

# **Dogs A.C.T.**

**A.C.T Canine Association inc.**

## **Dogs A.C.T Regulations - Part 2 - Affiliation and Clubs.**

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### **2.1 New Affiliates:**

- a) All affiliated clubs must be incorporated and must include in their constitution that they are to be affiliated with Dogs A.C.T.
- b) Before a new club shall seek affiliation with Dogs A.C.T and be classified as an approved club it shall:
  - Have at least twenty (20) financial Dogs A.C.T members;
  - Who are aged eighteen (18) years and over ;
  - Who are residents of the ACT, and
  - Who personally own a registered dog or dogs of the breed or breeds concerned? ##
- c) Before a new club is granted affiliation with Dogs A.C.T:
  - It must provide a statement including the reason for the application;
  - Must provide a copy of its Constitution, Rules and Regulations as appropriate;
  - Must submit a copy of the certificate of registration as an incorporated body or must demonstrate that it is in the immediate process of becoming incorporated, and
  - Must pay the current affiliation fees as determined by the Dogs A.C.T Council.
- d) Any club which has members that are not financial members of Dogs A.C.T or another State Canine Control, or conduct activities for its members that are not financial members of Dogs A.C.T or another State Canine Control, must supply proof of insurance coverage for those members. Example – Dog obedience club conducting training classes for members of the public.

### **2.2 Changes to Affiliates Constitution:**

- a) All revisions or amendments to constitutions of affiliated clubs must be approved by the Dogs A.C.T Council before they are put into effect.
- b) Dogs A.C.T is to be given due notice in writing, for the purpose of any pending change in an affiliate's constitution, and
- c) Then within (14) fourteen days of the change to the constitution, the affiliate must forward the new document signed by the affiliate's President and Secretary to Dogs A.C.T or the approval of the Dogs A.C.T Council.
- d) Any change to the constitution does not come into effect until the next meeting of the Dogs A.C.T Council where the Dogs A.C.T Council approves the change to the constitution. \*\*

### **2.3 Annual General Meetings:**

- a) Within 14 days of the annual general meeting of each affiliate, the affiliate shall forward for the Dogs A.C.T Council approval:
  1. The names of the current office bearers and committee members, and
  2. A copy of the audited annual statement of accounts, and
  3. A copy of any other paper or document circulated to the affiliates members at that AGM.

- b) Within fourteen (14) days of any change to affiliates Office Bearers or Committee during the year (non AGM) the affiliate shall:
  - 1. Notify in writing for approval to the Dogs A.C.T Council, and
  - 2. The notice is to include the reason/s for the change.

**2.4 Financial membership with Dogs A.C.T:**

All office bearers and Committee members of an affiliated club must be a full (ordinary or life) financial member/s of Dogs A.C.T before their election, whether resident in the ACT or surrounding district.

**2.5 Non Affiliates:**

- a) Bodies not affiliated with Dogs A.C.T wishing to conduct an approved event must pay a fee equivalent to double the affiliation fee for an All Breeds Kennel Club.
- b) Non affiliate bodies are not covered under the insurance arrangement of Dogs A.C.T and must supply proof of insurance coverage for their members/participants before approval is granted by the Dogs A.C.T council.

**2.6 Termination of an affiliation:**

Dogs A.C.T may choose not to renew affiliation with any club without assigning any reason.

**2.7 Fees & Subscriptions.**

- a) Dogs A.C.T may charge such application/entrance fee and such annual subscription for affiliation as the Dogs A.C.T Council may from time to time determine.

Pending and subject to such determination an affiliate shall pay such annual subscription in advance in respect of the financial year.

- b) The annual subscription shall be payable on the first day in July each year.
- c) If an Affiliate shall fail to pay such subscriptions prior to the last day of August each year, it shall not be entitled until otherwise determined by the Dogs A.C.T Council to any of the privileges to which an affiliate is entitled under the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations.