KENNEL CLUB REGULATIONS FOR THE
REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TITLE
OF SOCIETIES, BRANCHES AND BREED COUNCILS
AND THE AFFILIATION OF AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETIES AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

As at 1st July 2011

(In the following Regulations, the term Society shall apply to Societies, Councils, Branches, Clubs and Associations. The term Organisation shall apply to Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities).

1. Types of Society and Organisation
   a. Registered Societies
      The General Committee will consider applications to register Societies as detailed below:
      Breed Society - Society serving the interest of a specific breed or sub-Group either nationally or regionally, as defined within its title. Once registered these Societies may hold Breed and Obedience Shows and Matches, Agility Tests and Matches, Heelwork to Music Competitions, Companion Dog Shows and in certain cases Field Trials, Gundog Working Tests, Working Trials and Rallies. [For Breeds on the Imported Breed Register, registered Breed Societies will be termed ‘Provisional’].
      General Society - Society serving the interests of more than one breed either nationally or regionally, as defined within its title. Once registered these Societies may hold Breed and Obedience Shows and Matches, Agility Tests and Matches, Heelwork to Music Competitions, Companion Dog Shows and in certain cases Field Trials, Gundog Working Tests, Working Trials and Rallies.
      Dog Training Society - Society with activities confined to the training of dogs. Once registered these Societies may hold Obedience Shows and Matches, Agility Tests and Matches, Heelwork to Music Competitions, Companion Dog Shows and in certain cases Working Trials and Working Trial Rallies.
      Agility Society - Society with activities confined to the training of dogs for Agility Tests and Matches, Heelwork to Music Competitions and Companion Dog Shows. Once registered these Societies may hold Agility Tests and Matches and Heelwork to Music Competitions.
      Ringcraft Society - Society with activities confined to Ringcraft Training (Breed and/or Obedience). Once registered these Societies may hold Breed and Obedience Matches.

   b. Branches of Registered Societies
      The General Committee will consider applications to register Branches of Registered Societies.

   c. Affiliated Organisations
      The General Committee will consider applications to affiliate organisations as detailed below:
      Agricultural Society/Municipal Authority – Organisation wishing to organise a licensed Dog Show as part of an Agricultural Show or Municipal Show. Once affiliated
these Societies may hold one licensed Show per year, as part of the affiliated organisation’s main event. However, at the Kennel Club’s discretion, Agricultural/Municipal Show Societies granted a Championship Show licence may be permitted to hold this show on a date or dates other than those of the main event.

d. **Breed Councils**

The General Committee will consider applications to register Breed Councils which represent the majority of Registered Societies for a particular breed or variety of breed.

2. **Application**

a. **Breed, General, Dog Training, Agility and Ringcraft Societies**

(1) Application must be made in writing to the Kennel Club in the first instance. The applicant Society will be sent the appropriate Registration of Title application form, on which the proposed title of the Society with at least two further alternatives must be given.

(2) The applicant must also complete a questionnaire giving further information. The completed Registration of Title application form and the questionnaire must be returned to the Kennel Club together with the relevant fee, the names and addresses of the Officers and Committee, a list of current members, details of the Society’s financial status and a copy of the proposed Constitution/Rules which must comply with the requirements of the General Committee.

(3) If the General Committee decides that the application can proceed it will be advertised in the KENNEL GAZETTE and subsequently reconsidered by the General Committee with any objections received from Registered Societies to the proposed registration. If the application is not granted a proportion of the fee is refundable.

(4) If the General Committee gives final approval to the application, the Registration of Title will then be notified in the KENNEL GAZETTE, and the Society added to the Register.

(5) A Society must not make arrangements to hold Shows, Agility Competitions, Field Trials, Gundog Working Tests, Show Gundog Working Days or Working Trials, Rallies or Matches and Heelwork to Music Competitions until the General Committee has agreed to register the title of the Society.

