

THE WEST MIDLAND FIELD TRIAL SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. The name of the Society shall be known as "the West Midland Field Trial Society". The Society's objects being to promote the breeding of different varieties of gundogs and to develop and bring to perfection their natural working qualities. If possible working trials shall be held.
2. *The Society shall consist of a President, unlimited Vice Presidents, a Chairman, a Committee of not less than 11 members, Life Members and ordinary members whose names and addresses shall be entered into a book kept by the Honorary Secretary.*
3. The Committee and Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The entire management of the Society shall be vested in the Committee who shall have power to make byelaws and their decision shall be final in all questions. (Subject to appeal to the Kennel Club)
4. *The Society shall consist of ordinary members of whom there shall not be more than..... The annual subscription shall be such sum as the members shall determine from time to time at the Annual General Meeting payable on the 1st of January. There shall be an entrance fee amounting to double the annual subscription payable at the time of application. If subscriptions are not paid within three months from the date they become due members are liable to loose the privilege of membership at the discretion of the Committee.*
5. The President, Vice Presidents, the Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the committee. The Vice-Presidents shall not, however be entitled to vote at any committee meeting.
6. Members may withdraw from the Society by giving notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary provided always that such member shall be liable for the subscription for the current year.
7. Candidates for election must be proposed and seconded by members, and after election shall enjoy the privileges of the Society at the discretion of the Committee.
8. An annual General Meeting shall be held in February or March when six shall form a quorum, the Chairman having the casting vote. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Honorary Secretary, and shall be called upon the written request of six members at which meeting six shall form a quorum, the Chairman having the casting vote. No business other than that

named in the notice shall be brought before a Special General Meeting. *An audited account of income and expenditure for the year shall be presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting.*

9. Any member who shall be suspended by the Kennel Club shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Society. If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee 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 of considerations 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. Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising him of the place, date and hour of the meeting that he may attend and offer an explanation. If at that meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, his name shall be forthwith erased from the list of members, and he shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a member of the Society, except that he 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. If the Society expels a 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.
10. There shall be not less than fourteen days notice given in writing to members of a General 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 in which in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting are urgent.
11. An annual Report with a statement of the financial position of the Society shall be published and supplied to members at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting.
12. An account shall be opened in a bank in the name of the "West Midland Field Trial Society" and all money lodged to this account and all payments made by cheque signed by any two from: the President, Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary.
13. Rules of the Society may not be altered 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.
14. In the event of the Society being wound up any Challenge or other cups and trophies which have been provided for competition and presented to the Society shall be returned to the respective donors or their heirs if traceable, if not, they shall be disposed of by the Committee and a statement sent to the Kennel Club.

15. The Kennel Club is the final authority for the interpretation of the rules of the Society, and in all cases relative to canine and Society matters.
16. The Society shall not join any federation of Societies or clubs.
17. 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.
18. Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42J(5) and/or member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42 J(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Society for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.
19. The Society must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by members of the Society or by the Kennel Club.
20. The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club for continuance of registration and that by 31st July each year other returns as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities be forwarded to the Kennel Club.