

Rule Book 2016

The Rule Book of Afghan Hound Association



Afghan Hound Association
Established 1927

Afghan Hound Association

1. Name and Object of the Association

This Association shall be called the AFGHAN HOUND ASSOCIATION.

Its objects shall be:

to promote the breeding of the Afghan Hound as set out by the 'Standard of Points'.

to hold shows and to protect and advance the interests of this breed by exhibiting and guaranteeing classes at shows held under Kennel Club rules.

to adopt and publish a 'standard of Points' as herein stated.

to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed.

to keep a register of all Champions made each year.

To provide guidance of Afghan Hound Racing in the UK.

2. Constitution

The Association shall consist of a Committee and the following Officers:

Patron

President

Vice President/s

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Auditor

and an unlimited number of members. The Society must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by the members of the Society or by the Kennel Club.

3. New Members

Candidates must be proposed by one member and seconded by another. Provisional Membership shall be immediate on receipt of fee by the Membership Secretary and full completion of application, subject to confirmation by the committee.

4. Subscription

The single, joint, junior or foreign annual subscriptions for the following year shall be as deemed by the AGM on advice from the Treasurer and/or Auditor.

Overseas members are those members who reside outside of the United Kingdom. United Kingdom is defined as England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

No member shall be entitled to 'specials' at any show after March 31st in each year, unless the annual Subscription has been paid prior to the date of closing of entries.

The payment of the subscription is the only form of payment which shall entitle one to membership.

In the event of any member or members failing to pay the annual subscription on or before March 31st in any one year, his or her name shall be deleted from the list of members and, provided the subscription is still unpaid on March 31st following, it shall be necessary, upon his or her desiring again to enter the Association, that he or she should be re-elected and pay on re-election the subscription for that year.

Members wishing to resign from the Association shall express their wish in writing to the Secretary.

Life Membership. Honorary Life Membership to be granted at the discretion of the Officers and Committee Members to those who have given long or outstanding service to the Association, and shall thereafter be entitled to all the privileges of a membership without further payment.

5. Committee and Officers

The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee of not more than 11 members and the following Officers, viz:

President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.

All Officers, except the Vice-Presidents and Auditor (unless elected members of the Committee) shall be ex-officio members of the Committee and shall retire every year at the Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

The subscription of the Secretary shall be waived while in office.

6. Election of Committee

All members of the Committee shall retire at the Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

No members shall be eligible for election unless, at the time of election, his current subscription and any other outstanding amounts due by him to the Association shall be paid.

At the election of the Committee only members whose subscriptions are fully paid up to date shall be entitled to vote.

Any casual vacancy occurring in the Committee in any year may be filled by the Committee, subject to sub-section (b) of this rule.

7. Officers

Nominations for Officers will be accepted at the Annual General Meeting or can be previously submitted in writing to the Secretary. These names, along with those recommended by the Committee, shall then be voted at the Annual General Meeting.

8. Power of the Committee

The Committee, in its conduct of affairs, shall have the power to deal with all matters not provided for in the Rules of the Association.

The Committee shall have power to delegate their authority to a sub-committee or sub-committees, composed of members of the Association.

Notwithstanding any other Rule the organisation of Shows shall be at the discretion and under the absolute control of the committee.

9. Meeting of the Committee

The Committee shall meet within two months from the date of election and thereafter as often as may be deemed necessary by its members.

Whenever possible, at least one week's notice convening a meeting and stating the business of the agenda shall be issued to all the members of the Committee.

Six shall form a quorum at a Committee meeting.

10. Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting of members shall be held, if possible, by the 31st May unless circumstances shall otherwise dictate.

The business of an Annual Meeting shall be:

- a. to receive from the Committee its Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts, duly audited.
- b. to elect the Committee, in accordance with Rule 6.
- c. to elect an Auditor.
- d. to elect the Officers, in accordance with Rule 7.
- e. any other business that may be necessary for transaction.

Notice convening an Annual General Meeting shall be issued to all members at least 14 days prior to the date thereof and the Committee's Report and Balance Sheet shall accompany such notice.

