

NATIONAL BEAGLE COUNCIL OF
AUSTRALIA
CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND
GUIDELINES



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CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL BEAGLE COUNCIL (AUSTRALIA)

Document amendments

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Revision 1.1 1992 Clause 13 amended

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Revision 3 2001 September Clause 5k amended.

Revision 4 2018 October Clauses 5h, 9b amended.

1. Name

The name of the organisation will be the “National Beagle Council (Australia)” and shall here-in be referred to as the “NBCA”.

2. Objects

The objects of the NBCA shall be:-

- a) To enable Member Clubs to take co-operative action on matters which such Clubs agree are of common interest and for the mutual benefit in the promotion of the Beagle.
- b) To encourage and promote in every way the quality of breeding, care, training, trialling, field work and exhibition of the Beagle.
- c) To educate and encourage exhibitors, breeders and judges to abide by the Standard for the Beagle as approved by the Australian National Kennel Council.
- d) To encourage Member Clubs to hold a “National Beagle Championship Show”.
- e) To seek registration with the Australian National Kennel Council and agree to be bound by the Rules and Regulations, and directions of the Australian National Kennel Council for the time being in force.
- f) To become associated with overseas Beagle organisations with objects kindred to the objects of the NBCA.
- g) To collect, verify and request publication by Member Clubs information relating to the Beagle.
- h) To encourage Member Clubs to hold exhibitions and other functions as approved by and under the rules and regulations of their State or Territory controlling body and of the Australian National Breed Council.
- i) To make bylaws and to do other acts, matters and things as may be necessary or expedient to promote all or any of the objects of the NBCA.

3. Powers

i) The NBCA shall have the power to:-

- a) Acquire a membership fee from the Member Clubs to carry out any or all of the objects of the NBCA in accordance with Bylaw 1.
- b) Invest the funds of the NBCA not immediately required in such a manner as the delegates shall determine.
- c) Hold breed seminars, conventions and congresses through the sponsorship of the Member clubs.

- d) Correspond with and become associated with overseas Beagle organisations for the purpose of the exchange of viewpoints and information on matters affecting the welfare of the Beagle.
- e) Allocate the title “National Beagle Championship Show of Australia” to the various Member Clubs, subject always to the approval of both the State or Territory controlling body and the Australian National Kennel Council in accordance with Bylaw 4. (amended rev 2)
- f) Purchase and maintain all types of property for carrying out the objects of the NBCA.
- g) Do all such things which may appear to it to be necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect its objects.
 - ii). The NBCA shall not hold shows or any other type of exhibition. Such events shall only be conducted by the Member Clubs.
 - iii). Nothing in this Constitution shall effect the right or authority of any individual Member Club to control and conduct their business in the way usually followed by a Specialist Club. Nor shall the NBCA affect in any way the normal relationship between a Member Club and their State or Territory controlling body.

4. Membership

- a) Any Specialist Beagle Club affiliated with a State or Territory controlling body, which in turn is a Member of the Australian National Kennel Council, upon payment of the prescribed annual membership fee, shall be eligible for membership of the NBCA except in the case of re-admission which must be in compliance with Clause 12 of the Constitution.
- b) The following specialist Beagle Clubs will be foundation Members and any other specialist Beagle Clubs as are formed from time to time may be admitted as Member Clubs.
 - a. The Beagle Club of New South Wales
 - b. The Beagle Club of South Australia
 - c. The Beagle Club of Tasmania
 - d. The Beagle Club of Victoria
 - e. The West Australian Beagle Club
- c) The membership fee shall be such an amount as the NBCA shall from time to time determine. See Bylaw 1.

5. Meetings

- a) Each of the Member Clubs may annually appoint in writing up to two delegates to the NBCA. Each delegate must be a financial member of his Member Club and of the respective State or Territory controlling body. If for any reason it should become necessary Member Clubs may appoint substitute delegates by written notification to the Secretary of the NBCA. These substitutes shall then be deemed to be delegates to the NBCA.
- b) At meetings of the NBCA each Member Club shall have one vote.
- c) Each Member Club shall notify the Secretary of the NBCA in writing of its voting delegate. In the absence of the voting delegate the vote shall automatically pass to the second delegate, subject always to the delegate being in attendance.
- d) The quorum for meetings shall be three (3) Member Clubs or more in number than 50% of the Member Clubs, whichever is greater.

