



## **NATIONAL GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER BREED COUNCIL**

### **CONSTITUTION**

**JUNE 2020**

#### **1 Name**

The name of the organisation shall be the “National German Shorthaired Pointer Breed Council” and shall herein be referred to as the “NGSPBC”.

#### **2 Objectives**

The objectives of the NGSPBC shall be:

- 2.1 To encourage and promote in every way the quality of breeding, care, training and exhibition of the German Shorthaired Pointer.
- 2.2 To educate and encourage Exhibitors, Breeders and Judges to abide by the Standard for the German Shorthaired Pointer, as approved by the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd.
- 2.3 To enable Member Clubs to take co-operative action on matters which such Clubs agree are of common interest and for their mutual benefit in the promotion of the German Shorthaired Pointer.
- 2.4 To allocate the titles of “German Shorthaired Pointer National Speciality Championship Show”.

For use by Member Clubs, subject always to the approval of both the State or Territory Controlling Body and the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd.

The granting of the use of the word “National” must be in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd and/or the National Breed Clubs Liaison Council.

- 2.5 To seek registration with the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd, and if recognised, agree to be bound by the Rules and Regulations, and directions of the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd for the time being in force.

- 2.6 To become associated with German Shorthaired Pointer overseas organisations with objectives kindred to the objectives of the NGSPBC.
- 2.7 To collect, verify and publish information relating to the German Shorthaired Pointer and the breeding and exhibition of the German Shorthaired Pointer.
- 2.8 To encourage Member Clubs to hold Shows, Parades, Trials and other Exhibitions as approved by and under the Rules and Regulations of their State or Territory Controlling Body and of the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd.
- 2.9 To legislate, to make by-laws and do other acts, matters and things, as may be necessary or expedient to promote all or any of the objectives of the NGSPBC.

### 3 Powers

- 3.1 The NGSPBC shall have power to:-
  - 3.1.1 Hold Breed Seminars, Conventions and Congresses.
  - 3.1.2 Correspond with and become associated with overseas German Shorthaired Pointer organisations, for the purpose of the exchange of viewpoints on matters affecting the welfare of the German Shorthaired Pointer.
  - 3.1.3 Allocate the title "German Shorthaired Pointer National Speciality Championship Show" to the various Member Clubs, subject always to the approval of both the State or Territory Controlling Body and the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd.
  - 3.1.4 Purchase, hire, lease or otherwise provide and maintain all types of personal property for the carrying out of the objectives of the NGSPBC.
  - 3.1.5 Do all such other things which may appear to it to be necessary for the purpose of carrying into effects its objectives.
- 3.2 The NGSPBC shall not hold Shows or any other type of Exhibitions. Such events shall only be conducted by the Member Clubs.
- 3.3 Nothing in this Constitution shall affect the right or authority of an individual Member Club to control and conduct their Member Club business in the way usually followed by a Specialist Club.

Nor shall the NGSPBC affect in any way the normal relationship between a Member Club and their State or Territory Controlling Body.

- 3.4 Member Clubs, on a rotational basis in accordance with By-Law 1, will take turns in holding Nationals in accordance with By-Law 2, if a Member Club is not able to hold the next national, then it will go to the next Member Club. The Member Club that was not able to hold the national will be offered the following National first.

#### 4 Membership

- 4.1 Any specialist German Shorthaired Pointer Club affiliated with a State or Territory Controlling Body, which is in turn a member of the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd, shall be eligible for membership of the NGSPBC except in the case of re-admission which must be in compliance with Clause 12 or the Constitution.
- 4.2 The following specialist German Shorthaired Pointer Clubs and such other specialist German Shorthaired Pointer Clubs as may from time to time be admitted, shall be Member Clubs, entitled to nominate a delegate to the NGSPBC. Such Member Club shall identify the State or Territory it represents in its name (e.g. "of Victoria").

The German Shorthaired Pointer Society (NSW) Incorporated  
The German Shorthaired Pointer Club Vic Inc.  
The German Shorthaired Pointer Club of S.A.  
The German Shorthaired Pointer Club of W.A.

