

NATIONAL BEAGLE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA BYLAWS

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BYLAW 1 - MEMBERSHIP

- a) There shall be a joining fee of \$30.00 payable upon acceptance as a Member Club of the NBCA.
- b) The membership fee of the NBCA shall be \$40.00 per annum. The fee shall be due at each Annual General Meeting and shall be reviewed at each Annual General Meeting.

BYLAW 2 - PRESIDENT

- a) The President shall be appointed in accordance with clause 6 of the Constitution and shall hold office for a term of twelve months, but shall be eligible for further terms of office in compliance with clause 6 and Bylaw 2b.

The position of President shall be rotated among the Member Clubs. Each Member Club, in turn, may nominate one of its members as President of the NBCA. This rotation sequence of nominations shall be clockwise around the Member Clubs following the appointment of the initial President at the inaugural Annual General Meeting.

The rotation shall normally be on a two yearly basis but may be extended in compliance with clause 6 of the Constitution. (added rev 2)

In the event of a Member Club waiving its right to nominate a President the right to nominate shall automatically progress to the next Member Club according to the rotation sequence.

- b) The Presidents term of office may be extended in accordance with clause 6 of the Constitution.

BYLAW 3 - SECRETARY

- a) The Secretary shall be appointed in accordance with clause 7 of the Constitution and shall hold office for a term of twelve months, but shall be eligible for another term at a later date, or in compliance with Bylaw 3b.

The position of Secretary shall rotate among the Member Clubs. The rotation shall be the same order as that of the President of the NBCA.

- b) The Secretary's term of office may be extended in accordance with clause 7 of the Constitution.

BYLAW 4 - "NATIONAL BEAGLE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW OF AUSTRALIA"

- a) The delegates at any Annual General Meeting, and in accordance with clause 3ie of the Constitution, may grant the title "National Beagle Championship Show of Australia" to any Member Club. The granting of the use of the word "National" must be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Australian National Kennel Council and/or the National Breeds Clubs Liaison Council.

- b) National Beagle Championship Shows of Australia may not be held at intervals of less than twenty four months. It is desirable and strongly preferred that the period between any National Beagle Championship Shows as close as practical to thirty six months and does not exceed forty eight months. (amended rev 2)

- c) The Breed judge for any National Beagle Championship Show must comply with the following criteria:-

1. They must be a qualified judge either All-Breed, or group 4 (hounds) or a Beagle specialist. (amended rev 2.1)

2. They must not have judged Beagles at breed level at any show in Australia during the 36 months prior to the set date for the show.
 3. The judges selected by the host Club must be approved by the NBCA.
- d) A reserve judge shall be appointed for any National Beagle Championship Show.
 - e) The host Club is solely responsible for the organisation, running and funding of the National Show.
 - f) A Member Club wishing to host a National Beagle Championship Show must submit a bid to do so to the Secretary of the NBCA in accordance with clause 5e of the Constitution.
 - g) Any Member Club may bid for a National Beagle Championship Show in accordance with the rules and regulations of the NBCA, but may not be awarded a second or subsequent National Beagle Championship Show until all other Member Clubs have been offered the right of refusal to host that show.
 - h) The NBCA may approve up to 3 National Beagle Championship Shows in advance.

**BYLAW 5 - NATIONAL BEAGLE COUNCIL AWARD OF MERIT
(added rev 2)**

- a) At any meeting of the NBCA the delegates may vote upon the granting of NBCA Awards of Merit from nominations received in accordance with clause 5e of the Constitution.
- b) Any Member Club may nominate any Australian Beagle for consideration for an Award of Merit.
- c) Each nomination is to be evaluated on its own merits using the following criteria as a basis for qualification for consideration:
 - i) Australian Obedience Champion
 - ii) Five Challenge Certificates or Runner-Up Best of Breed from Reserve Challenge Certificates at Specialties or Royals. These Certificates to be awarded in more than one State or Territory of Australia at shows with a Beagle entry of more than 60.
 - iii) Outstanding progenitor. (added 2.5 00)
 - a) Only first generation progeny to be considered
 - b) Progeny must have won a combined minimum of 5 Royal or Specialty Challenges
 - c) Consideration to be given to progeny exported overseas
 - d) Male Beagles must produce a minimum of 6 Champion progeny who have won a Specialty or Royal Challenge
 - e) Female Beagles must produce a minimum of 4 progeny who have won a Specialty or Royal Challenge.
 - iv) A combination of any parts of any of the above.
 - v) Challenge Certificates at Specialty or Royals and/or Runner-Up Best of Breed from Reserve Challenges at shows with an entry of less than 60, or Reserve Challenges at shows with an entry more or less than 60 Beagles, may be considered, in conjunction with any with any other achievements submitted by the nominee ie trialling, hunting, obedience etc.
 - vi) Dogs from the past to be considered.
- d) All nominations must be on the appropriate form available from the NBCA Secretary, and must be accompanied by the respective supporting material. This data is to be circulated to Member Clubs in accordance with clause 5e of the Constitution.

- e) Acceptance of any nomination is at the discretion of the Council.
- f) The nomination fails if more than one veto is registered.
- g) Where Beagles are listed officially under the Award of Merit guidelines, they are to be in order of date of birth. (added 2.1 95)
- h) AoM recipients are to be listed in all National Show catalogues. (added2.3)
- i) The letters AOM are to be placed after the recipients name in all National Show catalogues. (added2.3)

Bylaw 6 Conferlink (Subject to confirmation)

1. *In addition to clause 5. Meetings. the council may conduct meetings by phone link to expedite the business of the council.*
2. *The agenda for the phonelink is to be circulated to all members in accordance with clause 5e of the constitution.*
3. *The date and time of the phonelink is at the discretion of the secretary.*