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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Name and Objectives

The Club shall be called the Black and Tan Coonhound Club of Great Britain. Its objects shall be to further the interests of the breed by holding show, fund days and seminars. The Club is to be run for the benefit of its' members and will not be classed as a trading business, so that all the profits from any source, functions and/or activities of the Club shall be maintained for the benefit of and for the further education of its' members in the management, training, exhibiting, breeding and every aspect pertaining to canines. It shall do all in its power to advance the breed and foster a feeling of good fellowship among fanciers.

Officers and Committee

The Club shall be under the management and direction of a President, Chairman or Chairperson, Vice Chairman or Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Committee of 6 (12 in all). Nominees for Officers and Committee must be fully paid up members for the total period of the previous 12 months before they become eligible to serve on the Committee. All Officers to be ex-officio members of all subcommittees. All Officers and Committee members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall meet as often as required to conduct the business of the Club but no less than 4 meetings per year.

A quorum shall consist of 4 members.

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 Society at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place. Co-opted Committee members shall have voting rights at Committee meetings.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee of 6 members shall be elected by the Membership, by ballot form at each Annual General Meeting. They shall retire annually but may seek re-election. Members may nominate any eligible Member for these positions. New nominations must be in writing, proposed and seconded, with the nominees permission, and must reach the Secretary at least fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting. Under no circumstances shall a Committee be returned en bloc.

The Chairman or Chairperson shall take the Chair at all meetings and shall have a casting vote to be used in addition to his or her own in the event of equal voting.

An Officer or Committee member who fails to make 50% attendance at all Committee meetings in any one year shall not be eligible for re-election to the Committee during the term of the following year.

A member who fails to attend three consecutive Committee meetings to be automatically off the rota unless through illness, in which case apologies must be sent to the Secretary. Any committee member who resigns during their term of office is not eligible to re-stand for the committee at the following Annual General Meeting.

Election of Members and Subscriptions

The Annual subscription shall be Single £5.00 per annum and Joint £7.00 per annum and agreed by Members at the Annual General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club

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 by 31st January of each year his/her name shall be automatically erased from the register. Acceptance back on the register will be dependant upon a new application and payment of arrears.

It is recommended that membership renewals are paid on or before 31st January in New Year. No form of payment other than the annual subscription shall entitle anyone to membership. A member shall enjoy full rights to membership up to and including 31st December each year. All new applications for membership and renewal of membership will be reviewed by the committee prior to acceptance.

Note (KC rule)

Once members have been accepted for membership, and providing they continue to pay their membership subscriptions at the correct time they cannot be refused renewal of membership. With the exception of default on subscriptions, the only way to remove a Member from the Society Register is by following the procedure as defined in Expulsion of Members

Notices and Agendas for the Annual General Meeting and other General Meetings will be forwarded to all previous year paid up members, by email, members only Facebook Page, unless notified by the member wishing to receive such notices by Royal Mail

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting together with the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting will be available for distribution to all fully paid up members attending the meeting and by direct request to the Secretary by fully paid up members unavailable for attendance at such meeting.

Members will be entitled to vote at Annual General Meetings and other General Meetings if the current membership subscriptions are fully paid up a minimum of fourteen days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting and other General Meetings.

The names of first time applicants for membership of the Club will be read out and considered for approval at the Committee meeting immediately after the receipt of the application by the Treasurer and that such first-time applicants will only be considered as both fully paid up members and with entitlement to vote at General Meetings of the Club after their approval for membership by the Committee at a subsequent Committee meeting held prior to the date of such General meeting.

In the event of an objection to the application, a secret ballot to be held and the result of approval or otherwise regarding the application to be determined by a simple majority of the Committee members present and voting at the meeting.

No member under 16 years of age shall be eligible to serve on the Committee or vote.

One member, one vote and that member to be present in the room at the time of the vote at a General meeting.