The quorum at an Annual General Meeting shall be 5% of the paid up membership at 31st December of the year preceding that of the AGM, plus one, having voting power present at the Meeting.

Notice of any motion to be tabled at an Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to the Secretary, at least 14 days before the date appointed for such meeting.

11. Special General Meeting

May be convened at any time by the Committee, by a vote of not less than one half of the number of its members, or by written requisition signed by not less than 20 members having voting power at the time.

The business shall be confined to the particular object for which the meeting has been convened.

The notice convening the meeting shall be issued to all members at least 14 days prior to the date thereof and the quorum shall be two-thirds of members having voting power present.

12. Voting Power

Full members, provided they have paid all subscriptions due to the Association, alone shall have the power to vote at any Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.

13. Association Funds, Accounts, Cups etc

All revenue of the Association shall be lodged in a Bank approved by the Committee and shall be in the name of the 'Afghan Hound Association'.

All accounts must be passed by the Committee and all cheques drawn on behalf of the Association shall be signed by the Chairman or President and the Treasurer.

All cups and other property shall be vested in the Committee who shall be the trustees thereof.

All cups shall be insured by the Association. In the event of the Association being wound up, the Association's property shall be disposed of as the Committee shall determine. Cups shall, where possible, be returned to the donors.

All members receiving cups and trophies shall sign for the same and will be held responsible for their care and safe return to the Secretary 28 days prior to the Association's show.

The financial year of the Association shall be deemed to be from January 1st to December 31st.

14. Selection of Judges

Applicants for the 'A' List will be required to complete a questionnaire, to assess conformity with the minimum requirements for AHA approved judges.

Championship Judges are those suitable to judge more than 10 classes at Open and Championship Shows and to award Challenge Certificates.

The Afghan Hound Association Judging Lists are divided into five parts, namely A1, A2, A3, B and C.

A1 List

For persons who have previously been approved by The Kennel Club to award CCs in the breed and have completed their first appointment. To have the support of the AHA. **(KC Policy)**.

A2 List

For persons who fulfil all the requirements for the A3 list and who have been assessed in accordance with Kennel Club requirements and accepted by The Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 list and have the support of the AHA. **(KC Policy)**

A3 List

For persons who are recommended by the AHA as being suitable to award CC's in the breed, but are not yet approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 list.

A3 Breed Specialist

Requirements include:

1. Minimum of 7 years judging experience in the breed and have the support of the AHA. **(KC Policy)**.
2. To have attended three Breed Specific Seminars run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable. **(KC Policy)**.
3. To have judged a minimum of 40 classes.
4. To have judged a minimum of 120 dogs. **(KC Policy)**.
5. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer, and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations and Judging Procedures. **(KC Policy)**.
6. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on Conformation and Movement. **(KC Policy)**.
7. To have attended a Points of the Dog Assessment conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the assessment. **(KC Policy)**.
8. To have bred and/or owned a minimum of 3 dogs when they obtained their 1st entry in The Kennel Club Stud Book (Save in exceptional circumstances). **(KC Policy)**.
9. To have stewarded over a minimum of 12 days at shows (Open or Championship shows only). **(KC Policy)**.

A3 Breed All Rounder

Requirements include:

1. Minimum of 7 years judging experience in any one breed (to include 5 years in this breed) and have the support of the Afghan Hound Association. **(KC Policy)**.

2. To have judged a minimum of 50 classes in this breed.
3. To have judged 160 dogs in this breed. **(KC Policy)**.
4. To have attended at least one breed specific seminar run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable. **(KC Policy)**.
5. To have awarded CCs in at least one other breed. **(KC Policy)**.
6. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer, and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations and Judging Procedures. **(KC Policy)**.
7. To have attended a Conformation and Movement “Hands-on-Assessment” conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the assessment. **(KC Policy)**.

B List

For all persons whom the AHA would support to judge the Breed at Shows without CC's or Open Shows.