- e) Member Clubs may bring any business before a meeting of the NBCA by giving 90 days notice of its intention to the Secretary. The Secretary shall communicate the agenda for the meeting to each of the Member Clubs at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- f) Matters and/or motions that have not had notice given in accordance with clause 5e may be brought before any meeting of the NBCA only with the unanimous consent of all members present. Any motion so put to a meeting of the NBCA must be passed unanimously to be carried. (amended rev 2)
- g) Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses 5e and 5f the Secretary shall at the written request of two Member Clubs submit any particular matter of urgency to the Member Clubs by written notification, the vote on any such matter shall be taken accordingly at the next meeting of the Member Clubs and the result conveyed in writing to the Secretary of the NBCA immediately. (amended rev 2)
- h) The NBCA shall manage its own affairs and hold meetings at such time and place as it deems fit. The Annual General Meeting shall be held within 2 months of the end of the previous financial year of the NBCA. If a National Beagle Championship Show is to be held within the 2 months following the end of the NBCA financial year, the Annual General Meeting is to be held in conjunction with the National. Where a National is held outside this period, a General Meeting of the NBCA is to be held in conjunction with the National. (amended rev 4)
- i) The President of the NBCA shall be chairperson of all meetings of the NBCA. Should he/she not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for holding the meeting, the delegates shall elect a chairperson from their number. The delegate may record his/her own vote on any matter, but shall not have a casting vote.
- j) Should the Secretary not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for 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 vote on any matter.
- k) Every motion submitted to the meeting shall be decided by a show of hands. Provided that each Member Club with a delegate present shall have the right to record one vote. In the event of an equality of votes on any matter the Chairperson shall not have a casting vote and the motion shall be lost. Where a member club is unable to attend a meeting, they are entitle to provide a proxy vote by post to the Secretary prior to the meeting (amended rev 3).
- l) Any voting delegate has the right to have their vote recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

6. President

- a) The President must be a club member of one of the Member Clubs and of the respective State or Territory controlling body, but shall not be a club delegate at any meeting. He/she shall be formally appointed for a term of twelve months by the NBCA delegates at an Annual General Meeting from nominations received in accordance with Bylaw2. He/she shall be eligible for re-election for up to four consecutive terms in total.
- b) The nominations shall be in the hands of the Secretary at least 90 days before the said meeting and all Member Clubs shall be advised of the nominations at least 60 days before the meeting.

- c) The President shall hold office until midnight of the day of the Annual General Meeting following their election. (amended rev 2)
- d) If no nominations are received by the Secretary the current President may be asked to act as an interim President until a nomination is received and a vote of the Member Clubs able to be taken. However no person may hold the position for more than four (4) consecutive years. (added rev 2)
- e) The President shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the NBCA.

7. Secretary

- a) The Secretary must be a club member of one of the Member Clubs and of the respective State or Territory controlling body, but shall not be a club delegate at any meeting. He/She shall be formally appointed for a term of twelve months by the NBCA delegates at an Annual General meeting from nominations received in accordance with Bylaw 2. He/She shall be eligible for re-election for up to four consecutive terms in total.
- b) The nominations shall be in the hands of the Secretary at least 90 days before the said meeting and all Member Clubs shall be advised of the nominations at least 60 days before the meeting.
- c) The Secretary shall hold office until midnight of the day of the Annual General Meeting following their appointment. (amended rev 2)
- d) No person may hold the position of Secretary for more than four consecutive years. (added rev 2)
- e) Notwithstanding clause 6d if no nominations are received by the Secretary the current Secretary may be asked to act as an interim Secretary until a nomination is received and a vote of the Member Clubs able to be taken.(added rev 2)
- f) The Secretary shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the NBCA.
- g) The Secretary must be a resident of the same State as the President.
- h) Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall act under the direction of the NBCA. He/She shall attend all meetings of the NBCA 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. The Secretary shall be responsible for all such monies received on behalf of the NBCA and shall pay all sums into the bank account of the NBCA within 14 days of receipt. It shall be a further duty of the Secretary to keep proper books of account of the NBCA.

