
CLUB RULES

GAWLER DOG TRAINING CLUB INC.



Adopted 11 November 2025

As a replacement of the previous rescinded version dated 24 January 2015

Rules attached to and forming part of the Constitution of the Gawler Dog Training Club Inc. To be read and interpreted in conjunction with the Constitution of the Club.

1. Financial Year

The financial year of the Club shall be from the 1st October to the 30th September in the following year.

2. Subscription Fees

- 2.1 Subscription Fees for continuing members are due on the 1st January of each year and remain in force until the 31st December in the same year.
- 2.2 Committee members and members of the Instructing Panel shall not be required to pay membership fees. Any member joining the Committee or Instructing Panel after the commencement of the calendar year shall not be entitled to a refund of membership fees.

3 Training Cancellations

Training will be cancelled for hot weather in accordance with the rules published on the Gawler Dog Training Club web page. The Chief Instructor may also cancel training for other reasons that they deem valid. All cancellations are to be posted on the Club's facebook page prior to or on the day of training.

4 Ground Rules

- 4.1 Bitches in season are not permitted on the grounds on training nights.
- 4.2 No dog that is suspected of being infected with any contagious disease or has come into contact with same is permitted on the training grounds until certified by a Vet as fit.
- 4.3 All dogs must be immunized against Distemper, Parvovirus and Hepatitis and a current certificate of vaccination must be presented at the time of joining and annually thereafter. "Vaccination" means those vaccinations recognized by the Australian Veterinary Association.
- 4.4 All club members must wear a current membership badge and only the member whose name is on the membership badge can train dogs in classes.
- 4.5 Sensible, suitable footwear must be worn.
- 4.6 A dog that is injured or not well is not permitted to remain in class. The decision to remove the dog is to be made by the Instructor of that class in consultation with the Chief Instructor.
- 4.7 No dog shall be taken off leash or left unattended on the Club grounds unless under instruction or with permission from the Chief Instructor or in exceptional circumstances as may arise during training.
- 4.8 Only the Chief Instructor or the Assistant Chief Instructor have the authority to insist that aggressive dogs be muzzled.

- 4.9 Authorisation must be obtained from the Chief Instructor or Assistant Chief Instructor to use the Club equipment. An instructor must supervise.
- 4.10 If a dog fouls the ground the handler **MUST** remove the droppings. Bags and waste disposal bin is situated by the rock.
- 4.11 Handlers are expected to be present at the starting time of each class.
- 4.12 A member should notify their instructor if they need to leave a class before the finishing time.
- 4.13 The Club requires that a responsible adult must accompany any handler under fourteen (14) years of age. This adult must remain clear of the training area and not interrupt the handler's training unless asked by the Instructor.
- 4.14 No smoking is allowed on the Club green, under the verandah or in the Clubrooms. Smoking is only allowed in the carpark and butts must be disposed of responsibly and appropriately.
- 4.15 Only food used as a training aid for the dogs may be taken on to the grounds on a training night.
- 4.16 Any member accused of alleged cruelty or undesirable behaviour will be removed from the class on the day of the accusation.
- 4.17 All incidents or accidents must be reported to the Chief Instructor on the day they occur. The Chief Instructor shall be responsible for recording details on an incident/accident report form and forwarding such to the Secretary, who shall table the form at the next Committee meeting for any necessary action.

5 Life Membership Nominations

- 5.1 A nomination for Life Membership must be in writing and signed by the Nominator and Seconder, who both must be financial members of the Gawler Dog Training Club. The nomination should contain the full names and addresses of the nominating parties giving as much detail and information about the Nominee as reasonable. The nomination is to be handed to the Secretary of the Club not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
- 5.2 The nominee must have been a member of the Gawler Dog Training Club Inc. and completed at least five (5) years Notable continuous service to the Club. Life Membership is not automatic on five years of service.
- 5.3 Voting for Life Membership to be as per the Constitution of the Club.
- 5.4 No discussion of the motion will be allowed at the Annual General or Special General Meeting called for that purpose other than the presentation by the original Nominator and Seconder.

- 5.5 Life Membership will be presented at the presentation evening for Club trophies and awards unless special circumstances require earlier consideration.
- 5.6 The procedure for nominations for Life Membership is to be announced and advertised to Club members prior to closing date of nominations, calling for nominations and specifying the criteria and Rules governing the appointment and announcing the closing date for nominations.