(6) Ringcraft Societies only:

If following advertisement the General Committee decides that the application is acceptable, the Society will be added to the Ringcraft Register.

b. **Formation of Branches of Registered Societies**

(1) Any Registered Society may make application to the General Committee to form a Branch. A special application form can be obtained from the Kennel Club which should be completed and submitted with the relevant fee and other supporting papers as requested.

(2) The application will be advertised in the KENNEL GAZETTE and subsequently considered by the General Committee with any objections received to the proposed registration. If the application is refused a proportion of the fee is refundable.

(3) If the General Committee then decides that the Branch can be registered and that its Constitution is acceptable, it will be added to the Register.

(4) When the General Committee has granted permission for the formation of a Branch, this will entitle the Branch to hold Obedience Shows, Agility Tests and Matches, Working Trials, Rallies and Breed and/or Obedience Matches under Kennel Club Regulations and in the case of branches formed for the purpose of undertaking activities not specifically governed by Kennel Club Regulations, the activities as approved at the time of the application.
c. **Affiliated Organisations**

(1) Application must be made in the form of a letter, on the official notepaper of the applicant organisation. A copy of the Rules of the Canine Section must also be forwarded and must include the method of election of the Officers and Committee members with information concerning their previous experience in the canine world.

(2) The General Committee also requires:

   (a) Information regarding the venue which will be used for Dog Shows.
   (b) A scale plan detailing amenities and space available for the Dog Shows.
   (c) The month in which the proposed Show will be held.

(3) The relevant affiliation fee must be forwarded with the application.

(4) If the General Committee approves the application it will be advertised in the KENNEL GAZETTE and reconsidered together with any objection from a Registered Society to the proposed affiliation.

(5) If the General Committee then decides that the organisation can be affiliated and that its Canine Section Constitution is acceptable the organisation will be added to the Register.

(6) Conditions of Affiliation:

   (a) That the organisation acknowledges the Kennel Club as the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Canine Section and in all cases relevant to Canine affairs, making relevant documents available to the Kennel Club when necessary.
   
   (b) That the organisation shall apply to the Kennel Club for the renewal of affiliation during the month of January in each year and shall submit such other returns as specified within these Regulations.

   (c) If the Canine Section expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, Dog Shows, Trials or Competitions, the organisation must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply particulars if required.

   (d) No person suspended under Kennel Club Rules shall be a member of a Canine Section of an affiliated organisation and should any person under suspension be allowed to remain a member, the Officers and Committee of the organisation may be dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A42.

   (e) Affiliation to the Kennel Club will allow an organisation to apply for one Dog Show licence each year, as provided for by Regulation C1.c.

d. **Formation of Breed Councils by Registered Breed Societies**

(1) The General Committee will consider an application to form a Breed Council from the majority of the registered Breed Societies for a particular breed or variety of breed. The Societies forming the Council shall decide whether the representation on the Council shall be in proportion to the number of Societies. In the event of a dispute regarding majority, the General Committee shall be the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations and the Constitution of a Council.

(2) A Council shall submit its Constitution or any alteration thereto for the approval of the General Committee and the Constitution shall not be altered without the prior agreement of the majority of the constituent members of the Council. The Constitution of each Council shall define the method of voting. A Breed Council shall not have any executive powers as regards the affairs of its constituent Societies. A Council must also compile, annually, lists of persons who would be supported when judging at differing types of Shows, in accordance with Regulation C4.d.(v) Breed Council Judges Lists.
A Breed Council may, inter alia:
(a) Make recommendations to the General Committee as regards the Kennel Club Standard of the Breed.
(b) Make recommendations to the General Committee regarding applications to register new Breed Societies.
(c) Consider any matter referred to the Council by the General Committee.

4. A Council shall make Regulations for the payment of subscriptions or contributions by its constituent members and the method of election of Officers.

5. The General Committee shall have power to dissolve a Breed Council by giving notice to the Secretary of the Council or the Secretaries of the constituent Societies.