8. Headquarters

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

9. Finance

- a) A bank account in the name of the NBCA shall be opened with a recognised National Australian bank and kept in the name of the NBCA.
- b) All monies payable on behalf of the NBCA shall be by cheque drawn upon the bank account of the NBCA, or by direct bank transfer from the NBCA online banking system. All cheques shall be signed by a current signatory of the NBCA, being either the Secretary, President or the NBCA delegate appointed for that purpose. (amended rev 4)

- c) The financial year of the NBCA shall be 1st September to 31st August.
- d) An audited statement of receipts and expenditure and a balance sheet shall be forwarded to each Member Club by 30th September each year.
- e) At the Annual General Meeting each year the NBCA shall appoint a suitably qualified person as Auditor. Such auditor shall hold office until the first meeting of the following year, but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

10. Bylaws

Subject always to the Constitution, delegates at a meeting may, by a resolution passed by a majority vote of delegates present and voting on this resolution, make Bylaws and from time to time amend such Bylaws by variation, deletion or addition as they may think fit, in respect of :-

- a) The granting of the title “National Beagle Championship Show of Australia”.
- b) The appointment of the President
- c) The appointment of the Secretary
- d) Membership fees
- e) Any matter the delegates consider necessary to carry out the objects of the NBCA

11. Alteration to Constitution and Bylaws

This Constitution and the Bylaws of the NBCA shall not be altered, waived or amended, except at a meeting of the delegates at which 90 days notice has been given to the Secretary of such an amendment, and the Secretary has given 60 days notice to all Member Clubs. The amendment must be agreed to by a majority of delegates present and voting on this resolution. The provisions of clause 5g may not apply to alterations to the Constitution or Bylaws.

12. Resignation

Any Member Club may at any time resign its membership by giving notice to the Secretary. Such resignation shall not free the Club from liability to pay such subscriptions which are due and unpaid on the date of resignation. Should any Member Club that has resigned seek re-admission as a Member Club of the NBCA, such re-admission is to be in compliance with clause 5e of the Constitution. A majority of the delegates present and voting in person will be required to re-admit.

13. Property/Winding-up

No Club or individual shall have any proprietary right or interest in any of the funds or property of the NBCA. Such property or funds shall be devoted to the promotion of the objects of the NBCA. However in the event of the winding up of the NBCA the property or funds shall be divided equally among the Clubs which are financial members at the time of such winding up.

NATIONAL BEAGLE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA BYLAWS

Document Amendments

ver 1 89
ver 2 95 amended 2,4 added 5
ver 2.1 95 amended 5g
ver 2.2 96 amended 4c
ver 2.3 99 amended 5c
ver 2.4 00 amended 5c
ver 2.5 00 amended 5ciii
ver 3 00 added bylaw 6
ver 4.1 03 Sep amended 5ciiiib
ver 4.2 03 Sep amended 6 a,b and c
ver 4.3 03 Sep added bylaw 7
ver 4.4 03 Sep amended 5f
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ver 7.2 Oct 2018 added 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e

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 \$100.00 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. (amended ver 7.1)
- b) The position of President shall be nominated by the Member Club undertaking the administration of the NBCA for the following financial year and endorsed by a majority of Member Clubs at the Annual General Meeting of the NBCA. (amended ver 7.1)
- c) In the event that the nomination of President in bylaw 2b is not endorsed, the Member Club undertaking the administration of the NBCA may provide subsequent nominations for the position of President or may withdraw their nomination to administer the NBCA for the following term of administration. (amended ver 7.1)

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 further terms of office in compliance with clause 7 and Bylaw 3b. (amended ver 7.1)

- b) The position of Secretary shall be nominated by the Member Club undertaking the administration of the NBCA for the following financial year and endorsed by a majority of Member Clubs at the Annual General Meeting of the NBCA. (amended ver 7.1)
- c) In the event that the nomination of Secretary in bylaw 3b is not endorsed, the Member Club undertaking the administration of the NBCA may provide subsequent nominations for the position of Secretary or may withdraw their nomination to administer the NBCA for the following term of administration. (amended ver 7.1)

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 ver 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

- 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) One of the following obedience, agility or tracking qualifications (amended ver 5.1):
 - a) Australian Obedience Champion or
 - b) UD or
 - c) CDX and TDX or
 - e) CDX in conjunctions with both ADX and JDX (added ver 5.2)
- 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 or National Reserve Challenges (added ver 4.1)
 - 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 and cannot be re-represented in its current form without further qualifications. (amended ver 4.4)
- 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 - Use of online facilities

- a) In addition to clause 5. Meetings, the council may conduct meetings using online facilities. The facilities may include (but not be limited to) web conferencing; social media; or online synchronous chat. (amended ver 7.1)
- b) The agenda, date and time of any online meeting is at the discretion of the secretary, with notification of the details of any online meeting provided with the agenda for the meeting. Wherever possible, the date and time of any online meeting should take into

consideration the various time zones within Australia to allow for all Member Clubs to attend and participate. (amended ver 7.1)

c) Online facilities may also be used to provide an avenue for communication between delegates of Member Clubs between meetings to enable active and constructive discussion of activities undertaken by the NBCA. (amended ver 7.1)

