



THE UK SILKEN WINDHOUND CLUB RULES

1. Name:

The Club shall be called "UK Silken Windhound Club," also known as the UKSWC.

2. Object:

The club's objectives are:

- To promote in every way the improvement and well-being of Silken Windhounds.
- To recognize and accept the breed standard, as written and approved by the International Silken Windhound Society (ISWS), as the only standard of excellence by which Silken Windhounds shall be judged.
- To promote responsible ownership through education and guidance.
- To do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of the breed in a responsible manner.
- To encourage sportsmanlike competition in and at any event including but not limited to all competitive and performance dog events.

3. Club Structure:

The Club shall consist of a Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon Treasurer known as Officers of the Club, 5 Committee members, and an unlimited number of members* and associate members*. (* see point 6 for classification of membership).

The Club may have a Patron (no voting rights).

4. Committee:

The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Committee consisting of 5 members, Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer all of whom unless co-opted must be Full voting members of at least three years duration. The Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer shall, ex officio, be voting members of all Committees and Subcommittees of the Club. In the best interests of the Club at least 75% of the Officers and Committee must be members that have owned or currently own a Silken Windhound.

Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as may be deemed necessary but at least twice every 12 months. Five voting members shall form a quorum of whom at least two must be Officers for the transaction of business. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings. Those co-opted shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Club at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place. Co-opted Committee members shall have full voting rights at Committee meetings. The Secretary is the only permitted person to report in full or part accounts of meetings held by the Club.

The Committee may remove a Committee member should they fail to participate at two consecutive meetings or events within a twelve-month period without acceptable apology or reason.

The Committee shall have the power to elect Sub Committees.

The Patron shall be elected by the Committee and will have no voting rights at Committee and General Meetings.

All Committee members and Officers must be fully paid up Full members of the Club, with the exception of the Patron.

No person whilst an un-discharged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment within the Club.

Any Committee members offering his/her resignation during the year, is deemed to have resigned for a full twelve month period from that date of his/her resignation and if they wish

to rejoin the Committee they must follow the application process to be considered for another position on the Committee.

5. Election of Officers and Committee:

All Officers and Committee stand for election/re-election where one quarter shall retire annually on a four year rotation.

Nominations for election of Officers and Committee must be made in writing and received by the Honorary Secretary at least 14 days prior to the date of the AGM. All proposals and nominations must be made by one fully paid up Full member and seconded by another fully paid up Full member. In the case of a member proposed for election to the Committee or as an Officer, they must send a letter to the Honorary Secretary to be received at least 14 days prior to the meeting confirming their willingness to stand for election. This will not be required for re-election.

No individual who has been a Full member for less than 3 years from date of joining or who is a Committee member or Officer of another 'Silken Windhound' Association, Society, Organisation with the exception of ISWS whether or not said body is recognised by the Kennel Club, may be elected on to the Committee.

No member shall be eligible for election as an Officer of the Club unless they are a current member of the Committee and have served for a continuous period of at least 2 years.

At the election of the Officers and Committee, only Full members whose subscriptions are fully paid shall be entitled to vote.

6. Election of Members:

The election of Full members shall be approved by the Committee whose decision shall be final. Any person elected a Full member of the Club and taking up his/her membership shall be deemed to have read the Club Rules and Code of Ethics and be prepared to abide by them.

Full Membership:

Applicants for Full membership of the Club (18 years or over) shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another each to have been a Full member for a minimum of one year. The election shall take place at any Committee meeting. A simple majority shall be required.

Full Membership applies to anyone over 18 years of age that satisfies the following criteria:

- Applicants who have owned a Silken Windhound for a minimum of one year.
- Applicants who have been an Associate member of the Club for a minimum of one year.

Associate Membership: (No voting rights)

Open to all applicants including juniors and overseas.

7. List of Members:

An up to date list of members and their addresses must be maintained and, if so requested, made available for inspection by members of the Club.

