



NATIONAL LURCHER AND RACING CLUB RULES

Rule 1

The Club shall be known as 'The National Lurcher and Racing Club' and shall hereinafter be referred to as 'The Club'.

Rule 2

The objects of the club are the promotion, protection and the general welfare of the type of dog known as the Lurcher.

Rule 3

Membership shall be open to anyone regardless of whether or not they own a Lurcher. Persons over the age of 16 years shall be full members, and persons under the age of 16 years shall be junior members. Each member shall have one vote at any club meeting, save that no Junior Member may vote on a matter of finance. Membership of the club lapses with the expiry of the Members current subscription.

Rule 4

The Committee shall have absolute discretion to refuse to accept any person as a new member without being required to give any reasons for doing so. The Committee shall have the absolute right to refuse to accept any application for renewal of membership without any requirement to give reasons, except where a current member is the subject of a current discipline procedure. In such cases the membership will be renewed pending the final outcome of the discipline procedure.

Rule 5

Full members shall pay an annual subscription of such amount as shall from time to time be decided by the Committee of the club.

Rule 6

The Treasurer of the club shall maintain the funds in a bank account. Which Bank is to be used shall be a matter within the absolute discretion of the Treasurer. The Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary shall be authorized signatories to the account with a requirement that any two shall sign cheques.

Rule 7

No funds payable to the Treasurer under the provisions of these rules shall be refundable under any circumstances. This provision does not affect the principle that in exceptional cases refunds may be made at the discretion of the club Officers.

Rule 8

Any current member of the club shall have the right to inspect any cash book or other accounting record of the club subject to having given reasonable notice of their wish to do so to the Treasurer.

Rule 9

In the event that for any reason the club ceases to operate, any balance of monies remaining to its credit after all creditors have been paid, along with any items shown on the current asset register, shall be distributed to one or more charitable bodies concerned with the welfare of animals. Such distribution shall be made at the discretion of the Committee.

Rule 10

The Clubs officers shall comprise a President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, National Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Show Secretary. These officers shall be elected tri-annually by the Annual General Meeting.

Rule 11

The Club shall be managed by The Committee who are directly responsible for the running of its affairs and shall meet twice a year to deal with all matters to do with the running of the Club. The Committee will consist of: The President, Chairman, Vice – Chairman, National Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Show Secretary.

Rule 12

The Committee shall have an unfettered discretion to delegate all or any of its functions to sub-committees as the need arises.

Rule 13

The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting in each calendar year on a date to be determined by the Committee. Every member of the club shall have the right to attend, upon production of their current membership card. If for any reason beyond the control of the club an Annual General Meeting is not held in any particular year those members currently serving as officers and committee members will remain in their posts until a General meeting is held.

Rule 14

An Extra- Ordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee at any time. An Extra ordinary General Meeting may be called by the demand of any group of 40 members. Such demand shall be in writing and shall be signed by each of the members concerned. Such demand shall be delivered to the National Secretary forthwith. Upon receipt of such demand the National Secretary will call an Extra-ordinary General Meeting within six weeks. The time and place of the meeting will be determined by the Committee.

Rule 15

The Committee reserves the right to expel from the club any member who in their opinion has engaged in any conduct likely to bring the club into disrepute. Upon receipt of a written proposal to expel, the member has the right to an oral hearing before a Discipline Committee comprising the seven club officers, or any four of them should some not be available. In the event that the committee decides to expel the member, the member shall have the final appeal to the next Annual General Meeting. No members shall be entitled to the benefit of legal representation in any discipline hearing. The club shall not engage a legal representative to present any discipline case .

Rule 16

The Committee reserves the right to determine any matter not covered by the rules.

Rule 17

The Club Rules shall only be changed at the Annual General Meeting. Any member proposing a change of rule shall give six weeks notice in writing to the National Secretary. Such proposal shall be signed by a seconder.

Rule 18

Motions to be moved at the Annual General Meeting other than those originating from the Committee shall be notified to the National Secretary in writing no less than six weeks before the Annual General Meeting. Such motions shall also be signed by a seconder.

Rule 19

The Club will not accept liability for any loss or injury suffered by any member during the course of any club activity, save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Committee, its servants or agents.

Rule 20

The club will not accept liability for any injuries to dogs, or for any contagious disease contracted by a dog at any club event or activity. Every member takes part at their own risk.

Rule 21

No Club officer or member has permission, right, or authority to accept any legal liability on behalf of the club. Legal liability will only be accepted by the club officers in consultation with the club's Legal Advisor. Any member who accepts any liability other than in accordance with this rule will be deemed to have done so on their own behalf. No member will purport to represent the policy of the club on any issue without due authority.

Rule 22

Any member of the club who organises, or who participates in organising, any club activity or event shall complete such documentation as is required by the National Secretary. Any such documentation shall be completed forthwith and shall be forwarded to the National Secretary within seven days of the completion of the event or within such longer time as the National Secretary in his absolute discretion shall determine.

Rule 23

Any breach of the club rules shall be deemed to be conduct likely to bring the club into disrepute within the meaning of rule 15.

Rule 24

In the determination of any club matter by way of voting, the Chairman of the General Meeting or Committee Meeting, as the case may be, shall have no vote. The Chairman shall be entitled to exercise a casting vote in cases where the meeting vote is equally split.

Rule 25

It is a condition precedent to club membership that the member should have read these rules and accepts them in their entirety.

Rule 26

A member must have been a fully paid up member for at least the previous two consecutive years before standing for a position on the Committee.