Bylaw 7 - Past Correspondence

a. Correspondence more than 7 years old that is not required for official records of the NBCA may be disposed of by the Secretary. (added ver 4.3)

Bylaw 8 - Administering Member Club

a) Member clubs that are currently financial members of the NBCA are entitled to nominate to administer the NBCA for an administration term of twenty-four months. (added ver 7.2)

b) Any member club wishing to undertake the administration of the NBCA for the following administration term is to provide their nomination 90 days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the NBCA. (added ver 7.2)

c) In the event of more than one member club nominating to administer the NBCA for the following administration term, a vote will be taken at the Annual General Meeting of the NBCA. (added ver 7.2)

d) In the event that no nominations are received to administer the NBCA for the following administration term, the member club currently undertaking the administration may nominate to administer the NBCA for a further twelve months, up to a maximum continuous period of 5 years administration. (added ver 7.2)

e) In the event that no other member club undertakes to administer the NBCA after a period of 5 years continuous administration by the same member club, a motion is automatically put at the next Annual General Meeting to continue the NBCA under the administration of a member club other than the member club currently administering the NBCA. Should no member clubs nominate to take on the administration of the NBCA, the motion shall be dismissed and the NBCA shall be wound up. (added ver 7.2)

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL KENNEL COUNCIL NATIONAL BREED COUNCILS

Guidelines for Operation

The following guidelines for the operation of National Breed Councils have been formulated by the ANCK National Breed Council Liaison Committee, to assist National Breed Council to function according to their Constitution and the ANKC Regulations.

National Breed Council

The term National Breed Council refers to a group of Breed Clubs approved by the ANKC to form a Council of Breed Clubs. The Breed Clubs must be of the same breed and affiliated with a ANKC Member Body.

The fundamental purpose of a National Breed Council is to protect and promote the interests of a breed at a national level and to advise the ANKC on all matters pertaining to that breed. The National Breed Council cannot direct a Member Club to initiate actions that are in conflict with the Member Club's ANKC Member Body's regulations even if the decision and/or direction has been earned at a properly constituted meeting of the National Breed Council.

Member Clubs

The Member Clubs are the legal basis of the National Council and all the authority of the Council emanates from the Member Clubs.

Decisions can only be made by the Member Clubs by either

1. Corresponding via the National Breed Council Secretary and each Member Club lodges their vote in accordance the Member Clubs decisions.

or

2. By having their delegate attend a meeting of the National Breed Council to present the views and the vote as directed by the Member Club. The Meetings can be in person or via Telephone Conferlink.

Delegates

Each Member Club appoints a Delegate to represent the views and to vote as directed by the Member Club, at a properly constituted meeting of the National Breed Council.

A Member Club may appoint more than one Delegate, but each Member Club shall have only one vote.

A Delegate has no authority other than as directed by the Member club the Delegate represents.

Delegates are the servants of the Member Clubs not the National Breed Council.

Executive (National Breed Council)

The Executive of a National Breed Council normally comprises a President and a Secretary. The President functions as a figure head and to chair meetings of the National Breed Council whilst the Secretary attends to the administration of the Council according to the decisions and directions of the Members Clubs.

The Executive has no authority to direct a Member Club and cannot initiate actions on behalf of the National Breed Council, unless directed to do so by a majority of the Member Clubs at properly convened meetings.

National Breed Council Meetings

Properly constitution Meetings are called so that the Delegates of the Member Clubs can meet to discuss matters raised by the Members Clubs.

All items to be discussed at a National Breed Council Meeting must be on the agenda and circulated in accordance with the constitution so Member Clubs can discuss the item prior to the National Breed Council Meeting and direct their Delegate how they wish them to vote.

The meeting is chaired by the President with the Secretary attending to record the proceedings.

The views expressed at the meetings are the views of the Member Clubs; no individual views from the Delegates are permitted, and the President and Secretary have no input since they do not represent the views of a Member Club.

The President and/or Secretary may advise on procedural matters.

Administration

- i. Member Clubs may bring any business before a meeting of the National Breed Council by giving 90 days notice of its intention to the National Breed Council Secretary,
- ii. 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.
- iii. Except with the *unanimous* consent of all Member Clubs, no resolution carried at a meeting of a National Breed Council *shall be valid UNLESS* notice has been given in accordance with clause i above.

Correspondence

All correspondence between the National Breed Council and the Member Clubs is Secretary to Secretary. The Secretary of the National Breed Council shall not correspond directly with Delegates.

