

AKC DELEGATE REPORT – Amendments Back-up Materials
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Amendments and Proposals: (To be voted at the September 13, 2022 Delegate Meeting)

Rule (Bylaw or Regulation) (Line Out)	Proposed (Line In)	Comments
CHARTER AND BYLAWS of THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, Inc. ARTICLE IV, Section 1		
SECTION 1. All All-Breed Clubs, Group Clubs or Associations which have held at least three Dog Shows, Obedience Trials, Field Trials, or Agility Trials in consecutive years under rules of the AKC and all Parent Specialty Clubs which have been or shall be formed for the improvement of any breed of purebred dogs shall be eligible to become members of the AKC.	SECTION 1. All All-Breed Clubs, <u>Multi-Breed Clubs</u> , Group Clubs or Associations which have held at least three Dog Shows, Obedience Trials, Field Trials, or Agility Trials in consecutive years under rules of the AKC and all Specialty Clubs which have been or shall be formed for the improvement of any breed of purebred dogs shall be eligible to become members of the AKC.	This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee. This amendment adds “Multi-Breed Clubs” back to the list of club types eligible for membership. The prior amendment removed multi-breed clubs and substituted All-Breed and Group Clubs. This change may have unintentionally excluded a category of clubs permitted to become members for many years, the multi-breed Retriever Field Trial Clubs.
CHARTER AND BYLAWS of THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, Inc. ARTICLE VI, New Section 2		
	SECTION 2. (New Section) <u>The use of proxy voting in any election or vote is prohibited.</u>	This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee. The addition of this Section to Article VI makes clear that proxy voting is prohibited. Remaining sections of Article VI will be renumbered to 3-12.

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CHARTER AND BYLAWS of THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, Inc. ARTICLE VII, Section 1		

<p>SECTION 1. The AKC shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of thirteen (13) voting members, all of whom must be Delegates, except as provided for in Section 3 of this Article. The Board shall be elected as follows: At each annual meeting the Delegates shall elect Directors from the list of candidates nominated as provided in Article VIII of these Bylaws. The thirteen voting Directors shall be divided into four classes of three (3), three (3), three (3), and four (4) members. Such Directors to hold office for four (4) years or until their successors are elected. At each annual meeting the Delegates shall elect such other Director or Directors as shall be required to fill the place of any Director who has died or resigned before the expiration of the term for which he or she was elected.</p> <p>No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the Board. A Board member who has served more than half a term on the Board is considered to have served a full term. This section does not preclude re-election of any delegate to the Board of Directors after a one year (or greater) hiatus from Directorship.</p> <p>Excluding the President, who serves as a nonvoting member, no members of the Board of Directors may be employed by the AKC nor may they receive remuneration from the AKC on a consulting or contract basis. Excluding the President, no members of the Board of Directors are eligible for employment by the AKC or any</p>	<p>SECTION 1. The AKC shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of thirteen (13) voting members, all of whom must be Delegates, except as provided for in Section 3 of this Article. The Board shall be elected as follows: At each annual meeting the Delegates shall elect Directors from the list of candidates nominated as provided in Article VIII of these Bylaws. The thirteen voting Directors shall be divided into four classes of three (3), three (3), three (3), and four (4) members. Such Directors to hold office for four (4) years or until their successors are elected. At each annual meeting the Delegates shall elect such other Director or Directors as shall be required to fill the place of any Director who has died or resigned before the expiration of the term for which he or she was elected.</p> <p>Excluding the President, who serves as a nonvoting member, no members of the Board of Directors may be employed by the AKC nor may they receive remuneration from the AKC on a consulting or contract basis. Excluding the President, no members of the Board of Directors are eligible for employment by the AKC or any AKC division or subsidiary for a period of twelve months from the date when they last served on the Board, nor may they receive remuneration from the AKC on a contract or consulting basis for a period of twelve months from the date when they last served on the Board. The President shall serve on the Board as an ex officio non-voting member during his/her tenure</p>	<p>This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee. This amendment removes the two consecutive term limit for AKC Board members.</p>
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CHARTER AND BYLAWS of THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, Inc. ARTICLE XVIII, Section 1		
SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the AKC shall be the regular meeting held in March. There shall also be regular meetings of the AKC in June and September. There shall be one regular meeting held in December or January announced at least two years in advance. The exact date, time and location of all meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors.	SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the AKC shall be the regular meeting held in March. There shall also be regular meetings of the AKC in June, and September. There shall be one regular meeting held in December or January. The exact date, time and location of all meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors.	This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee. The change to this Article removes the requirement that the December or January meeting be noticed two years in advance.
CHARTER AND BYLAWS of THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, Inc. ARTICLE XX, Section 6		
SECTION 6. Unless otherwise specified in this Article XVIII , all proposed amendments, demands, recommendations, and other writings hereunder shall be filed with the Executive Secretary.	SECTION 6. Unless otherwise specified in this Article all proposed amendments, demands, recommendations, and other writings hereunder shall be filed with the Executive Secretary.	This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee. This change clarifies that the referenced article is Article XX and not Article XVIII