8. Annual Subscriptions:

The Annual Subscription for each class of membership is payable on the 1st January each year.

Full Membership: Single: £10, Joint: £15

Associate Membership (No voting rights): Single: £5, Joint: £8

Joint membership applies to both Full and Associate membership for two people residing at the same address.



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No member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any privileges of membership, and if the member shall fail to pay the outstanding subscriptions by the 31st January their name may automatically be erased from the register, acceptance back on the register will be dependent on a new application.

9. Voting Rights:

Each Full member shall be entitled to have one vote. In the case of Joint Full membership, there shall be one vote per individual of the partnership up to a maximum of two. To have voting rights at an AGM, the appropriate membership subscription must be paid by the 31st January prior to the meeting. Voting shall be decided by a simple majority at the meeting. Postal and proxy votes are not allowed.

10. Club Property:

The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee and in the event of the Club ceasing to exist; a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of any assets.

11. Expulsion of Members:

Any member who shall be suspended by the Kennel Club, ISWS or any national governing body shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club. If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee of the Club may, at a meeting the notice convening which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of the member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her.

Notice 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 an explanation. If at the Meeting, a resolution to expel is passed by two-thirds majority of the Full members present and voting, his/her name shall forthwith be erased from the list of members, and he/she shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a member of the Club for at least a minimum of five years.

12. Use of Internet and other media sources

Any member proved to be using the internet or any other media sources, to publically abuse or disparage the Club, its Officers or any other member(s) will be subject to disciplinary procedures according to club rules.

13. Financial Year and Club Accounts:

A Banking Account shall be held in the name of the Club at Co-Operative Bank into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signature of the Honorary Treasurer plus one other Officer (Honorary Secretary or Chairman).

The financial year of the Club shall be from 1st January to 31st December each year.

The accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer and audited annually for presentation to the AGM.

The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping accurate up to date records and accounts, which should be made available together with Bank Statements, if requested, at Committee Meetings.

The accounts must consist of an Income & Expenditure account together with a Balance Sheet.

Neither individual Officers nor the Committee, may incur an obligation for a single transaction which would commit the expenditure of more than £500 or 50% of the Club's

financial resources, unless authorised by resolution at an AGM or a Special General Meeting. No member may commit the Club to any contract or expense without consent of the Committee.

14. Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the club shall be held at such time or place as may be fixed by the Committee.

All members will be notified at least 21 days prior to the date of the AGM.

Items for the agenda must be sent in writing and received by the Honorary Secretary at least 14 days prior to the date of the AGM.

The agenda shall be circulated at the meeting.

No business shall be transacted or voted upon at an AGM unless it appears on the agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those, which in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting are urgent.

A quorum for AGM shall be eight fully paid up Full members.

Business of the AGM shall be;

To approve the minutes of the previous AGM, to receive the reports of the Committee (Secretary's & Chairman's report), Financial Accounts and Balance Sheet (Treasurer's report), to elect Officers and Committee in accordance with rule 5), and to discuss any resolution duly placed on the agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary.

Voting shall be as decided by a simple majority at the meeting, the Chairman shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie taking place, and his/her ruling shall be binding on the meeting.

15. Special General Meeting:

A Special General Meeting (SGM) may be summoned by the Honorary Secretary if 15 Full members send in a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a SGM to do so. The date of the SGM must be within 60 days of a valid request being received, except in exceptional circumstances. The Committee of the Club is also empowered to call an SGM. No business other than that detailed on the agenda may be discussed. Notice of a Special General Meeting shall be given to all Full members at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.

16. Amendments to Rules:

The rules of the Club may not be altered except at an AGM, the notice of which contains specific proposals to amend rules.

New Rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet ISWS and/or Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately.

17. The Club shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

18. Judges:

The Committee will hold an active list of judges. The selection of a judge for a show must be agreed and passed by Committee.

The future aim of the Club would be to arrange training sessions and judging seminars for individuals wishing to expand their knowledge of the breed.