Where a Member Clubs corresponds with the National Breed Council such correspondence should be courtesy copied (cc) to all other Member Clubs. Likewise, correspondence between the National Breed Council and a Member Club should be cc to all other Member Clubs. (This saves time and administration workload.)

Correspondence between the National Breed Council and the ANKC is National Breed Council Secretary to ANKC Administrator and vice a versa only.

A Member Club may only correspond with the ANKC through the Secretary of the National Breed Council or through the Member Club's Member Body.

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF NATIONAL BREED COUNCILS

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May 1995
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1. NATIONAL BREED COUNCILS

1.1 In these Regulations the word "Council" shall include Association, Society, Club, League, or other similar terminology. (5/99)

1.2 The Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) shall establish a sub-committee titled the "National Breed Councils Liaison Committee" for the purpose of registration of National Breed Councils, and to provide for them an avenue for dialogue with the ANKC

1.3 The National Breed Councils Liaison Committee shall be comprised of one Delegate from each Member Body plus a non-voting Chairman. (10/97)

The Chairpersons and Committee persons to be appointed annually at the first meeting of the ANKC Delegates each year.

1.4 A Working Party consisting of the Chairman and one other nominated person who shall be appointed to handle liaison between meetings of the National Breed Councils Liaison Committee and shall be titled "National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party" and make recommendations to the National Breed Councils Liaison Committee. (5/99)

1.5 The National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party shall be responsible for scrutinising all matters submitted by the National Breed Councils, prior to their submission to the ANKC Conference for consideration, and in addition, may utilise the communication link for discussion on, projected changes to uniform procedures, amendments to breed standards, or any other matter on which the ANKC Conference may decide from time to time.

1.6 The National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party shall meet as and where necessary to consider all matters submitted by National Breed Councils, to the ANKC (5/99)

1.7 Any matter considered by the National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party to be of a nature peculiar to a particular State or Territory shall be referred to the Member Body of that State or Territory. Only matters pertinent to the breed in all States and/or Territories of Australia shall be considered for recommendation to the ANKC by the National Breed Councils Liaison Committee. (5/99)

1.8 All contact between the National Breed Councils and the National Breed Councils Liaison Committee shall be submitted in writing to the ANKC Administrator with a copy to the Member Body of the State or Territory in which the Secretariat is located. (5/99)

1.9 The National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party may if considered necessary, invite a representative, or representatives of the National Breed Councils to any meeting of the National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party for the purpose of discussion on any matter under consideration. (5/99)

1.10 Where it is necessary for an ANKC Delegate/s to attend a meeting which is a result of the internal affairs of a National Breed Council, the National Breed Council shall pay all expenses. (5/99)

1.11 The National Breed Councils Liaison Committee in conjunction with the National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party shall prescribe Regulations under which, after approval by the ANKC, the National Breed Councils must conduct their affairs. (5/99)

1.12 The National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party may from time to time conduct combined conferences involving National Breed Councils, with the approval of the ANKC (5/99)

2. REGULATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF NATIONAL BREED COUNCILS

2.1 The initial application for registration of a National Breed Council shall be submitted through the State or Territory Member Body of the ANKC, wherein the Pro term Secretariat of the National Breed Council is currently located. (5/99)

2.2 Any organisation formed for the sole purpose of promoting an interest in, or the improvement and development of a specific breed of dog, and/or varieties of that breed, may apply for registration with the ANKC, through the National Breed Councils Liaison Committee. Only one [1] National Breed Council shall be registered for each breed of dog, and that National Breed Council must accommodate all varieties of that breed, recognised by the ANKC (5/99)

2.3.1 The Membership of a National Breed Council must be comprised of at least three (3) Specialised Breed Clubs, each affiliated with a separate Member Body of the ANKC

2.3.2 Where members of Breed Clubs cannot comply with the requirements of para 2.3.1 in that three (3) Specialist Breed Clubs, each affiliated with a separate Member Body of the ANKC do not exist, but where two (2) Specialist Breed Clubs exist and the members actively interested in the breed are represented by a "Breed type multi-breed Club" ie "Setter Club", "Spaniel Club" etc. (but not a Group Club) in at least two (2) other States or Territories, membership of the two (2) Specialist Breed Clubs and the two (2) "Breed type multi-breed Clubs" will be sufficient qualification to apply for registration of a National Breed Council for the breed. The membership qualification will not be accepted unless the four (4) Clubs are each affiliated with a separate Member Body of the ANKC Membership will not qualify the "Breed type multi-breed Club" to conduct a "National" Show.

