



HIGHVELD

VERSATILE HUNTING DOG CLUB

Important information and terms and conditions: Membership

Membership Is Offered Subject To The Terms Of The Highveld Versatile Hunting Dog Constitution Available On The Club's Website Or Requested From The Secretary. The Highveld Versatile Hunting Dog Club Is Affiliated With The Kennel Union Of South Africa, KUSA Organisation Number 1252. The Club's Activities Are Governed By The Rules And Regulations Dictated By KUSA.

Membership Offered

The Club currently only offer one category of membership: Ordinary Members.

Members shall be persons over eighteen (18) years of age who have paid the relevant joining and annual subscription fees. An Ordinary Member in Good Standing shall be entitled to vote at all General Meetings of the Club.

Membership is open to anyone who has never been convicted on a charge of cruelty to or neglect of animals or disqualified or suspended by the Kennel Union of South Africa (KUSA).

Application for Membership

Application for Ordinary Membership of the Club shall be made in writing by completing and signing the Member Application form and returning to the Club Secretary with proof of the joining fee payment.

The application will be circulated between the Committee Members for consideration and approval. The decision will be conveyed to the applicant in writing within 30 days from receipt of the application.

The Committee shall have complete and absolute discretion to accept, refuse or defer any membership application, provided that a written explanation is forwarded to the applicant if such is requested.

Lapsing of Membership

A person's membership will lapse:

- upon failure to pay the prescribed joining fee and initial subscription fee within thirty (30) days of the date an applicant has been advised of the approval of his application for membership;
- upon failure to pay a renewal subscription fee within sixty (60) days of the date on which it became due;
- upon receipt by the Secretary of a Member's written notice of resignation, the acceptance of which shall be without prejudice to all fees, subscriptions and other monies due before the date of receipt of the notice of resignation remaining owing and payable;
- upon the death of a Member;
- in the event of any Member being convicted of any offence and sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine, or being convicted of any offence relating to cruelty towards or neglect of any animal; and
- upon a Member being disqualified, suspended or expelled by KUSA or the Club.

Reprimand, Expulsion or Suspension of a Member

Whenever, by a majority vote of the whole number of the elected and serving members of the Committee, the Committee believes that the behaviour or conduct of a Member has been harmful, prejudicial, or injurious to the Objectives, interests, good order, or character of the Club, or of KUSA, the Committee shall have the power to:

- reprimand such Member in writing;
- suspend such Member from all privileges of membership for a period not exceeding six (6) months in cases where, in the opinion of the Committee, his conduct was not sufficiently serious to justify expulsion, without entitlement to a refund of any fee or subscription paid or due by him; or
- expel such Member, who shall thereupon be debarred from all privileges of membership of the Club.

Before the disqualification, suspension or expulsion of a Member, such Member shall be afforded full opportunity to explain, or justify, his conduct to the Committee.

A Member who has been disqualified, suspended, or expelled shall have the right to appeal against his disqualification, suspension or expulsion to the other Members in a Special General Meeting. Such appeal must be lodged within thirty (30) days of receiving notification of such disqualification, suspension or expulsion with the Chairman or Secretary, who shall take immediate steps to convene the Special General Meeting. At this meeting, the case against the Member shall be put by one (1) member of the Committee on behalf of the Committee, and the Member shall be given equal opportunity to defend himself and shall not have the right to be supported by any form of legal representation, save for compiling and presenting written representations. To reverse the Committee's decision will require a two-thirds majority of members with voting rights present at the Special General Meeting, the vote to be taken by open or secret ballot as may be decided by the majority vote at that Special General Meeting.

Whenever appropriate, the Club shall be entitled, on proper grounds, to pursue disciplinary action against any Member under Schedule 1 (Disciplinary Rules) of the KUSA Constitution.

Subscription

Joining and subscription fees payable shall be as determined from time to time by the Committee, and special subscription fees may be set for Members participating in training if the Club offers such activity.

Subscriptions shall be paid for one (1) year from 1 January, and the subscription fees shall be halved for Members whose membership only becomes effective after 1 July.

Renewal subscriptions shall be due and payable on 1 January each year.

Payments of joining and subscription fees must be made directly into the bank account of the Club. Bank details are available on the application form and request from the Secretary.

Administrative

Members must inform the Club of any change of address, telephone numbers and email addresses.



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