Junior List to be maintained of those eligible to judge up to six classes at general Open Shows. Qualifications to include: The criteria of The Afghan Hound Breed Council, those who have passed examinations conducted by other Clubs may be exempt from the Afghan Hound Association examination upon application to the Association.

B Breed Specialist

1. To have 5 years experience owning and exhibiting in this breed and have the support of the AHA.
2. To have judged 40 dogs of this breed at Open Shows or Championship Shows without CCs.
3. To have attended three breed specific judging seminars and passed an assessment where applicable.
4. To have passed Breed Council approved examination.
5. To have stewarded over a minimum of four days at shows (Open or Championship Shows only).
6. B Non-Breed Specialist
 1. To have attended one Breed Seminar.
 2. To have passed Breed Council approved examination.
 3. To award Challenge Certificates in at least one other Breed.
 4. To have judged a minimum of 40 dogs of this breed at Open Shows or Championship Shows without CCs (save in exceptional circumstances).

C Breed Specialist/Non-Specialist

To be maintained of those eligible to judge at Limited and up to three classes at general Open Shows.

For aspirant judge who has shown an interest in the Breed and have the support of the Afghan Hound Association.

Overseas Judges

1. To fulfil the KC requirements for overseas judges.
2. To complete an Overseas Judges Application Form.

3. This would go before the committee as with all UK judges.
4. If KC approved they would then be put on the relevant Overseas List.
5. Their names would be balloted with UK judges.
6. If they were offered an appointment for the AHA it would be in an Honorary capacity.

These items apart each applicant will be decided on its own merit.

Applications for a place on any List to be submitted to the Secretary at any time, a questionnaire to be sent to each applicant, the Committee's approval to be on the basis of the conformity of the replies with the criteria of the Association.

Procedure for Judging Competence Assessment

The procedure to be similar to a normal selection board.

The board to comprise the Chairman and one Championship Judge Committee Member, together with three other Championship Judges. All judges to be from the Association's Championship List. The Chairman to be a permanent member to assist continuity. At least three of the examining judges must have been active in the breed for at least fifteen years and to have awarded not less than five C.C.'s spread between the sexes.

Each Board Member will be allowed to ask the applicant questions after the practical test.

Each Board Member will assess in his own way the suitability of the candidate and will declare his verdict immediately after the completion of the test and interview. The applicant will be recalled and notified of the result, with reasons, before leaving the building.

Preparation for the Practical Test

1. The Committee will undertake to find a suitable venue and fix a date.
2. The Committee will provide at least 4 Afghan Hounds in show condition, of any age over 6 months.
3. Refreshments will be provided for the applicants after the examination, in a separate room.
4. Applicants will be notified in writing of the examination procedure, venue and date. A maximum of 9 applicants will be allowed at each examination session.
5. Applicants must have been members of an Afghan Hound breed club for 4 years and completed the required educational programme.
6. Each applicant will have three minutes in which to examine and move each dog with a further fifteen minutes for placing the dogs in order of preference and answering the Board's questions.
7. After examining each dog he will place them in order of preference, with a quick verbal summary of his reasons.
8. The applicant will then be asked questions by the Board, before leaving the Boardroom.

The judging lists to be amended to include the names of successful candidates, as soon as possible, after the holding of the examinations each year, and to be circulated to the secretaries of dog show societies.

Election of Judges

Foreign Judges

In the event of a foreign judge being decided upon by a majority at the Annual General Meeting, the method of selection shall be such as may be decided at that meeting.

Expat and all overseas Judges, when accepting an appointment to judge an Afghan Hound Association Open or Championship show must be clearly informed and understand that they do so in an Honorary Capacity.

Once the Judge/Judges have accepted the appointment and have been KC approved, it will be for the serving committee to decide what they deem as appropriate, in the form of accommodation, gift or nominal fee to the Judge/Judges.

The Judges for the Association's shows :

Judges will be selected either by ballot, or at the discretion of the committee. In the event of the committee selecting the judge(s) for an AHA Show then the AHA Officers and committee would not exhibit or handle at that AHA Show.