2.3.3 It is a condition of granting registration, that National Breed Councils cannot debar any affiliated Breed Club from full membership, provided that the club adheres to the Rules and Regulations of the ANKC and the constitution by-laws and Regulations of the National Breed Council. (5/99)

2.3.4 A National Breed Council may admit an "Associate" Member subject to:

(a) An "Associate" Member shall be restricted to either: (5/99)

(i) Overseas Clubs, Associations or other kindred bodies who have similar objectives to their own.

(ii) Those Clubs or Associations or other kindred bodies who have objects similar to their own and who are recognised in the State or Territories.

(b) An Associate member may attend any meeting of the National Breed Council by invitation, however, shall not be entitled to voting rights nor participation in the debate unless invited to do so.

(c) An Associate Member under the same Constitution shall, where conflict or disagreement is concerned, agree to abide by the Rules, Regulations and policies of the ANKC for the time being in force so far as they relate to the Associate Member.

2.4 Registration shall be granted on an annual basis at a meeting of the ANKC in accordance with the voting procedures as stated in the ANKC Constitution and at such time as determined by the ANKC from time to time. Each National Breed Council, shall make application for renewal of registration for the succeeding year, on the prescribed form, and accompanied by the Annual Registration Fee, as determined by the ANKC (5/99)

2.5 Registration shall enable a National Breed Council to take co-operative action on matters which affect the specific breed represented by that body, but shall not entitle the National Breed Council to any of the privileges of membership of the ANKC

2.6 A National Breed Council may not itself conduct any Show, Trial or exhibition but may at the discretion of the ANKC through the breed club affiliated with a Member Body, conduct a "National" Show, Trial or other Exhibition. The "National" Show, Trial or other Exhibition shall be conducted by the Affiliated Club of the Member Body in the State or Territory in which the fixture is to be held, and shall in every manner whatsoever comply with and adhere to, the Rules and Regulations, and policies of that Member Body.

2.7 If disciplinary action is required against any person who is a delegate, representing a State or Territory affiliate to a National Breed Council, who has transgressed the Rules and/or Regulations, or policies, of the ANKC the offender shall be dealt with according to the Rules and Regulations of, and by the ANKC Member Body of the State or Territory of which the offender is a resident member. The National Breed Council shall automatically refuse participation in its affairs to any person who is under a suspension, imposed by an ANKC Member Body.

2.8.1 All Office Bearers, Delegates and Committee Members of a National Breed Council shall be and remain during their term of office a financial member of the ANKC member body in the State or Territory in which they reside. (10/98)

2.8.2 All Office Bearers and Committee Members of a National Breed Council must be and must remain during their term of office Members of a Club that is affiliated with the National Breed Council and reside in the State or Territory in which the club is affiliated. (10/98)

2.8.3 Delegates to National Breed Councils, where possible, should be resident of the state or Territory in which their club is affiliated. (10/98)

2.8.4 Notwithstanding clauses 2.9.1 and 2.9.2, if for any reason it is not possible for a Delegate to attend National Breed Council Meetings, a club may elect a proxy delegate from another State or Territory to represent their Club. (5/99)

2.8.5 National Breed Councils are to include the option for ConferLink meeting in their Constitution.

2.9 Any suggested alteration to the Constitution and/or Rules or, if incorporated, the Memorandum and Articles of Association of a National Breed Council must be submitted to the ANKC for referral to the National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party for approval, or otherwise. Changes in Directors or Office Bearers must be notified to the ANKC for referral to the National Breed Council Liaison Working Party within fourteen (14) days of such change, and a copy of the Annual Report, and Financial Statement must be lodged with that Committee within fourteen (14) days of the Annual General Meeting. (5/99)

2.10 The name of the National Breed Council shall consist of the word "National" followed by the name of the breed catered for, and the word "Council" (eg "National Poodle Council"). The word "Australia", "Australian", "Australasian" etc. shall not be permitted in the name of the National Breed Council, however, the use of the word in brackets - (Australia), after the name shall be permitted.

2.11 Member Clubs of National Breed Councils must have the name of the State or Territory in which they are affiliated included in their Clubs name.

3. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A NATIONAL BREED COUNCIL

3.1 Applications must be addressed to, and forwarded to the Canine Controlling Body recognised by the ANKC in the State or Territory of residence of the Secretariat of the Applicant.

