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**Membership - Rules and Regulations**

**Membership**

You have to be of legal age (18 years old) and an Associate Member to be able to register any dogs (imported or bred in Kingdom of Bahrain), change of ownership and kennel names.

Associate Member for the first 3 years

Associate member can attend and take part in the General Assembly but cannot vote. They cannot propose candidates for the election of members to the General Committee. Associate members can also take part in the section meetings where they have the right to take the floor but not to vote.

Full Member

To become a full member you would have to be invited by a full member of Bahrain Kennel Club an written request letter submitted to Bahrain Kennel Club for approval at the next General Assembly Meeting.

You will have the right to vote and take the floor in the General Assembly.

**Obligations of all Members**

To comply fully with these statues, Bahrain Kennel Club and FCI, the circulars and the decisions of the Bahrain Kennel Club General Assembly and General Committee at all time.

To register new kennel name(s) with the FCI international kennel directory as per Bahrain Kennel Clubs regulations.

To pay the yearly membership and any other fees due to the Bahrain Kennel Club.

To write a request to Bahrain Kennel Club if you would like to become a member of any other canine club’s and/or canine societies in the Kingdom of Bahrain

To respect all the FCI breeds standards and breed nomenclature.

To expel the person who breed and/or sell dogs with economic purposes exclusively and/or violate the code of breeding ethics as defined in the standing order.

**Sanctions Against Members**

1. The general committee has the right to apply measures such as :

- Warning

- Suspension, for up to two years, from any activity and/or event held by

Bahrain Kennel Club

If a member seriously and/or repeatedly violates its obligations as a member, e.g. financial obligations or non-compliance with the Bahrain Kennel Clubs rules and regulations, the General Committee can, within immediate effect, temporarily abolish some or all its memberships rights. This decision is valid until the General Committee decides otherwise but no longer then until the next General Assembly. The General Committee then puts forward the case and the reasons for its decision to the General Assembly for final settlement.

The member in question has the right to give its position to the General Assembly. The General Committee is responsible for informing the members as soon as it receives the above position.

The member in question has no right to claim financial compensation for the decisions taken.

B) The General Committee can propose to the General Assembly

* Downgrading from full to associate membership
* Expulsion

Following a decision by the General Assembly passed by a two-third majority vote, a member that repeatedly fails to fulfill its financial obligations (due invoices older than 12 months) towards the Bahrain Kennel Club or seriously violate these statues, the Bahrain Kennel Club regulations or the decisions of the General Assembly and General Committee can be downgraded from full to associate membership or expelled

The member threatened with expulsion or downgrading must be summoned to be able to present its case at the General Assembly.

**Resignation of Membership**

Any member can resign from Bahrain Kennel Club with effect from the end of a calendar year. A member wishing to resign has to have fulfilled its financial obligations with the Bahrain Kennel Club.

**AS A MEMBER**

* I will uphold the Constitution, By-Laws and standards set down by BKC.
* I will conduct myself in a manner that will be in the best interests of the BKC
* I will provide my dogs with clean, healthy environments and provide all health protection for them as required.

**AS A MEMBER OR BREEDER**

* I will not under any circumstances supply pet shops, commercial brokers or dealers with animals for the purpose of retail.
* Nor supply animals for raffles, giveaways prizes or similar projects. A member engaging in any of these practices shall automatically forfeit his or her membership.
* **MEMBERS OR BREEDERS** should use the BKC “Non-breeding Agreement” when deemed appropriate when placing dogs not intended for breeding purposes and urge the purchases to spay or neuter such animal.

**AS A BREEDER**

* I will breed only purebred registered dogs.
* I will pursue my efforts to improve the breed by maintaining the highest standards of temperament and physical soundness in my dogs and assuring that the stud dogs and brood bitches I use are of the same high standards set forth.