

Constitution  
Constitution & By-Laws

Constitution of the  
Samoyed Club of Central Arizona

SECTION 1. The name of the club shall be SAMOYED CLUB OF CENTRAL ARIZONA.

SECTION 2. The objectives of the club shall be:

To further the advancement of pure-bred Samoyeds and do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

To urge members and breeders to accept the Standard Of The Breed as approved

by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Samoyeds shall be judged.

To do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of all breeds of

pure-bred dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials.

To conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows and obedience trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 3. The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of

any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 4. The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise

such by-laws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

SAMOYED CLUB OF CENTRAL ARIZONA

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Eligibility.

There shall be two (2) types of membership open to all persons who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purpose

of this Club.

Adult voting membership open to all persons, as above, eighteen years of age and older.

Junior Non-voting memberships open to all persons, as above, under the age

of eighteen with written parental or guardian consent.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the SAMOYED fanciers in it's immediate area.

SECTION 2. Dues:

Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors each year during September for the following year, to be approved by the membership at the October meeting.

Dues may not be raised more than 25% at one time. Membership dues shall be

payable on or before the first day of January each year. No member may vote

whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of November

the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year.

Persons joining the Club after August 31st of any year shall pay 1/2 of

the

amount of the annual dues for that year.

Junior Non-voting membership dues shall be one half (1/2) of the amount of the adult Voting membership dues.

#### SECTION 3. Election to Membership:

Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board

of Directors after having attended a minimum of two meetings, and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these constitution and by-laws and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall stated the name, address, and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry

the endorsement of two non-related members. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is

to be read at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt. At the next Club meeting the application will be voted upon and affirmative votes of 3/4 of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant, by secret written ballot.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not reapply

within six months after such rejection.

#### SECTION 4. Termination of membership:

Memberships may be terminated:

upon by resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club

written notice to the Secretary. however, no member may resign when in debt to the club.

of by lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional 90 days

in grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meetings whose dues are unpaid as of the date of the meeting.

by expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in

Article VI. of these by-laws.

### ARTICLE II

#### MEETINGS AND VOTING

##### SECTION 1. Club Meetings.

Meetings of the club shall be held in the Greater Phoenix Area, monthly at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors, or at any General Membership Meeting.

Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be twenty percent (20%) of the members in good standing.

##### SECTION 2. Special Club Meetings.

Special club meetings may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in the Greater Phoenix Area and at such place date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five days and not more

than fifteen days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% percent of the members in good standing.

#### SECTION 3. Board Meetings.

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the Greater Phoenix Area

at such an hour and place as may be designated by the board. Written notice

of each meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five days prior to

the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be a majority of the Board.

#### SECTION 4. Special Board Meetings.

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least

three members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in the Greater Phoenix Area at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be given by the Secretary not more than ten days prior to the date

of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

#### SECTION 5. Voting.

Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall

be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he is present. When deemed necessary, by a majority vote at a Board Meeting or General Meeting, written ballots will be sent out to all members for a specific issue.

### ARTICLE III

#### DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

##### SECTION 1. Board of Directors.

The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Match/Show Chairman and two other persons all of whom shall be elected for one year terms at the Club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. General Management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors. All current and/or anticipated financial obligations in excess of \$50.00 and major decisions shall be referred to the General Membership. The Board shall audit the Treasurer's books prior to the annual meeting in JANUARY.

##### SECTION 2. Officers.

The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary,

Treasurer and Match/Show chairman shall serve in their respective capacities

both with regard to the club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board,

and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of

President in addition to those particularly specified in these by-laws. The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club. He or she shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to new membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these by-laws. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. He or she shall deposit the same in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. His or her books shall be at all times open to inspection of the Board and he or she shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The financial records shall be audited by two non related, non office holding members appointed by the Board of Directors at least annually or at any time the office is vacated.

#### SECTION 3. Vacancies.

Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the offices during the year, shall be filled until the next annual election, by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board, at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a Special Board Meeting called for that purpose; except a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice- President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

### ARTICLE IV

#### THE CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTIONS

##### SECTION 1. Club Year.

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December.

The Club's official year shall begin January 1 and shall continue through December 31st.

##### SECTION 2. Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of November at which officers and directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. All ballots must be in the hands of the Secretary prior to Annual meeting. They shall take office January 1 and each retiring officer shall turn over to his or her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office by January 1.

##### SECTION 3. Elections.

The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The two nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected. Written secret ballots shall be sent to all members eligible to vote in time to be returned by the November meeting.

SECTION 4. Nominations.

No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated.

No member shall be eligible to hold office until he has been a member in good standing for a period of one year and has attended at last three regular membership meetings during the past twelve months. During the month

of August the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three

members and two alternates, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the Committeemen and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the committee and it shall be his or her duty to call a committee meeting

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shall be held on or before September 20th.

The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and two candidates for the other two positions on the Board, and after securing the

consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.

Upon receipt of the nominating committee's report, the Secretary shall within 10 days notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.

Additional nominations may be made at the October meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated accepts when his name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his or her proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his

or

her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.

Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any other manner than

as provided in this Section.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Committee Appointments.

The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as shows, obedience, trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees.

Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board.

Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

SECTION 2. Committee Termination.

Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board

may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

ARTICLE VI

SUSPENSION, CHARGES, BOARD HEARING, EXPULSION

SECTION 1. Suspension.

American Kennel Club Suspension. Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from

the privileges of this Club for a like period.

#### SECTION 2. Charges.

Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed.

Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10.00 which shall be forfeited if such

charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board meeting, and the Board shall first consider

whether

the actions alleged in the charges if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board not less than 3 weeks nor more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused

member

by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he or, she wishes.

#### SECTION 3. Board Hearing.

The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend

the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board

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by a majority vote of ??? And, if it deems that punishment insufficient,

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may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In

such

case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his or her fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which

considers

the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision; its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty if any.

#### SECTION 4. Expulsion

Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of

the Club following a Board Hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in SECTION 3. of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendation. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his or her own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall

read

the charges and the Board's findings and the recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his or her own behalf if he

or

she wishes. The members shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the

Board's

suspension shall stand.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAWS

The Constitution or By-Laws may be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty

percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be

submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary

for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by

the Secretary.

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 written ballot of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the

purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### DISSOLUTION

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club whether

voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the

Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club but after payout of the debts of the

Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### ORDER OF BUSINESS

###### SECTION 1. Meetings of the Club.

At meetings of the Club, the Order of Business, so far as the character and

nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

Roll Call

Introduce Guests

Minutes of last meeting

Report of President

Report of Secretary

Correspondence

Report of Treasure.

Reports of Committees

Election of Officers and Board (at Annual Meeting

Election of New Members

Unfinished Business

New Business Adjournment

###### SECTION 2. Meetings of the Board.

At meetings of the Board, the Order of Business, unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Reading of Minutes of last meeting

Report of Secretary

Report of Treasurer  
Reports of Committees  
Unfinished Business  
New Business Adjournment

ARTICLE X

STANDING RULES

Standing Rules may be enacted, deleted, or changed by a majority vote of members present and voting at any General Membership Meeting.