

CHICAGOLAND DOCKDOGS CLUB

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Appendix 1: RULES and REGULATIONS

The Rules and Regulations of the Chicagoland Dock Dogs Club ("Club") are administrative guidelines with respect to the day-to-day operation of the Club. In no instance may the Rules and Regulations conflict with the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club.

These Rules and Regulations may be amended by a 60% vote of the Board of Directors.

Article I: Code of Ethics

OBJECTIVE: Training and competing with any dog shall be done discriminately with emphasis placed on developing good health, sound temperament, willingness to work and other outstanding characteristics of dogs.

SPORTSMANSHIP: All Club members shall at all times display good sportsmanship and conduct themselves in a manner which will reflect well upon the dogs and the sport. Whether at home, traveling, or at competitions or motels / hotels, Club members will treat all (including competitors, judges, officials, and spectators) with respect and courtesy. Members shall not malign DockDogs, the Club, other Clubs, or other competitors or their dogs.

HEALTH: All Club members agree to maintain good standards of health and care of their dog(s), including proper veterinary care, adequate quality food and water, and proper socialization.

Members shall not use any means to derive better results during training or competition from their dog that is illegal, not prescribed by a licensed veterinarian for a medical condition, artificial and / or harmful to their dog(s).

Under no circumstances will abuse of animal(s) or human(s) be tolerated.

ENFORCEMENT: All members shall agree that receipt by the Board of written allegations of violations of this Code of Ethics shall be investigated and acted upon according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club.

Article II: Order of Business

At meetings of both the Board and 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 last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of committees
- Notification of new members
- Unfinished business

- New business
- Adjournment

Article III: Club Practice, Event and Activities Rules

Members must restrain and control their dog(s) at all times during Club related activities, to maintain a safe environment for all other members, teams, spectators and participants at any Club related event.

Dogs in heat will not be allowed at Club related activities. If a dog is found to be in heat, it is the responsibility of the handler/owner to immediately remove the dog from the area and bleach down all areas where the dog was present.

Should a dog appear to be injured or ill at a Club practice or event involving athletic prowess, the dog's handler will be asked to cease activity at the Club practice until such time as the dog regains health. Examples of injury shall include visible limping, bandages, stitches, and open wounds (a "hot spot" is not considered an open wound).

All dogs at a Club related activity or practice must be crated or held by the handler or an assistant of the handler on a four (4) foot lead at all times while on site. Tie outs are not permitted.

Only flat buckle collars may be worn on the dock at any Club practice. Choke collars, prong collars or electronic collars (including electronic collar receivers & transmitters), gentle leaders, halti-collars, or any other collar other than a flat buckle-type collar, are not allowed on the dock at any Club related practice. Any collars of this nature must be removed prior to being on the dock while attending the Club practice or event.

Except during designated doggie social times, dogs must be kept on a leash that is four (4) feet long or SHORTER at all times while at a Club related event or practice. All other leads, including retractable leads (i.e. Flexi Leads), are strictly prohibited.

During designated doggie social times, a safe and bordered area will be designated for dogs to play.

Advertisements for Club sponsored events will be coordinated through the Board of Directors and the appropriate Committee Chairs.

Advertisements and promotion for non-Club sponsored events using Club or DockDogs resources related to the Club will be allowed only with prior approval by a majority vote from the Board of Directors. Advertisement or communication of personal business ventures using these resources will not be approved by the Board of Directors.

Alcohol at events/practices shall not be consumed outside of the designated social times. No alcohol shall be consumed during the part of the even or activity where the dogs are being actively worked. Additional restrictions may apply per venue.

Article IV: Member Dues and Benefits

Member dues will be set by no less than 30 days prior to the end of the current membership year. Approval of the dues will be by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The Membership Dues for the 2012 Club year are as follows:

- **General Membership - \$35**
- **Household Membership- \$45**
- **Benefits**
 - Club communications
 - Highlighted as a Club member on DockDogs forums
 - Participate as a member of the Club at the National event
 - Invitation to participate all Club practices
 - Ability to vote on Club issues
 - Household Membership – up to 2 adult votes
 - General Membership – 1 adult vote
 - Online registration rates for onsite registration at Club events
 - Subsidized Club practice sessions
 - 10% Discount on merchandise sold at Club events (Members will wear wristband denoting affiliation with the Club so that other members will recognize each other and the retail discount can be easily given)

Article V: Charter Members

Charter Members will not be required to pay the yearly membership fee. The Club has 7 Charter Members: Beth Wiltshire, Dave Breen, Sue Sentowski, Darlene Rattner, Mary Schuenemann, Tom Kennedy and Deb Fishbain.

The motion was voted on and passed January 2010. Charter Members will not be required to pay yearly dues and will maintain full voting rights.