

**Saluki Club of Greater San Francisco Constitution**  
*(amended January 18, 2024)*

**ARTICLE 1: Name and Objects**

**SECTION 1.** The name of the Club shall be the Saluki Club of Greater San Francisco

**SECTION 2.** The objects of the Club shall be:

(a) to encourage and promote the breeding of pure-bred Salukis and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;

(b) 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 Salukis shall be judged;

(c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsman-like competition at dog shows, obedience trials and field trials;

(d) to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows, obedience trials, and field 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 objects.

**Saluki Club of Greater San Francisco BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE 1: Membership**

**SECTION 1. Eligibility:** There shall be two types of memberships open to all persons eighteen years and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club:

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a) Associate membership is non-voting. This category of membership is recommended for out-of-area or inactive members; as associate memberships are not used in calculating the number of members required for a quorum.

b) Regular memberships are entitled to one vote. To remain a regular member, attendance at a minimum of one regular Club membership meeting per fiscal year is required. Should the attendance requirement not be met, the membership will automatically convert to associate at the end of the fiscal year.

*(amended July 17, 2016)*

Regular membership is required for possession of any perpetual trophy offered by the Club. Associate members may not be officers or members of the Board of Directors.

*(passed March 13, 1988)*

*(amended March 3, 1985)*

*(amended July 17, 2016)*

*(amended January 18, 2024)*

**SECTION 2. Dues:** Membership dues shall be set by the Board of Directors, payable on or before the first day of July of each year. During the month of May, the Corresponding Secretary shall send to each member a statement of his/her dues and membership type for the ensuing year. No voting member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year.

*(amended January 10, 1975)*

*(amended March 2, 1985)*

*(amended March 13, 1988)*

*(passed March 20, 1992)*

*(amended July 17, 2016)*

**SECTION 3. Election to Membership:**

Each application for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these Constitution and By-Laws and the rules of the American Kennel Club. All applications are to be filed in writing or remotely via applicable technology with the Corresponding Secretary. The prospective member shall submit, along with their application, dues payment for the current year, as set forth in Article 1, section 2.

Applications for associate membership are effective upon receipt by the Corresponding Secretary. The application for an Associate membership does not require written recommendations.

Applications for regular membership shall state the name, address and occupation of the applicant and shall carry the written recommendation of two regular members. The requirements for regular membership include; being an associate member for 1 year prior to application, attendance of at least 1 meeting during the club year before applying, two sponsorships/recommendations by regular members, and payment of any additional dues. Each application for regular membership is to be read at the first meeting of the Club following it's receipt, at which time the application will be voted upon. Affirmative votes of 75% of the voting members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. Voting may be done by paper ballots or remotely via applicable technology.

*(amended July 17, 2016)*

*(amended May 22, 2022)*

*(amended January 18, 2024)*

Applicants for regular membership who have been rejected by the Club may not re-apply for regular membership within six months after such rejection. They may apply for associate membership within this six month time frame.

*(amended July 13, 1985)*

**SECTION 4. Termination of Membership.** Memberships may be terminated:

(a) by resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Corresponding Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.  
*(amended July 17, 2016)*

(b) by lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional 60 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.  
*(amended July 17, 2016)*

(c) 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 San Francisco Bay Area, or remotely via applicable technology in the months of January, March, May, July, September and November of each year, at such day, hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Electronic notice of such meeting shall be sent by the Corresponding Secretary to each member at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the regular members in good standing.

*(passed July 13, 1985)*

*(amended July 17, 2016)*

*(amended May 22, 2022)*

**SECTION 2. Special Club Meetings:** Special Club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors who are present, and voting, at any regular or special meeting of the Board, and shall be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meeting shall be held in the San Francisco Bay Area or remotely via applicable technology at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Notice of such a meeting shall be sent electronically by the Corresponding Secretary at least 14 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% of the members in good standing.

*(amended July 17, 2016)*

*(amended May 22, 2022)*

**SECTION 3. Board Meetings:** Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December in each year, at such place and time as may be designated by the Board and may be held remotely via applicable technology. Written notice of each such meeting shall be sent electronically by the Corresponding Secretary to each member at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

*(passed July 13, 1985)*

*(amended July 17, 2016)*

*(amended May 22, 2022)*

**SECTION 4. Special Board Meetings:** Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, and shall be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in the San Francisco Bay Area or remotely via applicable technology at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein

to call such meeting. Electronic notice of such meeting shall be sent by the Corresponding Secretary at least three 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.