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RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS SUPERINTENDENTS AND SHOW SECRETARIES		
<p>CHAPTER 9 Section 3 Event Committees will be responsible for making complete arrangements with each one of the veterinarians selected to service the show. In the event that a recognized Veterinary Association is to furnish the veterinarians, the complete arrangements shall be made with Secretary of the Association.</p>		<p>This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. Deletes Chapter 9, Section 3. Sections 4-12 of Chapter 9 will be renumbered to 3-11 as a corresponding housekeeping measure. Revise language that will be inserted into Chapter 8.</p>
RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW VETERINARIANS		
<p>CHAPTER 10 - SECTION 2. Every club that holds a licensed or member show must provide one or more qualified veterinarians in attendance or contact information for one or more qualified veterinarians "on call." "On call" veterinarian must be available to treat any dog that becomes ill or injured at the dog show during show hours. It will be the responsibility of the owner or owner's agent to transport the dog to the veterinarian and for any cost associated with the dog's illness or injury. "On call" veterinarians are not required to be present at the event</p>	<p>CHAPTER 10 - SECTION 2. <u>The Show Veterinarian</u> must be available to treat any dog that becomes ill or injured at the dog show during show hours. It will be the responsibility of the owner or owner's agent to transport the dog to the veterinarian and for any cost associated with the dog's illness or injury. "On call" veterinarians are not required to be present at the event</p>	<p>This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. Deletes verbiage related to duty of the club which is proposed to be inserted into Chapter 8 in a corresponding recommendation. Replaces "On call" veterinarian with Show Veterinarian clarifying that whether in attendance or on-call, the Show Veterinarian must be available to treat dogs during show hours.</p>
RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS SELECTION OF SUPERINTENDENT, SHOW SECRETARY AND VETERINARIANS		

<p>CHAPTER 8 Prior to receiving permission to hold a dog show, obedience trial or tracking test, the club must submit the name, complete address, and daytime telephone number of the Superintendent or Show Secretary and Veterinarian contracted by the club to service the event.</p>	<p>CHAPTER 8 Prior to receiving permission to hold a dog show <u>and/or companion event, every licensed or member</u> club must contract with a veterinarian(s) or local veterinary clinic to serve as the Show Veterinarian. <u>The club must submit the name, complete address, and daytime telephone number of the Superintendent or Show Secretary and Show Veterinarian contracted by the club to service the event. For unbenched shows, the Show Veterinarian may be either in attendance or "on call."</u> The club must provide <u>adequate contact information of the "on call" veterinarian to the Superintendent or Show Secretary</u></p>	<p>This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. Replaces "obedience trial or tracking test" with generic "companion event" per recommendation of the Companion Events Committee. Inserts language related to duty of the club from Chapter 10, Section 2 into Chapter 8. Revises language and inserts into Chapter 8. This language addresses the event committee's responsibility to complete arrangements with a veterinarian to service its show either in attendance or on-call.</p>
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RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS SUPERINTENDENT AND SHOW SECRETARIES