3.2 Applications must be accompanied by the Application Fee, as determined by the ANKC, and payable to the ANKC. (10/00)

3.3 The application shall include the following:

3.3.1 The name of the "National Breed Council".

3.3.2 The full name, address and telephone number of the contact person for the National Breed Council.

3.3.3 The name and address of all the supporting breed clubs, and verification that each of them is affiliated with the ANKC Member Body in the State or Territory in which they are established. (5/99)

3.3.4 A copy of the proposed Constitution, Rules and Regulations, or if incorporated, a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, or such other document as required by the laws of the State or Territory in which the National Breed Council was established, and which evidences that the membership of the National Breed Council is comprised of the supporting Breed Clubs only, and does not invite individual persons as members. (5/99)

3.3.5 An undertaking that the National Breed Council will, if registered, agree to be bound by the Rules and Regulations, policies and directions of the ANKC as amended from time to time. (5/99)

3.3.6 The name, address, membership number, or evidence of membership of the ANKC Member Body in the State or Territory of residence of the National Breed Council's Office Bearers, Committee, Directors and Delegates. (5/99)

3.4 The application must be signed by the President and Secretary of the National Breed Council under the "common seal" of the Council, if incorporated. If not incorporated, accompanied by a copy of the Minute authorising the application be lodged.

3.5 The application for registration shall be submitted to the ANKC with a recommendation from the National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party. The ANKC may in its unfettered discretion approve, or reject, such application. (5/99)

4. CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF THE WORD "NATIONAL" IN THE NAME OF A BREED CLUB'S

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

4.1 The use of the word "National" in the name of a Breed Club's Championship Show is not permitted without the prior approval of the ANKC

4.2.1 Application for use of the word "National" must be lodged through the ANKC Member Body in the State or Territory in which the fixture is proposed to be conducted, by the Club applying to conduct the fixture.

4.2.2 If a Breed Club applies for a National Show, then the National Show must actually replace one of the State Breed Club's normal shows and is not to be considered to be in addition to their normally scheduled shows. (10/97)

4.2.3 When allocating National Show dates, the National Breed Council shall take into consideration the permanent dates allocated by the various State Member Bodies for the conduct of Specialty Shows. (10/97)

4.2.4 Where a National Show is held, no Challenge Certificates shall be awarded for the breed/s involved in the National Show, within a radius of 450km from the show on that day/s. (5/00)

4.2.5 A National Show shall not be held on the same date as a Royal Show where it would preclude exhibitors from participating in either event. (10/98)

4.2.6 Where the ANKC grants a National Show date during a Royal Show, then the Member Body in the State/Territory of the Royal Show shall notify the Royal of the days in which the particular breed cannot be exhibited at their Royal Show. (5/99)

4.3.1 An application for approval by the ANKC to use the word "National" in the name of a Breed Club's fixture shall be submitted in the following manner:

(a) The Original application from the affiliated Breed Club requesting permission to use the word "National" in the name of their Club's fixture is to be lodged with the ANKC Member Body to which the Club is affiliated, at least eighteen (18) months prior to the proposed date/s for the conduct of the fixture.

(b) This application is to include a copy of the written endorsement from the National Breed Council to the Affiliated Member Club endorsing the conduct of a National Show. The endorsement must include confirmation of the year the National Show is to be conducted.

(c) The ANKC Member Body shall then endorse and confirm the actual date/s and submit its written endorsement, together with copies of the correspondence referred to in (a) and

(b) above, including the venue/location of the National Show, to the ANKC Administrator.
(5/00)

d) The ANKC Administrator shall then refer the application to the National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party for a recommendation to the National Breed Councils Liaison Committee who will approve the application, or otherwise.

(5/99)

4.3.2 If for any reason the National Breed Council decides not to endorse the application, the National Breed Council shall submit their reasons for rejection, in writing, promptly to the National Breed Councils Liaison Committee who will consider the reasons and prepare a recommendation for consideration by the ANKC

4.3.3 Approval to conduct a "National Breed Championship Show" shall not be granted, except in extraordinary circumstances, to the same breed in any State or Territory in succession.

4.4 If approved, the Affiliate conducting the fixture shall –

4.4.1 Obtain approval of their National Show Schedule form their ANKC Member Body at least eight (8) months prior to the National Show. (5/01)

4.4.2 Notwithstanding Regulation 4.4.1, obtain approval of their National Show Schedule from their ANKC member Body prior to any advertising of the Schedule. (5/01)

4.4.3 Advertise the fixture in the official publication of each ANKC Member Body. Member Bodies shall charge a maximum rate of \$50.00 for this advertisement, the size of which shall be 9cm wide x 8cm deep. (5/99)

4.4.4 Submit to the National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party evidence of the advertisement published in the publications at least six months prior to the conduct of the fixture. (5/99)

4.4.5 It is sufficient in the advertisement to state -the name of the fixture
the date, and the address of the venue at which the fixture is to be held
the name of the Judge

the name, address and phone number of the Secretary of the Club conducting the fixture, or the address where schedules can be obtained.
the date entries close.