#### 5 Meetings

- 5.1 Each of the Member Clubs named in Clause 4.2 shall appoint one delegate to the NGSPBC. Each delegate must be a financial member of his Member Club and of the respective State or Territory Controlling Body and be a resident in the State or Territory of the Member Club he/she represents. If for any reason it should become necessary, Member Clubs may appoint a substitute delegate who shall ipso facto be deemed to be a delegate for voting and all other purposes at a meeting of the NGSPBC.
- 5.2 At meetings of the NGSPBC each Member Club shall have one vote, subject to its delegate/s being in attendance at such meetings.
- 5.3 The quorum for meetings shall be 75% of member Clubs.

- 5.4 Member Clubs may bring any business before a meeting of the NGSPBC by giving 90 days' notice of its intention to the Secretary. The Secretary shall communicate the agenda for a meeting to each of the Member Clubs at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 5.5 Every Member Club delegate/s must confirm the intention of their Member Clubs attendance for the General Meeting.
- 5.6 A notice sent by registered post shall be deemed to have been served at the signing for the registered post by means of Australia Post tracking.
- 5.7 Except with the unanimous consent of all Member Clubs, no resolution carried at a meeting of the NGSPBC shall be valid unless notice has been given in accordance with Clause 5.4.
- 5.8 Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 5.5 the Secretary shall at the discretion of the President, or at the written request of two Member Clubs, submit any particular matter of urgency to the Member Clubs by registered post, or email and the vote on any such matter shall be taken accordingly, at meetings of the Member Clubs.
- 5.9 Also, should, in the opinion of the President or Secretary, NGSPBC business require urgent action, this business may be conducted by Conference telephone call, provided that a quorum takes part. Conference calls must be confined to a limited agenda or emergency decisions with a minimum of 24 hours prior notification by the NGSPBC.
- 5.10 The NGSPBC shall manage its own affairs and hold meetings at such time and place as it deems fit.
- 5.11 The Executive of the NGSPBC comprises of a President and a Secretary. The President of the NGSPBC acts a figure head and to chair meetings of the NGSPBC, whilst the Secretary attends to the administration of the Council according to the decisions and directions of the Member Clubs.
- 5.11.1 The Executive of the NGSPBC has no authority to direct a Member Club and cannot initiate actions on behalf of the NGSPBC, unless directed to do so by a majority of 75% of the Member Clubs at properly convened meetings.

5.11.2 Should he/she not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, the delegates shall elect a Chairman from among their number. The delegate appointed Chairman may record his/her own vote on any matter, but shall not have a casting vote.

5.11.3 Should the Secretary not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, the delegates shall elect a Deputy Secretary, for that meeting, from among their Members. The delegate appointed Deputy Secretary may record his/her own vote on any matter as delegate for their Member Club.

5.12 Every motion submitted to the meeting shall be decided by a show of hands at a Face to Face meeting or verbal/written confirmation should the meeting take place via Teleconference or electronic communication (i.e. Video Conferencing, Teleconference, Email Correspondence). Provided that each Member Club with a delegate present shall have the right to record one vote. In the event of equality of votes on any matter the Chairman and Secretary (if present) shall not have a casting vote, and the motion shall be deemed to be lost.

5.13 In all matters not covered by this Constitution the Rules of common debate shall apply provided always that the best interests of the members be served, and members have the right to vote in favour or against any decision.

5.14 Dissension from the Presidents and/or Chairman's procedure / ruling / actions etc.

In the event that a dissension vote be carried by a 75% majority at any meeting of the NGSPBC –the Chairman shall be bound to adopt such procedure / ruling / actions as decided by said vote, and further, immediately such dissension vote be moved and seconded the Chairman shall immediately vacate the chair to enable correct and proper discussion and voting procedures to follow. Delegates present are then entitled to elect their own choice of interim Chairman to preside during the time that this matter only is discussed and determined whereupon the Chairman shall resume the Chair.

5.15 Censure of

1. Presidents and/or Chairman's action / ruling procedure etc.
2. Secretary's action - ruling / procedure etc.
3. A General Member's action / conduct etc.

In the event that a censure motion be moved, seconded and carried by a 75% majority at any Meeting of the Council the person or persons against whom the vote be taken shall be considered censured and all relevant details shall be minuted. (It must be understood that a censure motion does not automatically mean a loss of position from Council or a loss to a member of his usual and accepted rights).