6. A Breed Council is a consultative body and shall not have executive powers.

7. A Breed Council shall not be eligible to hold any form of Kennel Club Licensed event.

e. As a condition of registration a breed society must adopt the Kennel Club Code of Ethics (as amended from time to time) in addition to the Rules set out in C3 below. The Code of Ethics may not be altered by a Society except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, notice of which includes details of the proposal to alter the Code. Such alteration shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval of the alterations.

f. In making any application under the Regulations a Society or Organisation (including its Officers and its Committee Members) expressly agrees to submit to and be bound by the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in force at the date of application or as may be amended from time to time in relation to all canine matters with which the Kennel Club is concerned.

3. Rules
a. Breed, General, Dog Training, Agility and Ringcraft Societies
A guide to the formulation of Rules for the type of Society concerned can be obtained from the Kennel Club, however, the following Rules must be included within the Rules of every Registered Society:
(1) A Rule defining the procedure for the election of Committee, Officers and Members.
(2) A Rule stating the Annual Subscription, the conditions of payment and the status of members who fail to pay their subscriptions. A Society may not include a Rule that members be re-elected annually.
(3) A Rule stating that a Banking Account shall be opened in the name of the Society into which all revenue of the Society shall be paid and from which withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of two or more Officers.
(4) A Rule defining the financial year of the Society and provision for holding the Annual General Meeting. This Rule must also include provision for calling Special General Meetings.
(5) A Rule stating that the Rules of the Society may not be altered by that Society except at an Annual General Meeting or 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 has given its approval of the alterations. New Rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included in the Society’s Constitution with effect from the Society’s annual meeting. No business shall be
transacted at an Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on
the agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which in the
opinion of the Chairman of the meeting are urgent.

(6) A Rule as follows: “Any member who shall be disqualified under the
Kennel Club Rule A42.j.(5) and/or Kennel Club Rule A42.j.(9) shall ipso
facto cease to be a Member of the Society.”

(7) A Rule as follows: “If the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the
Committee of the Society, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the
character or interests of the Society, the Committee of the Society may, at
a meeting the notice convening which includes as an object the consideration
of the conduct of the Member, determine that a Special General Meeting of
the Society shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel
him/her. Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused
Member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date
and hour of the Meeting 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 Society, except that he/she may within two calendar
months from the date of such Meeting appeal to the Kennel Club upon and
subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.”

(8) A Rule stating that if a Society expels any member for discreditable conduct
in connection with dogs, Dog Shows, Trials or Competitions, the Society
must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and
supply any particulars required.

(9) A Rule providing for the disposal of any assets of the Society should it for
any reason cease to exist. Societies are advised to obtain from donors of
Challenge Cups or Trophies an acknowledgement that the gift is made
outright to the Society.

(10) A Rule stating that if a Registered Society is wound up or ceases to be a
Registered Society under these Regulations, a final statement of audited
accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Society shall be
forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as
Officers and Committee of the Society on the last return furnished to the
Kennel Club, will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper
winding up of the Society.

(11) A Rule that the Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and
Regulations of the Society in all cases relative to Canine or Society matters.

(12) A Rule stating that the Society shall not join any Federation of Societies or
Clubs.

(13) A Rule as follows: “No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve
on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a
Kennel Club Registered Society.”

Additional Rules for Breed, General, Training and Agility Societies only:

(14) A Rule that the Society must maintain an up to date list of members and
their addresses, and those of branch members where appropriate, and, if so
requested, make the list available for inspection by the Kennel Club and
members of the Society. A declaration of the number of members of the
Society must be made with Annual Returns.

