

CASSATT SCENT SPORTS CLUB

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

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CONSTITUTION

Article 1: Name and objects

Section 1: Name

The name of the organization shall be

CASSATT SCENT SPORTS CLUB

Section 2: Objectives

The objective of the Club shall be:

- A. To promote and advance the training and welfare of dogs, with an emphasis on scent-based sports.
- B. To educate members and the public on scent work, tracking, and related dog sports.
- C. To encourage good sportsmanship, ethical handling, and positive training methods.
- D. To conduct classes, workshops, and seminars for dogs and handlers.

E. To support the education and development of judges, instructors, and competitors.

F. To protect and advance the interests of scent sport activities including but not limited to:

- a. Scent Work Trials
- b. Tracking Tests
- c. Detection-Based Sports
- d. Obedience/Rally/Agility
- e. All Family Dog Sports

G. To hold and support events including:

- a. Trials and Matches
- b. Tracking Matches and tests
- c. Training and Demonstration Events
- d. Lure coursing tests and trials
- e. Any events for which the Club is eligible under recognized governing organizations (e.g., AKC or similar bodies)

Section 3: No Profit Clause

No part of the net earnings of the Club shall benefit any individual member, officer, or director. The Club may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered in furtherance of its purposes. Directors and Members may earn up to \$599 per year in compensated trial runs as described in the volunteer compensation information.

Section 4: Bylaws

The members shall adopt and may revise bylaws as necessary to carry out the Club's objectives.

BYLAWS

Article 1: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

Membership is open to individuals interested in the objectives of the Club and in good standing with recognized canine organizations (if applicable), and would need to be eligible to compete in AKC and other organizational events. ([AKC Board Administration Policies](#))

Section 2: Membership Types

A. Regular Membership

- a. Adults 18+
- b. Full voting rights
- c. Eligible to hold office

B. Life Membership

- a. Granted after significant contribution (e.g., 20–25 years or Board approval)
- b. No dues required
- c. Full privileges

C. Perform at least 4 hours of volunteer work at a trial and/or event.

Section 3: Dues

- A. Dues shall be determined by the Board
- B. Payable annually (or in board approved installments)
- C. Members must remain current to maintain good standing

Section 4: Election to Membership

- A. Application required
- B. Agreement to follow Club rules
- C. Approval by majority vote of Board Members

Section 5: Termination of Membership

Membership may end by:

- A. Resignation (written notice)
- B. Lapse (non-payment of dues and or non-completion of volunteer hours)
- C. Expulsion (disciplinary action)

Article II: Meetings & Voting

Section 1: Club Meetings

- A. Held monthly or as determined by the Board
- B. May be in person or virtual
- C. Minimum 5-day notice required
- D. Quorum determined by regular membership of voting members present.

Section 2: Special Meetings

May be called by:

- A. President
- B. Majority of Board
- C. Petition of members

Section 3: Board Meetings

- A. Held Monthly or as determined by the Board
- B. Majority of Board = quorum

Section 4: Voting

- A. One vote per member in good standing
- B. No proxy voting

Article III: Directors & Officers

Section 1: Board of Directors

- A. Officers + Members-at-Large
- B. Responsible for managing Club operations

Section 2: Officers

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer

Section 3: Terms

- A. Officers: 2-year terms
- B. Board Members: 2-year terms

Section 4: Vacancies

- A. Filled by Board vote
- B. Vice President assumes President role if needed

Section 5: Duties

- A. President
 - a. Presides over meetings
 - b. Leads Club operations
- B. Vice President
 - a. Assists President
 - b. Oversees programs/events
- C. Secretary
 - a. Maintains records
 - b. Handles communication
- D. Treasurer
 - a. Manages finances
 - b. Provides reports

Section 6: Removal of Officers

- A. May be removed by 60% vote of members in good standing.

Article IV: Elections & Fiscal Year

Section 1: Fiscal Year

- A. January 1 – December 31

Section 2: Annual Meeting

- A. Held annually
- B. Elections conducted (if applicable)

Section 3: Nominations

- A. Nominating Committee appointed
- B. Additional nominations allowed

Section 4: Elections

- A. Secret ballot
- B. Majority vote wins

Article V: Committees

Section 1: Appointed by Board

Section 2: Subject to Board authority

Section 3: Can be removed or replaced

Article VI: Discipline

Section 1: Suspension

Members suspended by governing organizations may be suspended by the Club.

Section 2: Charges

- A. Must be written and detailed
- B. Reviewed by the Board

Section 3: Hearing

- A. Fair hearing conducted
- B. Possible outcome:
 - a. Reprimand
 - b. Suspension
 - c. Expulsion recommendation

Section 4: Expulsion

- A. Requires 2/3 vote of the board

Article VII: Amendments

Section 1: Amendments

- A. Proposed by Board or Membership
- B. Requires 2/3 vote by board or members
- C. Must follow notice requirements

Article VIII: Dissolution

Section 1: Dissolution

- A. Assets go to a dog-related charity
- B. No distribution to members

Article IX: Parliamentary Authority

Section 1: Parliamentary Authority

- A. Governed by *Robert's Rules of Order*