

Rules of the Smooth Collie Club of Ireland (SCCI)

1. The Club shall be called Smooth Collie Club of Ireland (SCCI), a specialist Smooth Collie Club.
2. The objects of the Club shall be:
 - (A) To promote the exhibition of the Smooth Collie in Ireland
 - (B) To promote the responsible breeding of Smooth Collies in Ireland as laid down in the fci standard.

Committee and membership

3. The Club shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair and a Committee, to be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and an unlimited number of Members. The Committee shall have full power to transact all business in connection with the above appointments as the position arises. Two officers and a minimum of two members to form a quorum at all Committee Meetings. The Chairman or Temporary Chairman of any meeting shall have an ordinary vote and a casting vote in the event of a tie.

Questions arising at Committee Meetings shall be decided by a majority of those present and voting. All Officers and Committee shall be elected annually at the AGM and shall assume office on the completion of the said AGM. Any candidate for election as an Officer or Committee Member shall have been proposed and seconded by members of the Club. If a person is nominated and is not present, such nominations shall only be accepted if the written consent of the nominee to accept the position has been deposited with the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting, except under extenuating circumstances.

In the case of an Office becoming vacant, the Committee have the power to elect one of their members to fill the vacancy and to co-opt a member of the Club to fill the resulting vacancy on Committee or for any other Committee vacancy.
4. The committee will decide the amount of the membership subscription. Subscriptions are payable up to August 30th and anybody who has not paid by that date will not be eligible to vote at the AGM of that year. If not paid by August 30th of the following year (including arrears) membership is lapsed.
5. Candidates for membership may be proposed and seconded by any existing member of the Club, their admission to the Club to be decided by the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to accept or reject applications by a simple majority. In the case of rejections, monies shall be refunded.
6. The payment of an annual subscription by a member shall be taken as a full acquiescence in the rules by him or her, and shall therefore entitle that member to the full benefits of the Club, excepting those members who, by virtue of the fact that they were not members for longer than 14 days before an AGM, may attend such meeting but will not be entitled to vote thereat. A condition of continuing membership is that members agree to abide by the Rules of the club and the Rules and Code of Ethics of the Irish Kennel Club.
7. Honorary Members (Ex Officio): The Club shall, through its Committee, when it deems appropriate nominate Honorary Members, such nominations to be submitted for acceptance by the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

Officers and Committee may not hold positions as officers or committee on any other Smooth Collie breed club governed by The Irish Kennel Club Ltd. In addition, any member involved in the formation of another Smooth Collie Breed Club shall cease to be a member of the Smooth Collie Club of Ireland.
8. Resignation of Members: A Member may resign on giving notice in writing to the Secretary and any member whose resignation has been accepted or whose membership has lapsed and who wishes to rejoin as a member must be proposed in the ordinary way, as if he or she had never been a member.
9. Expulsion of Members: Any Member who is expelled by The Irish Kennel Club Ltd. shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Smooth Collie Club of Ireland. Likewise any member who is suspended by The Irish Kennel Club Ltd shall cease to be a member of the Club until such time as the suspension is lifted.

10. Any member whose actions or conduct is deemed injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee may, at a meeting, determine that a Special General Meeting shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel that member.
Notice of the Special General Meeting (see Rule 15). Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member giving him/her particulars of the complaint and advising him/her of the time and venue of the meeting in order that he/she may attend and offer explanation. If at the meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present, their name shall be erased from the list of Members and shall thereupon for all purposes cease to be a Member of the club.

Club Property, Club Records, Club Monies

11. Club Property: The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee, and in the event of the Club ceasing to exist, all properties shall be handed to The Irish Kennel Club Ltd., who shall act as custodians pending the ascertainment of the wishes of the donors as to their disposal.
12. Records: The Secretary shall keep a proper list of names and addresses of Members, and minutes of all club meetings, i.e. Committee, Members, and General Meetings. The members' list shall be available to Members, to view at the Annual General Meeting.
13. All monies belonging to the Club, and all payments made by the Club, must be sanctioned by the Committee. The Treasurer shall keep a proper book of accounts of monies paid or owed, this subject to Audit annually and circulated to all members at the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer shall report the financial status of the Club to each meeting of the Committee. The Treasurer shall maintain banking accounts in the name of the Club.

Meetings

14. The Annual General Meeting will be at a time and place appointed by the Committee. The committee shall notify each fully paid up Member of the date of the AGM a minimum of fourteen (14) days beforehand.
15. A Special General Meeting shall be called if no less than one-third of fully paid-up members send a signed petition to the Secretary, stating the business to be discussed. No other business than that shown on the Agenda shall be discussed at a Special General Meeting. Members to receive 14 days notice in writing of such a meeting. Half the number of members to form a quorum.

General Rules

16. Judges for the club shows for the following year should be selected by draw from the committee approved list of judges. The committee then shall decide the suitability of the judge for the particular forthcoming show.
17. The rules of the club shall not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
18. The Irish Kennel Club Ltd. shall be the final court of appeal in all matters in dispute that affects the Smooth Collie Club of Ireland.
19. If a resolution to wind up the Club is passed at a Special General Meeting, subject to the approval of The Irish Kennel Club Ltd., a liquidator shall be appointed to sell any Assets - pay any liabilities - deal with any further assets.

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