Financial Year and Annual General Meeting

The Clubs' financial year shall be from 1st January to 31st December and the Annual General Meeting shall be held on or before the 30th April of the subsequent year.

To receive the report of the Committee and Balance Sheet, to elect Officers and Committee members and to discuss any resolution duly placed on the Agenda, of which prior notice has been given to the Hon Secretary. The election of Officers and Committee at the Annual General Meeting shall be either by raise of hands or secret ballot of those present at the said meeting. No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the Agenda, except for routine matters or those which in the opinion of the Chairman of the Meeting are urgent.

Members will be notified of the date of the Annual General Meeting by notice placed on the website, Social media, Show Schedule or Membership email mail out.

Members will be given 28 clear days' notice of the Annual General Meeting.

Items for the Agenda should be submitted in writing to the Hon Secretary to be received not less than 14 clear days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

The Agenda will be circulated at the Annual General Meeting and via e-mail to all members

The rules of the Club shall not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting, notice of which includes details of the proposal to alter the rules. Such alterations shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval to the alterations. No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the Agenda, except routine matters of those which in the opinion of the Chairman or Chairperson are urgent.

Special General Meetings

A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Hon Secretary in the following cases: -

- (a) Upon direction of the Committee and in accordance with such direction and
- (b) Upon receipt of a request, giving reasons why and made by not less than 5 members of the Club in writing to the Secretary.

The Secretary shall give not less than fourteen days' notice of any such meeting, together with a statement of all matters to be dealt with at the Meeting by way of Social Media, Club website, via an e-mail generated to the members from the club's database.

No business other than that named in the notice shall be brought before a Special General Meeting. If necessary, amendments to the proposals in the Special General Meeting requisition can be taken from the floor of the meeting when it takes place.

The quorum for a Special General Meeting to be 55% fully paid up members.

Social Media (guidelines for the use of social media can be found on the KC Website)

Any member found to abuse the Website for the Sale of Puppies or have links to personal websites will be removed.

No member shall use Social Media to make derogatory comments, direct or implied, about another member, the Club or an Official of the Club. Such conduct may be considered incompatible with continued membership and may lead to the expulsion of that member.

Expulsion of Members

Any member who shall be disqualified under the Kennel Club rule A11.j(5)) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club rule A11.j(9)) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification. If the Club expels any member for discreditable conduct about dogs, dog shows, trials or competitions, the Club must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply any required.

If the conduct of any member shall in the opinion of the Club be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee of the Club may, at a meeting, the notice convening which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of a member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Club shall be called for passing a resolution to expel him/her. Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member giving of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the meeting and 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 Club, except that he/she may, within two months from the date of the meeting appeal to the Kennel Club and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose. Any member considered in serious breach of the Club's Code of Ethics may be dealt with under this rule.

Any Office, Committee member or Club member who is expelled from the Committee, membership shall be removed and removed from any Social Media Group Pages pertaining to the Black and Tan Coonhound Club of GB

The Committee shall be empowered to give a decision on any matter in which the rules are silent and to settle all disputes which may arise in the Club, subject to appeal to the Kennel Club whose decision shall be final.

Club Accounts

A Banking Account shall be held in the name of the Club into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid, and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signatures of any two from: Hon Treasurer/Chairman/Hon Secretary. The account shall be kept by the Hon. Treasurer.

An Auditor shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting and accounts will be certified annually and presented to the members for approval at the Annual General Meeting. Certification of the accounts must be carried out by one qualified or two individuals with accountancy experience.

Those undertaking certifications must be independent from those who prepared the accounts.

At the written request of individual members, a copy of the Annual Statement of Accounts will be made available 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. In addition, the Annual Statement of Accounts will be available for inspection by members at the Annual General Meeting.

Annual Returns to the Kennel club

The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club whether by the Secretary, or by direct debit for continuance of registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns, as stipulated in the Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities, will be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any change of Secretary of the Club which may occur during the year.