4.5 The approval to use the word "National" in the name of a Breed Club's Championship Show will, except in extraordinary circumstances, be granted only to those breeds who are represented by a National Breed Council.

5. GENERAL

(Adopted 10/99. effective 1/1/2000)

5.1. National Breed Councils do not have an Executive Group (unless specifically stated in their constitution) - the President and/or the Secretary does not have any powers to make decisions on behalf of National Breed Council or their Member Clubs.

5.2. A new President and/or Secretary and all Member Clubs are to be provided with a copy of the latest approved Constitution for their National Breed Council.

5.3. The National Breed Council cannot direct a Member Club to initiate actions that are in conflict with the Member Club's ANKC Member Body's regulations even if the decision and/or direction has been carried at a properly constituted meeting of the National Breed Council.

5.4 The Member Clubs are the legal basis of the National Council and all the authority of the Council emanates from the Member Clubs.

5.5 Decisions can only be made by the Member Clubs by either

5.5.1. Having their delegate attend a meeting of the National Breed Council to present the views and the vote as directed by the Member Club. The Meetings can be in person or via Telephone ConferLink. or

5.5.2. Corresponding via the National Breed Council Secretary and each Member Club lodges their vote in accordance with the Member Clubs decisions.

5.6 Delegates

5.6.1 Each Member Club appoints a Delegate to represent the views and to vote as directed by the Member Club, at a properly constituted meeting of the National Breed Council. A Member Club may appoint more than one Delegate, but each Member Club shall have only one vote.

5.6.2 A Delegate has no authority other than as directed by the Member Club the Delegate represents.

5.6.3 Delegates are the servants of the Member Clubs not the National Breed Council.

5.7 Executive (National Breed Council)

5.7.1 The Executive of a National Breed Council normally comprises a President and a Secretary. The President functions as a figure head and to chair meetings of the National Breed Council whilst the Secretary attends to the administration of the Council according to the decisions and directions of the Members Clubs.

5.7.2 The Executive has no authority to direct a Member Club and cannot initiate actions on behalf of the National Breed Council, unless directed to do so by a majority of the Member Clubs at properly convened meetings.

5.8 National Breed Council Meetings

5.8.1 Properly constituted Meetings are called so that the Delegates of the Member Clubs can meet to discuss matters raised by the Members Clubs.

5.8.2 All items to be discussed at a National Breed Council Meeting must be on the agenda and circulated in accordance with the constitution so Member Clubs can discuss the item prior to the

National Breed Council Meeting and direct their Delegate how they wish them to vote.

5.8.3 The meeting is chaired by the President with the Secretary attending to record the proceedings.

5.8.4 The views expressed at the meetings are the views of the Member Clubs; no individual views from the Delegates are permitted, and the President and Secretary have no input since they do not represent the views of a Member Club.

5.8.5 The President and/or Secretary may advise on procedural matters.

5.9 Administration

5.9.1 Member Clubs may bring any business before a meeting of the National Breed Council by giving 90 days notice of its intention to the National Breed Council Secretary, or as otherwise required by the individual National Breed Council's Constitution.

5.9.2 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, or as otherwise required by the individual National Breed Council's Constitution.

5.9.3 Except with the *unanimous* consent of all Member Clubs, no resolution carried at a meeting of a National Breed Council *shall be valid UNLESS* notice has been given in accordance with clause 5.9.1, or as otherwise required by the individual National Breed Council's Constitution.

5.10 Correspondence

5.10.1 All correspondence between the National Breed Council and the Member Clubs is Secretary to Secretary. The Secretary of the National Breed Council shall not correspond directly with Delegates.

5.10.2 Where a Member Clubs corresponds with the National Breed Council such correspondence should be courtesy copied (cc) to all other Member Clubs by the Member Club's Secretary. Likewise, correspondence between the National Breed Council and a Member Club should be cc to all other Member Clubs by the National Breed Council Secretary. (This saves time and administration workload.)

5.10.3 Correspondence between the National Breed Council and the ANKC is National Breed Council Secretary to ANKC Administrator and vice a versa only.

Copies of all correspondence between National Breed Council and the ANKC and vice a versa should be courtesy copied (cc) to all Member Clubs by the National Breed Council Secretary.

5.10.4 A Member Club may only correspond with the ANKC through the Secretary of the National Breed Council or through the Member Club's Member Body.