<p>CHAPTER 9 SECTION 5. Superintendents and Show Secretaries shall be prepared, at any show with a show veterinarian in attendance, to furnish the forms to be used by an exhibitor or handler who seeks a health examination of a dog. Upon the filing of the completed form, it shall be the superintendent's and show secretary's duty to see that the owner or agent of the dog takes his dog to the "Veterinarian Headquarters" for the examination.</p>	<p>CHAPTER 9 SECTION 4. Superintendents and Show Secretaries shall be prepared to furnish the forms to be used by an exhibitor or handler who seeks a health examination of a dog. Upon the filing of the completed form, it shall be the superintendent's or show secretary's duty to <u>inform the owner or agent of the dog of the requirement that the dog be taken to the Show Veterinarian</u> for the examination.</p>	<p>This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. Renumbers section based on corresponding proposal to delete Chapter 9, Section 3. Amends section requiring a form to be provided whether the Show Veterinarian is in-attendance or on-call. Modifies language from obligating the superintendent or show secretary to ensure the dog is taken to the veterinarian to informing the owner or agent of the requirement for the dog to be examined. Replaces Veterinarian Headquarters with Show Veterinarian for consistency.</p>
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RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW VETERINARIANS

<p>CHAPTER 10 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW VETERINARIANS</p>	<p>CHAPTER 10 SHOW VETERINARIANS</p>	<p>This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. Renames Chapter to more accurately represent its scope.</p>
<p>RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW VETERINARIANS</p>		
<p>CHAPTER 10 - SECTION 4. Clubs that use “on call” veterinarians are required to: (a) Assure that services are available during the show hours and discuss the duties of the “on call” veterinarian prior to the event judging schedule. (b) Provide exhibitors with contact information and detailed directions to the facility in the judging schedule and at the event.</p>	<p>SECTION 4. Clubs that use “on call” veterinarians or veterinary clinics are required to: (a) Assure that services are available during the show hours and discuss the duties of the “on call” veterinarian prior to the event judging schedule. (b) Provide exhibitors with contact information and detailed directions to the facility in the judging schedule and at the event.</p>	<p>This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. Inserts “or veterinary clinics” for clarity and consistency</p>
<p>RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS CHAMPIONSHIPS</p>		

<p>CHAPTER 16 - SECTION 2. A dog which in its breed competition at a show shall have been placed Winners and which also shall have won its group class at the same show shall be awarded championship points figured at the highest point rating of any breed or recognized variety or height of any breed entered in the show and entitled to winners points in its group, or if it also shall have been designated Best in Show, shall be awarded championship points figured at the highest point rating of any breed or recognized variety or height of any breed entered and entitled to winners points in the show. The final points to be awarded under this section shall not be in addition to but inclusive of any points previously awarded the dog in its breed competition or under the provisions of this section.</p>	<p>CHAPTER 16 SECTION 2. A dog which in its breed competition at a show shall have been placed Winners and which also shall have won its group class at the same show shall be awarded championship points figured at the highest point rating of any breed or recognized variety of any breed entered in the show and entitled to winners points in its group, or if it also shall have been designated Best in Show, shall be awarded championship points figured at the highest point rating of any breed or recognized variety or of any breed entered and entitled to winners points in the show. <u>A dog in its breed competition at a show which has placed Winners, and which also has finished second, third, or fourth in its group competition at the same show shall be awarded championship points figured at the highest point rating of any breed or recognized variety of any breed entered in the show and entitled to winners points in its group, exclusive of any breed or variety that placed higher in the group class.</u> The final points to be awarded under this section shall not be in addition to but inclusive of any points previously awarded the dog in its breed competition or under the provisions of this section.</p>	<p>This amendment was proposed by Staff and approved by the Board of Directors. The Delegate Dog Show Rules and All-Breed Committees endorsed this proposal. Removes “or height” from two places in the current rule brings into line with the current execution of shows. Amends the rule to provide the opportunity for class dogs placing 2nd, 3rd or 4th in the group to be awarded Championship points. Add language to define how any Championship points to be awarded would be calculated whereas a class dog placing 2nd , 3rd, or 4th in the group competition would receive the greatest number of Championship points earned in the breeds from the same group excluding any breed which received a higher placement in the group at the same event.</p>
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<p>RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS SUPERINTENDENT AND SHOW SECRETARIES</p>		