(15) A Rule stating that the accounts will be certified annually and presented to
the members at the Annual General Meeting. NOTE: Certification of
accounts must be carried out by one qualified Accountant or two
unqualified individuals with accountancy experience.
A Rule stating that not less than fourteen clear days’ notice shall be given in writing to the members of a General Meeting, except that a Rule may be included to provide that notice of the Annual General Meeting may be given by publication in the Canine Press. The name(s) of the newspaper(s) must be included in the Rule. Such notice must contain all the relevant information concerning the meeting and business to be conducted and be published not less than fourteen clear days before the date of the meeting. No business other than that named in the notice shall be brought before a Special General Meeting.

A Rule as follows: “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 Society which may occur during the course of the year.”

Additional Rules for Ringcraft Societies only:

A Rule as follows: “The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of registration and that any amendments to Officers and Committee and any proposed amendments to the Rules of the Society shall also be notified.”

A Rule that the Society will make an up to date list of members available for inspection by the Kennel Club and members of the Society if so requested.

b. Branches of Registered Societies

(1) Branches must have their own rules, similar to those of the Parent Society, the only differences in wording being those appropriate to the particular way the respective entities operate.

(2) Amendments to the Rules of Branches should be discussed and agreed at local level in a General Meeting, and then presented to the Parent Society for approval. As with amendments to the Rules of all Kennel Club Registered Societies, amendments may not be brought into effect until Kennel Club approval has been sought and granted.

(3) A Rule stating the annual subscription for members, and the annual subscription payable by the Branch to the Parent Society. Membership of a Branch must include membership of the Parent Society.

(4) Members of Branches should elect their own “local” Officers and Committee members from amongst their number.

(5) If certain of the Branch’s Officers and/or Committee members are entitled to sit on or attend the Parent Society’s Committee meetings, this should be made clear in the Rules of both the Parent Society and those of the Branch(es). Voting provisions should also be clearly specified.

(6) Where a Branch has its own bank account (or other monies), an annual statement of account should be prepared and included with the main Society accounts. The Branch’s statement should be approved by the Branch members at their own Annual General Meeting, prior to being forwarded to the main Society.

c. Affiliated Organisations

A Guide to the formulation of Rules can be obtained from the Kennel Club. The
following must be included in the Rules of the Canine Section of the Agricultural Society or Municipal Authority:

1. **Officers and Committee**
   A Rule defining the procedure for the election of Officers and Committee, term of office and voting rights. There must be a minimum of three Officers and four Committee members.

2. **Members (if applicable)**
   If the Canine Section is to have individual members, a Rule specifying the method of election; e.g. membership on application to the Committee, and/or on payment of subscription. The voting rights of members at general meetings must be specified.

3. **Accounts**
   The accounting procedures to be applied to the Canine Section must be specified e.g. separate accounts prepared, accounts prepared as part of main Show account.

4. **Meetings**
   The Rules must specify the Quorum for Committee and, if applicable, General Meetings. The method of convening meetings must be specified and the procedure for the submission of items for the Agenda.

5. **Rules**
   Any amendments to the Rules of the Canine Section must be notified to the Kennel Club. Such alterations shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval of the alteration.

6. **Maintenance of Affiliation**
   The following Rule must be included: “The Officers and Committee acknowledge that after affiliation with the Kennel Club, the organisation must apply to the Kennel Club during the month of January each year, for the renewal of its affiliation and must forward with the application the relevant Maintenance of Title fee except where the fee is paid by Direct Debit; and that by 31st July each year the following must be forwarded:
   (i) A list of current Officers and Committee of the Canine Section and their addresses and telephone numbers.
   (ii) A copy of the Accounts of the Canine Section and Dog Show.
   (iii) A copy of the current Constitution/Rules of the Canine Section incorporating all approved amendments.

7. **Expulsion of Members**
   The following rule must be included: “If the Canine Section expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, Dog Shows, Trials or Competitions, the organisation will report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required.”
   No person disqualified under Kennel Club Rules shall be a member of the Canine Section of any affiliated organisation and should any person under disqualification be allowed to remain a member, the Officers and Committee of the organisation may be dealt with under Rule A42 of the Kennel Club.

