting from the nominations received in accordance with By-Law No. 3.

The President shall hold office until the day following that of the Annual General Meeting at the end of the term. The President shall not be entitled to vote at any Meeting of the Council. In the case of a tied vote for the election of a President, Secretary or any other Office Bearer the result will be resolved by the Returning Officer conducting a Lot. (Drawing the name of a candidate out of a "Hat") (i.e. the names of the tied candidates are written on separate pieces of paper and placed in a 'hat' or other suitable container and the Returning Officer selects one of the pieces of paper and whichever candidate's name is drawn is elected to the position.

7. SECRETARY

(a) The Secretary must be a Club Member of one of the Member Clubs and of the respective State or Territory controlling body but shall not be a Club delegate. He/she shall be appointed by the Council delegates at the Annual General Meeting for a term of two (2) years from nominations received from the member Clubs. The nominations shall be in the hands of the Secretary at least 90 days before the said meeting and all member clubs shall be advised of the nominations at least 60 days before the meeting. The Secretary shall hold office until the day following that of the Annual General Meeting at the end of the term. The secretary shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council.

(b) Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall act under the direction of the Council. He/she shall attend all meetings of the Council and any other meetings where his/her presence may be required, to keep proper minutes of such meetings. Generally to perform all such duties as are usually performed by any such Officer in a like position. The Secretary shall be responsible for all monies received on behalf of the Council and shall pay all such sums into the bank account of the Council within 14 days of receipt. It shall be a further duty of the Secretary to keep proper books of account of the council. "It shall be the duty of the Secretary in the absence of the Secretary the President to notify the ANKC within fourteen (14) days of any changes in Directors or Office Bearers".

8. HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters of the Council shall be the residential address of the Secretary where the books, records and property of the Council shall be kept.

9. FINANCE

- (a) A bank account in the name of the "National Collie(Rough & Smooth) Council (Australia)" shall be opened with a recognised Australian Bank and kept in the name of the Council.
- (b) All monies payable on behalf of the Council shall be paid by cheque drawn upon the bank account of the Council. All cheques shall be signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President or Council delegate appointed for that purpose.
- (c) The financial year of the Council shall be from 1st January to 31st December in each year.
- (d) At the Annual General Meeting in each year the Council shall appoint an Auditor, with accountancy experience. Such auditor shall hold office until the first meeting in the following year, but shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- (e) An audited Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and Balance Sheet shall be forwarded to each member Club by 31st March in each year.

10. BY – LAWS

Subject always to the constitution, delegates at a Meeting by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than 60% of delegates present and voting on this resolution, may make By-Laws and may from time to time amend such By-Laws by variation, deletion or addition as they may think fit, in respect of:-

- (a) The granting of the Title "Collie (Rough & Smooth) National Specialty Championship Show" and Collie (Rough & Smooth) Specialty Championship Show".
- (b) The appointment of the President
- (c) The appointment of the Secretary
- (d) Membership Fees
- (e) Any matter the delegates consider necessary to carry out the objects of the Council

11. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION AND BY – LAWS

This constitution and the By-Laws of the Council shall not be altered, waived or amended except at a Meeting of the delegates at which at least 90 days notice has been given to the Secretary of such amendment and the Secretary has given 60 days notice to all member Clubs. The amendment must be agreed to by a majority of not less than 60% of the delegates present and voting on this resolution.

12. RESIGNATION

Any member Club may at any time resign its membership by giving notice to the Secretary. Such resignation shall not free the Club from liability to pay any subscription which is due and unpaid on the date of resignation.

Should any member Club that has resigned seek re-admission as a member of the Council, such re-admission is to be voted on at a Meeting of the Council called in compliance with Clause 5 (d) of the Constitution. A majority of not less than 75% of the delegates present and voting in person will be required to re-admit a member Club.

13. PROPERTY/WINDING UP

No Club or individual shall have any proprietary right or interest in any of the funds or property on the Council. Such property or funds shall be devoted to the promotion of the objects of the Council.

However, in the event of the winding up of the Council, the property or funds shall be divided equally among the Clubs which are members at the time of such winding up.

BY – LAWS

BY-LAW NO 1

“National Specialty Championship Show”

The delegates at any Meeting, and in accordance with Clause 3 (i) and (e) of the Constitution may grant the title “Collie (Rough & Smooth) National Specialty Championship Show” to any member Club. The granting of the use of the work “National” must be in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the ANKC and/or the National Breed Clubs Liaison Council.

The Judge must be approved by the Council and the State or Territory Controlling body.

BY-LAW NO 2

“Collie (Rough & Smooth) Specialty Championship Show”

The delegates at any meeting, and in accordance with Clause 3 (i) (e) of the constitution, may grant the title "Collie (Rough & Smooth) Specialty championship Show" to any member club. The judge must be approved by the Council, and the State or Territory controlling body.

BY – LAW NO 3

"President"

- (a) The President shall be appointed in accordance with Clause 6 of the Constitution and shall hold office for one term of two years, but shall be eligible for another term at a later date, or in compliance with By – Law 3 (b).

The position of President shall rotate among the member Clubs. Each member Club, in turn, may nominate one of its members as President of the Council. Upon the appointment of the initial President, the delegates present at that Meeting shall determine the sequence in which member Clubs may nominate a President in subsequent years.

- (b) The President's term of office may be extended or the sequence of nominations altered if agreed in compliance with Clause 5 (f) of the Constitution by not less than 60% of Member Clubs.

BY-LAW NO 4

"Membership"

The full membership fee shall be \$75.00 per annum. Fee shall be due and payable by 1st March in each year. Associate membership fee shall be 50% of full membership fee and shall be due and payable by 1st March in each year.

BY-LAW NO 5

National Shows to be held at a minimum interval of 2 years apart, and rotated as per roster.

BY-LAW NO 6

'Specialist Judges'

A Specialist Judge is one who holds a current Collie Rough/Smooth breed licence within their own state or territory, and who has been active in breeding/exhibiting for a period at not less than 15 years, and has held their breed licence for a period of not less than 5 years.

BY-LAW NO 7

'Meetings'

The National Collie (Rough & Smooth) Council (Australia) hold all or any future meetings (including the Annual General Meeting each year) via Electronic means. The exception to this being meetings that will be held in conjunction with a National Collie Show.