*(amended July 17, 2016)*

*(amended May 22, 2022)*

**SECTION 5. Voting:** Each regular member whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting at which he or she is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election. Voting for judges can be conducted via secret paper ballot or via a confidential online voting platform, with results presented to the membership at the same meeting.

*(passed March 13, 1988)*

*(amended July 17, 2016)*

### **ARTICLE III: Directors and Officers**

**SECTION 1. Board of Directors:** The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and two other persons all of whom shall be Regular members in good standing and 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.

**SECTION 2. Officers:** The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice- President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and two Board Members shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

*(amended July 17, 2016)*

(a) 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 the President in addition to those particularly specified in these By-Laws.

(b) The Vice- President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.

(c) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club, including meeting attendance.

(d) The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of members of the Club with their addresses and carry out other such duties as are prescribed by these by- laws.

(e) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. They shall deposit the same in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. His books shall be open at all times to inspection of the Board and he shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting he shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.

*(amended March 31, 2021)*

**SECTION 3. Vacancies:** Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among officers during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of 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 that 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 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 July and end on the 30th day of June. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.  
(passed 3/20/92)

**SECTION 2. Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting shall be held in the month of May at which Officers and Directors of the ensuing year shall be elected from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

**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.  
(amended July 17, 2016)

**SECTION 4. Nominations:** No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of December, the Board shall appoint a Nominating committee chair and it shall be their duty to select committee members, all of whom shall be regular members in good standing with the club and the AKC. Upon selection, the committee chair will report those committee selections to the Board for appointment. The committee shall consist of 3 members (not more than 1 of whom shall be a member of the board) and 2 alternates. The nominating committee chair will call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before January 10.

- (a) The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and two other positions on the Board from regular members in good standing. After securing the consent of each person so nominated, the chair shall report the nominations in writing to the Corresponding Secretary by February 1.
- (b) Upon Board acceptance of the Nominating Committee's report, the Corresponding Secretary shall before February 15th, notify the membership of the candidates so nominated.
- (c) Additional nominations may be made at the March meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer shall present to the Corresponding Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.

(amended July 17, 2016)

(amended May 22, 2022)

(d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

#### **ARTICLE V: Committees**

**SECTION 1.** The Board each year may appoint standing committees to advance the work of the club in such matters as specialty shows, obedience trials, field 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.** 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: Discipline**

**SECTION 1. American Kennel Club Suspension:** Any member who is suspended from any of 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 Corresponding Secretary together with a deposit of \$50 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Corresponding 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 interest of the Club or the breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club or the breed, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board not less than three weeks nor more than six weeks thereafter. The Corresponding 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 wishes.

*(amended July 17, 2016)*

*(amended January 18, 2024)*

**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 may by a majority vote of those present suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems the punishment insufficient, it 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 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 Corresponding Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

*(amended July 17, 2016)*

**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 of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence may be taken at the meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's finding and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The meeting 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**

**SECTION 1.** Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Corresponding Secretary signed by 20% 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 Corresponding Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Corresponding Secretary.

*(amended July 17, 2016)*

**SECTION 2.** The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote 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 sent to each member at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: Dissolution**

**SECTION 1. 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 payment 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.** 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
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Report of the President
- Report of the Recording Secretary
- Report of the Corresponding Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of Officers and Board (at annual meetings)
- Election of new members
- Unfinished business

New business  
 Adjournment  
*(amended July 17, 2016)*

**SECTION 2.** At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Reading of Minutes of last meeting  
 Report of Recording Secretary  
 Report of the Corresponding Secretary  
 Report of Treasurer  
 Reports of Committees  
 Unfinished Business  
 New Business  
 Adjournment  
*(amended July 17, 2016)*

#### **ARTICLE X Parliamentary Authority**

**SECTION 1.** The rules contained in the current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised,” shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any other special rules of order the club may adopt.  
*(amended July 17, 2016)*

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