8. **Affiliation**
   The following Rule must be included: “The organisation acknowledges the Kennel Club as the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Canine Section and in all cases relevant to Canine affairs, and will make relevant documents available to the Kennel Club when necessary. Affiliation to the Kennel Club will allow the organisation to apply for one Dog Show licence each year.”

9. **A Rule as follows:** “No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment on the Canine Section of a Kennel Club Affiliated Organisation.”
d. **Breed Councils**

A guide to the formulation of Rules for Breed Councils can be obtained from the Kennel Club, however, the following Rules must be included within the Rules of every Breed Council:

1. A Rule defining the procedure for the election of Council Officers, terms of office and voting rights.
2. A Rule stating that membership of the Breed Council is open to all registered Breed Societies for the particular breed.
3. A Rule defining the payment of subscriptions or other contributions by the constituent Societies.
4. A Rule stating that a Banking Account shall be opened in the name of the Breed Council into which all revenue of the Breed Council shall be paid and from which withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of two or more Officers.
5. A Rule defining the financial year of the Council and provision for holding meetings. The Rules must specify the Quorum for Council meetings. The method of convening meetings must be specified and the procedure for the submission of items for the Agenda. All member Societies of the Council are entitled to be represented at Council meetings.
6. A Rule stating that the rules of the Breed Council may not be altered by that Breed Council except at an Annual 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 has given its approval of the alterations. New Rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included in the Breed Council’s Constitution with effect from the Breed Council’s annual meeting. No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting are urgent.
7. A Rule providing for the disposal of any assets of the Breed Council should it for any reason cease to exist.
8. A Rule that the Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Breed Council in all cases relative to Canine or Council matters.
9. A Rule stating that the Breed Council shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.
10. A Rule stating that the accounts will be certified annually and presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting. NOTE: Certification of accounts must be carried out by one qualified Accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience.
11. A Rule stating that not less than fourteen clear days’ notice shall be given in writing to the members of a General Meeting, except that a Rule may be included to provide that notice of the Annual General Meeting may be given by publication in the Canine Press. The name(s) of the newspaper(s) must be included in the Rule. Such notice must contain all the relevant information concerning the meeting and business to be conducted and be published not less than fourteen clear days before the date of the meeting. No business other than that named in the notice shall be brought before a Special General Meeting.
12. A Rule as follows: “The Officers acknowledge that by 31st July each year, 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...
4. Maintenance of Title and Annual Returns

a. Registered Societies

(1) Breed, General, Training and Agility Societies

(a) Maintenance of Title – After registration Societies must apply to the Kennel Club during the month of January in each year for the renewal of their title and must forward the relevant remittance, unless the fee is paid by an alternative method.

(b) Annual Returns – After registration the following returns must be forwarded to the Kennel Club by 31st July each year regardless of whether any changes have been made to the list of Officers or Committee Members, Rules, etc.–

(i) A list of current Officers and Committee with their addresses and telephone numbers.

(ii) A copy of the annual Statement of Accounts which must be certified in accordance with the Rules of the Society and approved at the last Annual General Meeting of the Society.

(iii) A copy of the current Constitution/Rules highlighting any approved amendments.

(iv) Where appropriate, a request for authority to hold Matches and/or Gundog Working Tests during the coming year and a list of Matches and/or Gundog Working Tests held during the previous year.

(v) A declaration of the number of members of the Society as at the end of the Society’s financial year.

(vi) Breed Societies only – Breed Club Judges List:
Registered Breed Societies (with the exception of Provisional Breed Societies) must produce a list of Judges each year which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Societies’ Annual Returns.

The purpose of Breed Club Judges’ Lists is to indicate to interested parties those persons a Breed Club would support at differing levels of judging. Societies must clearly indicate the method by which persons may be nominated for inclusion on the list and indicate the judging experience required for inclusion of a person’s name on each of the five lists. Membership of the Club must not be a prerequisite for inclusion on the lists.