15. Dissolution of the Association

The Association shall not be dissolved except by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

A month's notice shall be sent to all members, convening such a meeting.

16. Notices

All notices shall be mailed to either the last recorded email or postal address of the respective members in the Register of Members and shall be considered as being duly delivered when such notices are sent or in the case of postal addresses are posted. The Association is not responsible for the delivery failure of emails or posted items.

17. The Kennel Club

The Kennel Club shall be the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Association. Its rules shall apply to the Association and it shall be the final Court of Appeal in all cases to Canine or Association matters.

Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club rule A42j(4) and/or any member whose dog/s is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j(8) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Society for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.

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 time of the Meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at the Meeting, a resolution to expel is passed by 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 Association. If any Member is expelled the matter will be reported, in writing, to the Kennel Club within seven days and any particulars required by the Kennel Club will be supplied. He/She may, within one calendar month from the date of such a Meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

The Association may not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

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 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 be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.

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. The Rules of the Association

No new rules or alterations to existing rules shall be made, except at General Meetings of members and for which 14 day's notice has been given to the secretary prior to the General Meeting. These Rules shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval of the alterations.

A copy of the rules and of any additions or alterations created from time to time shall be supplied to and binding upon all members of the association.

19. In the Rules

In the Rules, where the context so admits, the masculine shall include the feminine and the singular include the plural.

20. Code of Ethics

AFGHAN HOUND ASSOCIATION GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

All members of the Afghan Hound Association undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.

Club members:

- I. Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- II. Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.
- III. Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- IV. Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
- V. Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- VI. Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- VII. Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- VIII. Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- IX. Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.

- X. Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
- XI. Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- XII. Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
- XIII. Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
- XIV. Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

Afghan Hound Breed Standard

General Appearance

Gives the impression of strength and dignity, combining speed and power. Head held proudly.

Characteristics

Eastern or Oriental expression is typical of breed. The Afghan looks at and through one.

Temperament

Dignified and aloof, with a certain keen fierceness.

Head and Skull

Skull long, not too narrow, with prominent occiput. Foreface long with punishing jaws and slight stop. Skull well balanced and mounted by a long 'top-knot'. Nose preferably black, liver permissible in light-coloured dogs.

Eyes

Dark for preference, but golden colour not debarred. Nearly triangular in appearance, slanting slightly upwards from inner corner to outer corner.

Ears

Set low and well back, carried close to head. Covered with long silky hair.

Mouth

Jaws strong, with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws. Level bite tolerated.

Neck

Long, strong, with proud carriage of head.

Forequarters

Shoulders long and sloping, set well back, well muscled and strong without being loaded. Upper arm long and sloping. In profile this brings the elbow vertically below the wither. Forelegs straight and well boned, elbows close to ribcage, turning neither in nor out.

Body

Back level, moderate length, well muscled, back falling slightly away to stern. Loin straight, broad and rather short. Hipbones rather prominent and wide apart. A fair spring of ribs and good depth of chest.

Hindquarters

Powerful, well bent and well turned stifles. Great length between hip and hock, with comparatively short distance between hock and foot.

Feet

Forefeet strong and very large both in length and breadth, and covered with long, thick hair; toes arched. Pasterns long and springy, pads well down on ground. Hindfeet long, but not quite as broad as forefeet; covered with long thick hair.

Tail

Not too short. Set on low with ring at end. Raised when in action. Sparsely feathered.

Gait/Movement

Smooth and springy with a style of high order.

Coat

Long and very fine texture on the ribs, fore and hindquarters and flanks. In mature dogs, from the shoulder backwards and along the saddle, hair short and close. Hair long from the forehead backwards, with a distinct silky 'topknot'. On the foreface hair short, ears and legs well coated. Pasterns can be bare. Coat must develop naturally. Any evidence of clipping or scissoring should be penalised.

Colour

All colours acceptable.

Size

Ideal height: dogs: 68-74 cms (27-29 ins); bitches: 63-69 cms (25-27 ins).

Faults

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

Note

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.