## 6 President

The President must be a club member of one of the Member Clubs whose turn it is to hold the upcoming National (in accordance with By-Law 1) and a member of the respective State or Territory Controlling Body, but shall not be a Member Club delegate. He / She shall be formally appointed for a term of office in accordance with By-Law 4 by the NGSPBC delegates when deciding who is holding the next national. This is to be ratified at the general meeting during/concluding the current/prior National Show.

The President's term of office may be extended or the sequence or nominations altered if agreed in compliance.

## 7 Secretary

- 7.1 The Secretary must be a club member of the Member Clubs and of the respective State. He/she shall be appointed by the Member Club who is holding the next national, for a term of office in accordance with By-Law 4. This appointment is to be ratified at the general meeting during/concluding the current/prior National Show.

The Secretary shall hold office until the day following the decision and approval of the next National by the NGSPBC.

The Secretary shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the NGSPBC.

- 7.2 It shall be the duty of the Secretary or in the absence of the Secretary the President to notify the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd within fourteen (14) days of any changes in Directors or Office Bearers.

The Secretary shall act under the direction of the NGSPBC. He/she shall attend all meetings of the NGSPBC and any other meeting where his/her presence may be required, to keep proper minutes of such meetings; and generally, to perform all such duties as are usually performed by any such officer in a like position.

- 7.3 A casual vacancy occurring caused by the death or resignation of a member or by a member ceasing for any reason to be a member, may be filled by the delegates at the next Meeting and the member so appointed shall hold office until his appointment is confirmed by the members at the next Meeting, this may be done via email.

## 8 Headquarters

The headquarters of the NGSPBC shall be the residential address of the Secretary, where the books, records and property of the NGSPBC shall be kept.

## 9 German Shorthaired Pointer National Show Requirements

- 9.1 The conformation judge for the National is to be decided by the Member Club who is holding the show and approved by Australian National Kennel Council Ltd.
- 9.2 The National Judge contracted, must be an International FCI Accredited Breed Specialist.
- 9.3 The National Show will be held every two years, when able to, changes can be made to this subject to a vote by the delegates.
- 9.4 The National Show general running decisions are to be up to the Member Club holding the National.
- 9.5 Financing of the National Show is to be met by the Member Club holding the National Show.

## 10 By-Laws

Subject always to the constitution, delegates at a meeting by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than 75% of delegates present and voting on this resolution, may make By-Laws and may from time to time amend such By-Laws by variation, deletion or addition as they may think fit.

## 11 Alteration to Constitution and By-Laws

This Constitution and the By-Laws of the NGSPBC shall not be altered, waived or amended, except at a meeting of the delegates at which at least 90 days' notice has been given to the Secretary of such amendment and the Secretary has given 60 days' notice to all Member Clubs.

The amendment must be agreed to by a majority of not less than 75% of the delegates present and voting on this resolution.

## 12 Resignation

Any Member Club may at any time resign its membership by giving notice to the Secretary.

Should any Member Club that has resigned seek re-admission as a member of the NGSPBC, such re-admission is to be voted on at a meeting of the NGSPBC called in compliance with Clause 4.1 of the constitution. A majority of not less than 75% of the delegates present and voting in person or via teleconference or electronic communication (i.e. video conferencing, teleconference, email communication) will be required to re-admit a Member Club.

13 Property / Winding Up

No club or individual shall have any proprietary right or interest in any of the funds or property of the NGSPBC. Such property or funds shall be devoted to the promotion of the objectives of the NGSPBC. However in the event of the winding up of the NGSPBC the property of funds shall be divided equally among the clubs which are members at the time of such winding up.



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**BY-LAWS**

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**BY-LAW 1 - Order of Rotation**

The German Shorthaired Pointer Society (NSW) Incorporated

The German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Vic Inc.

The German Shorthaired Pointer Club of of S.A.

German Shorthaired Pointer Club of W.A.

**BY-LAW 2 - Frequency of Events**

National Shows to be held every 2 years

**BY-LAW 3 - Term of Office**

The President and Secretary term of office will be in line with the Frequency of Events outlined in By-Law 2 being 2 years.