Judges lists should be divided into five parts, namely A1, A2, A3, B and C and must be compiled annually stating the date on which they expire.

A1 List. Judges who have previously been approved to award CCs in a given Breed and have carried out the appointment.

A2 List. Judges who, if invited to judge by a Society, would in principle be approved by the Kennel Club to award CCs in a given Breed for that occasion. A Council/Club must apply to the Kennel Club for approval to promote a judge from its A3 list to its A2 list.

A3 List. Judges who are recommended by a Breed Council or 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.

B List. Judges who have been approved by Breed Councils/Clubs to judge at Shows without CCs or Open Shows.

C List. Any C List drawn up by a Breed Council or Breed Club should comprise aspirant judges who do not fall into any of the above categories.
It is recommended that such lists be prepared by Secret Ballot of the Society’s Committee and Societies must clearly state to members the method by which persons may be nominated for inclusion in the Ballot and indicate the judging experience for inclusion of a person’s name in the five lists.

(vii) Breed Societies only - Breed Health Declaration:
Registered Breed Societies must submit a written statement on steps being taken to maintain the health and welfare of the breed.

(viii) Breed Societies only – Code of Ethics
Registered Breed Societies must adopt the Kennel Club Code of Ethics and may incorporate further breed specific clauses, subject to Kennel Club approval and in accordance with the requirements as set out from time to time. The Code of Ethics may not be altered by the Society except at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, notice of which includes details of the proposal to alter the Code. Such alterations may not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and has given its approval of the alterations. A copy of the current Code of Ethics in force highlighting any approved amendments must be submitted as part of the Society’s Annual Returns.

(c) All Registered Societies must undertake to keep a Minute Book which must contain a full record of all business transacted at General Meetings and Committee Meetings, including a record of all Guarantees offered by the Society; to maintain a list of the names and addresses of all current members of the Society; and to maintain a system of accounts showing a complete record of the Income and Expenditure of the Society and a Balance Sheet. Such Minute Book, Membership list, Accounts and Balance Sheet and also any other documents belonging to the Society, are to be produced to the Kennel Club at any time when required. A copy of the annual Statement of Accounts for the last financial year which must be certified in accordance with the Rules of the Society must be sent to all members of the Society except that provision may be made in the Rules of the Society for the annual Statement of Accounts to be forwarded on request by a member, otherwise, it will be available for inspection by members at the Annual General Meeting and at times to be stipulated in the Rules.

(2) Ringcraft Societies

(a) Maintenance of Title – After registration Societies must apply to the Kennel Club during the month of January in each year for the renewal of the maintenance of their title and must forward the relevant remittance, unless the fee is paid by an alternative method.

(b) Annual Returns – After registration, Societies must notify the Kennel Club of any amendments to Officers and Committee and any proposed amendments to the Rules of the Society and, where appropriate, submit a request for authority to hold Matches and/or Gundog Working Tests during the coming year and a list of Matches and/or Gundog Working Tests held during the previous year.

b. Branches of Registered Societies

(1) Maintenance of Title – Each Branch of a Registered Society approved by the General Committee will be subject to an annual maintenance fee payable by the Registered Parent Society, which will become due on 1st January each year.
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(2) Annual Returns – A Registered Society which has formed Branches under these Regulations must forward to the Kennel Club by 31st July annually, a complete list of its Branches and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Chairman and Secretary of each Branch.

c. Affiliated Organisations
(1) Maintenance of Title – After affiliation, organisations must apply to the Kennel Club during the month of January in each year for the renewal of the maintenance of their title and must forward the relevant remittance, unless the fee is paid by an alternative method.