<p>CHAPTER 9 SECTION 2. Any qualified person may make application to The American Kennel Club for approval to act as Show Secretary of a dog show. There is no limit on the number of Specialty Shows for which an individual may be approved Show Secretary. An individual shall be approved as Show Secretary for the show or shows of only one group or one allbreed club and any group or all-breed show held on the same day and site of the club in a calendar year. An individual must hold a license from The American Kennel Club as Superintendent in order to be approved as Superintendent for more than one group or one all-breed club and events held the same day and site with the club in a calendar year</p>	<p>CHAPTER 9 SECTION 2. Any qualified person may make application to The American Kennel Club for approval to act as Show Secretary for a dog show. There is no limit on the number of Specialty Shows for which an individual may be approved Show Secretary. An individual shall be approved as Show Secretary for the show or shows of only one Group or All-Breed club and any Group or All-Breed show held on the same day and site of the club in a calendar year. An individual must hold a license from The American Kennel Club as a Superintendent in order to be approved as a Superintendent for more than one group or one all-breed club and events held the same day and site with the club in a calendar year. <u>However, individuals approved by the AKC may serve as an on-site show secretary for up to 18 all-breed and/or group shows per calendar year under criteria established by the AKC.</u></p>	<p>This amendment was proposed by Staff and approved by the Board of Directors. The Delegate Dog Show Rules and All-Breed Committees endorsed this proposal. Inserts the allowance for the AKC to approve individuals to serve as an on-site show secretary for more than the show or shows of only one Group or All-Breed club and any Group or All-Breed show held on the same day and site in a calendar year. Approval would be limited to events where the individual is serving only as the “on-site” show secretary. i.e., duties an on-site show secretary would not perform include the production of the premium list, judging schedule and accepting entries. The AKC would establish the criteria under which one may be considered.</p>

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FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR POINTING BREEDS		
<p>CHAPTER 14 SECTION 2. Regular Stakes That May Be Offered: Limited Gun Dog Stake (Open and/or Amateur) for dogs six (6) months of age and over on the first advertised day of the trial which have placed first, second, third or fourth in any Gun Dog Stake, or a first place in an Open Derby Stake. A field trial-giving club may give an Amateur Limited Gun Dog Stake in which places that qualify a dog have been acquired in Amateur Stakes only. The stake must be advertised as such in the premium list and any additional advertising that may be done.</p>	<p>CHAPTER 14 SECTION 2. Regular Stakes That May Be Offered: Limited Gun Dog Stake (Open and/or Amateur) for dogs six (6) months of age and over on the first advertised day of the trial which have placed first, second, third or fourth in any Gun Dog Stake, or a placement in an Open Derby Stake as defined in Section 2A below. A field trial-giving club may give an Amateur Limited Gun Dog Stake in which places that qualify a dog have been acquired in Amateur Stakes only. The stake must be advertised as such in the premium list and any additional advertising that may be done.</p> <p><u>SECTION 2A. (New Section) Derby Placements That Qualify a Dog to Participate in Limited Stakes. Dogs that place in a Derby stake are qualified to enter Limited stakes according to the following schedule. # of Starters 1 to 3 None 4 to 7 1st place 8 to 12 1 st – 2 nd place 13 or more 1st thru 3rd place</u> Amateur Walking Derby Stakes qualify a dog to enter Amateur Limited stakes only.</p>	<p>This amendment was proposed by the Performance Events Department and was approved by the Board of Directors. Refines how Derby Stake placements qualify a dog to enter a Limited stake by allowing additional placements depending on the size of the Derby Stake. Creates new Section 2A, provides for qualifying placements depending on the size of the Derby Stake.</p>