

Southern Irish Terrier Society

Rules 2014

1. The Club shall be called the Southern Irish Terrier Society, and its objects shall be to encourage the breeding and exhibition of Irish Terriers, to help beginners, to encourage selective breeding of Irish Terriers by its members, and to further in every way possible the interests of the breed.
2. The Club shall consist of a Patron, President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Treasurer and a committee of a minimum of six and not more than 10 persons and an unlimited number of members.
3. The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Officers of the Club and a committee of six, each of whom will retire annually. Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election every year and together with the Officers of the Club will have full voting rights.

Meetings of the Committee will be held at least twice a year, or as often as deemed necessary. A quorum for meetings shall be four Committee members of which at least one must be an Officer.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members onto the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings. Co-opted members shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Club at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place. No individual who has been a member for less than one year may be elected onto the Committee.

4. Candidates for membership shall be accepted upon payment of one year's subscription.
5. Each member shall be entitled to one vote immediately upon acceptance of membership. In the case of joint memberships each member of the partnership shall have one vote. Postal or proxy votes will not be allowed. Voting for Officers and Committee at the A.G.M. shall be by a secret ballot. All other voting shall be by a show of hands.
6. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Club's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club.
7. The following Banking Accounts shall be held on behalf of the Society at Lloyds Bank plc, North End Branch, BX1 1LT into which all revenues of the Society will be paid as appropriate:
 - Main Account
 - Deposit Account
 - Rescue Account

Withdrawals shall only be made in the case of the Main and Deposit accounts on the signatures of two of the following Officers: Chairperson, Treasurer and Hon Secretary.

In the case of the Rescue Account: either the Chairperson, Hon Secretary and the Rescue Coordinator.

- 8. The Annual Subscription shall be such amount as agreed by members in General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club. No Member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any privileges of Membership and if the member shall fail to pay the outstanding subscription by the Annual General Meeting his/her name shall be automatically erased from the register. Acceptance back on to the register will be dependent upon a new application and payment of arrears.**
- 9. Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42i(4) and/or disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42i(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 interest of the Society may, at a meeting, the notice concerning which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of a member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. Notices of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the meeting that he/she may attend and offer explanation. If at the meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, his/her name shall be forthwith erased from the list of Members and he/she shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a member of the Society, except that he/she may within two calendar months from the date of such meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

- 10. The financial year of the Society shall be from 1st November to 31st October annually. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the Members Limited Show.**
- 11. At the Annual General Meeting, a report of the Committee and a Balance Sheet duly audited, shall be received. Officers and Committee for the following year will be elected. No business shall be transacted unless notice thereof appears on the Agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which in the opinion of the Chairperson of the meeting are urgent. Each member shall be entitled to one vote, with the Chairperson having the casting vote in the event of a tied decision.**

Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be inserted in the Schedule for the Members Limited Show, and two months notice given to members. Items for inclusion on the Agenda should reach the Hon. Secretary 42 days before the Annual General Meeting. The Agenda will be circulated at the meeting.

- 11a. A special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary if 50% of the members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. The Committee of the Society is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting. Notice of a Special General Meeting, giving its date, place, time and item(s) on the Agenda to be discussed, will be sent in writing to each member at least 4 weeks before the meeting is held.**

12. The rules of the Society may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the Agenda for which contains specific proposals to amend the rules. Any proposed alteration to the Rules may not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has been advised and has approved the alteration.
13. 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 by 31st July each year other returns as stipulated in the Kennel Club Regulations for the registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies & Municipal Authorities, will be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers will also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any change of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the year.
14. The Kennel Club shall be the final court of appeal in all matters of dispute.
15. The Society shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.
16. The Society shall 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.
17. The Society shall produce a list of Judges each year which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Society's Annual Return. The purpose of such lists is to indicate to interested parties those persons the Breed Society would support at differing levels of judging. Membership of the Society is not a pre-requisite for inclusion in the lists. Judges Lists should be divided in the following way – A1, A2, A3, B & C Lists. A must indicate all persons the Society would support to award Kennel Club Challenge Certificates for the breed. List A3 must indicate Judges the Society would support to award Challenge Certificates having gained the necessary experience. List B must indicate all persons wishing to start judging and gain experience of the breed. List C must indicate all persons who show interest in the breed and to judge.

The Hon. Secretary shall be notified in writing of names of persons to be considered by the Committee for each of the Judging Lists. The required judging experience considered to be necessary/desirable for inclusion of a person's name on each list should include previous knowledge and handling of the breed wherever possible, an interest in promoting the aims and objects of the Society, and with FIVE years experience of breeding and exhibiting dogs at all differing levels of Shows.

18. 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.
19. Any member of the Committee absent from three consecutive meetings shall cease to be a member of the Committee, save in exceptional circumstance accepted by the Committee.