(2) Annual Returns – After affiliation, organisations must forward the following details by 31st July each year:
(i) A list of current Officers and Committee of the Canine Section and their addresses and telephone numbers.
(ii) A copy of the accounts of the Canine Section and Dog Show.
(iii) A copy of the current Constitution/Rules of the Canine Section, highlighting all approved amendments.

d. Breed Councils
A Breed Council shall forward to the Kennel Club by 31st July each year:
(i) A list of current Officers and their addresses and telephone numbers.
(ii) A list of the constituent Societies.
(iii) A copy of the current Constitution/Rules highlighting all approved amendments.
(iv) A copy of the annual Statement of Accounts.
(v) A copy of the Breed Council Judges List:
Breed Councils must produce a list of Judges each year which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of their Annual Returns.
The purpose of Breed Council Judges’ Lists is to indicate to interested parties those persons a Breed Council would support at differing levels of judging. Councils must clearly indicate the method by which persons may be nominated for inclusion on the list and indicate the judging experience required for inclusion of a person’s name on each of the five lists. Membership of constituent Societies of the Council must not be a prerequisite for inclusion on the lists. Judges lists should be divided into five parts, namely A1, A2, A3, B and C and must be compiled annually stating the date on which they expire.

A1 List. Judges who have previously been approved to award CCs in a given Breed and have carried out the appointment.

A2 List. Judges who, if invited to judge by a Society, would in principle be approved by the Kennel Club to award CCs in a given Breed for that occasion. A Council/Club must apply to the Kennel Club for approval to promote a judge from its A3 list to its A2 list.

A3 List. Judges who are recommended by a Breed Council or 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.

B List. Judges who have been approved by Breed Councils/Clubs to judge at Shows without CCs or Open Shows.

C List. Any C List drawn up by a Breed Council or Breed Club should comprise aspirant judges who do not fall into any of the above categories. It is recommended that such lists be prepared by Secret Ballot of the Breed Council Committee and Councils must clearly state to member Societies the method by which persons may be nominated for inclusion on the Ballot and indicate the judging experience for inclusion of a person’s name in the five lists.
5. General
a. The Kennel Club may in its absolute discretion refuse to register or affiliate any Society or Organisation, or renew such registration or affiliation, and reserves the right to grant any title in exceptional circumstances.
b. The registration or affiliation of a Society by the Kennel Club and compliance with the Regulations confers on such Society the exclusive official use of its title and permission to hold licensed events under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations as long as the Society remains registered or affiliated.
c. All registered clubs, societies and councils are expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards in all their activities (whether licensed or otherwise), in accordance with the KC Rules and Regulations and appropriate Codes of Best Practice as published from time to time.

6. Disciplinary Procedures
a. The Kennel Club shall have power to suspend a Society’s registration or affiliation for a period not exceeding 12 months or to deregister or disaffiliate any Society or Organisation at any time and/or to fine any Society or Organisation if, in the opinion of the General Committee, the Society or Organisation is in breach of any of the Kennel Club Rules or Regulations or the continuance of the Society’s registration or the Organisation’s affiliation is prejudicial to the interests of the canine world. Additionally, the Officers and Committee Members of the Society or Organisation or any of them may be dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A42.
b. No Society or Organisation shall be suspended or deregistered or disaffiliated without first being given the opportunity of making written representation to the General Committee by way of explanation or defence.
c. If a Society or Organisation is aggrieved by the General Committee’s decision, it shall be entitled to request an oral hearing before the General Committee, which shall have the power to delegate the hearing of the same to its Appeals Tribunal.
d. A Society or Organisation shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of registration with or affiliation to the Kennel Club during a period of suspension.
e. If a registered Society or affiliated Organisation suspends or expels any member for discreditable conduct in connection with any canine matter or any Kennel Club Licensed event the Society or Organisation must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply particulars if required.
f. If a registered Society or affiliated Organisation fails to terminate the membership of a person suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42.j.(5) and/or disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42.j.(9) or fails to terminate the membership of a person whose dogs is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42.j.(9) or fails to apply other conditions of suspension or disqualification under Kennel Club Rule A42.j. for a like period, the Officers and Committee members of the Society or Organisation or any of them may be dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A42.