The Club must send a notification of the number of current members to the Kennel Club with the Annual Returns and if so requested, make an up to date list of members available for inspection by the Kennel Club and members of the Club.

No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of, or hold any Office or Appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

The Club shall not join any federation of Societies or Clubs.

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The Kennel Club shall be the final authority for interpreting the rules and regulations of the Club and in all cases, relative to Club matters and canine matters.

Club Property

If for any reason the Club ceases to exist, cups and trophies shall be returned to the donors, except that those which are the sole property of the Club shall be sold when the whole of the Clubs' assets are disposed of in such a manner as the Committee responsible for winding up shall direct. If the Club is wound up and ceased to be a Registered Society under Kennel Club regulations, a final statement of audited accounts with a record of the disposal of the property for the Club shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as Officers and Committee of the Club on the last return furnished to the Kennel Club will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club. All Club property must be returned by committee members when they retire from the committee which should include all Health Data, Historical Memorabilia and Minutes.

Breed Club Judging List (we need to have this included in readiness for when we do get recognition) this to be discussed and amended accordingly further discussion will take place in the future

The Club must produce annually, covering the period from January 1st to December 31st a list of Judges which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Clubs Annual returns.

The purpose of the Breed Clubs Judges Lists is to indicate to interested parties those persons the Club would support at differing levels of judging.

The Club must clearly indicate the method by which the persons may be nominated for inclusion in the lists and indicate the judging experience required for inclusion of a persons' name on each of the eight lists. Membership of the Club must not be a prerequisite for inclusion on the lists. Judges lists to be divided into eight parts, namely: A1, A2, A3 (Breed Specialists) and A3 (Non-Specialists), B (Breed Specialists) and B (Non-specialists), C (Breed Specialists) and C (Non-specialists). Such lists to be compiled annually, stating the date on which they expire.

A separate Judges Subcommittee appointed by the main Committee to be formed annually and consisting of experienced members to be responsible for drawing up criteria and compiling all Club Judges Lists for recommendation to the main Committee of the Club for approval. Such procedure where appropriate prepared by secret ballot.

The judges Subcommittee to include all those Committee Members who have previously been approved to award CC's in the breed and include not less than a significant majority of at least 75% of those who are active in the breed and have previously awarded CC's in the breed. For breeds without CC's the Judges Sub Committee members should be experienced judges within the breed. Judges Sub Committee members need not be Members of the Society committee. The Judges Subcommittee mandated to give full consideration to all applicants who apply to be included in the Clubs Judges Lists, to take fully into consideration the balance between Specialist and Non-Specialist Judges and such evaluation recommendations to the main Committee to be realistic with regard to the breed and to determine the number of Judges included in the Judges Lists to be adequate in relation to the Shows scheduled for the breed at all levels. Clubs Judges lists to be circulated annually to all interested parties. (Club members, General and Group Championship Show Secretaries and other relevant Clubs and Societies.)

Judges who have been included for the first time on any Club Lists to be informed accordingly. This will also apply to Judges who are evaluated from one list to another.

Addresses and telephone numbers to be included where possible to all Club Judges Lists.

A1 list – Judges who have previously been approved by the Kennel Club to award CC's in the breed and have completed their first appointment.

A2 list – Judges who fulfil all the requirements for the A3 list, who have been assessed in accordance with the Kennel Club Requirements and accepted by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 list (or who have been approved but have not yet completed their first appointment) and have the support of the Black and Tan Coonhound Club of GB

A3 List – Judges who are recommended by the Breed Club as being suitable to award CCs in the breed, but not yet approved by The Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 list, and who have the support of the Black and Tan Coonhound Club. Criteria to be the same as to approve a Championship Show Judge.

B List – Judges who have the support of the Black and Tan Coonhound Club to judge the breed where CC's are not on offer, and at Breed Club Open and Limited Shows, and who meet the Club's criteria.

C List – For aspirant judges who have shown an interest in the breed and who have the support of the

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