

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK

CLUB of SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

Incorporated on 13th January 1989 Registered Number 12586P

RULES

CODE OF ETHICS

The **Code of Ethics** of the RRCSA shall be deemed to be a set of guidelines of the Club.

(The current version of the Code of Ethics was published on the 2nd of December 1997 & amended in November 2009)

PUBLICATIONS

1. Whenever the Secretary publishes an updated version of the Rules of the RRCSA Inc, the title will include the date of publication.
2. The Club will publish a newsletter, which will contain information relevant to the Club.

AGM REPORT

Following the AGM the Secretary shall be responsible for preparing a report to be printed in the first Newsletter published following the Annual General Meeting. This report shall contain a copy of each motion put to the meeting and carried.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall recommend to the Secretary preferences as to the date and time and place of the next Annual General Meeting and the Secretary shall act upon these recommendations by making a booking and reporting to the first Committee Meeting of the new term of office.

HONORARIA AND GIFTS TO MEMBERS

The giving of honoraria and/or gifts to members of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of South Australia Inc, for services rendered to the Club, shall be accepted by a General Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP RATES

1. A membership rate shall be offered to first time members who join the RRCSA Inc after the first of May. This rate shall be 55% of the full year membership rounded to the nearest dollar.

2. The membership rate for overseas members shall be equivalent to the family membership rate.
3. Membership rates for the following financial year will be set at the AGM.
4. Membership fees will be rounded to the nearest dollar.

FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

At the first Committee Meeting of each term of office, the Secretary shall ensure that each Committee Member has available to them:

1. an up to date copy of the Constitution and Rules
2. a copy of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
3. duty guidelines be provided by the Secretary for all nominated positions and any other nominated officers mentioned in the Rules, and that these duty statements be reviewed at this time.

Pointscore Recorder	Membership Officer
Breed Information Officer	Property Officer
Historical Records Officer	Trophy Officer

CLUB COLOURS

1. The Club colours of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of South Australia Inc. shall be maroon, cream and navy blue.
2. The Club colours are used as ribbon colours at all future RRCSA Inc. shows, and that the style, font, presentation and printing, of the ribbons is to be left to the discretion of the Committee of the time.
3. The banner of the RRCSA Inc. shall be in the Club Colours.

CLUB LOGO

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PATRON

The Annual General Meeting shall have the option of appointing one or more Patrons in accordance with the following conditions:

1. nominations for the position of Patron shall be forwarded to the Secretary in writing not later than one calendar month before the Annual General Meeting.
2. the appointment of a Patron shall not be for a set period of time, but shall be an ongoing appointment.
3. the appointment of a Patron shall be approved by not less than two-thirds of the members of the Club present at such an Annual General Meeting.
4. the Annual General Meeting may terminate the appointment of a Patron by not less than two thirds of the members of the Club present at such an Annual General Meeting voting in favour of such a termination.

5. the appointment of the Patron shall be subject to the acceptance of the position in writing, forwarded to the Secretary by the nominated person.
6. the committee shall from time to time invite the Patron to attend Club Functions, make presentations, and make donations of prizes and/or sponsorship for the use of the Committee in achieving the objects of the Club.
7. before each Annual General Meeting, the Secretary shall contact each Patron to determine their willingness to continue their appointment.

CLUB NEWSLETTER

1. Advertising:
 - 1) Subject and references to be dog related only. (E.g. Boarding Kennels or an Insurance Company offering cover for dog trailers, stud dogs etc...)
 - 2) Reference to Breed Kennels, specific dogs, breeding or sale of dogs permitted.
 - 3) In any issue, a maximum of three full pages of paid advertising will be accepted as the normal limit, with the Newsletter Committee having the discretion to vary this limit in special circumstances.
 - 4) Advertising to be supplied at advertisers cost, of a quality suitable for photocopying.
 - 5) Payment to be prepaid per issue.
 - 6) Not all material will necessarily be accepted.
 - 7) Annual charges per issue will be at the discretion of the current RRCSA Inc committee, to be set at the second Committee meeting of the Club year.
 - 8) Carry non dog related advertising in its magazine at the Committee's discretion under the following guidelines:
 - That all advertising be on one page.
 - That all advertising be a business card size
 - That charges be set annually at the second Committee meeting.
2. Recognition of Achievement:
 - 1) The winners of the following awards shall be entitled to a one half page feature in the Club Newsletter which shall include one photograph.
 - The ATCO Structures Pointscore Trophy
 - The MOET Trophy
 - The Perpetual Best in Open Show Shield
 - The Perpetual Best in Championship Show Cup
 - The South Australian Rhodesian Ridgeback of the Year Trophy
 - The Erinridge / Ravvar Trophy
 - The Best in RRSA Obedience Trial
 - 2) The winners of the following awards shall be entitled to a one third page feature in

the Club Newsletter which shall include one photograph:

- The Runner Up to the Best of Breed, the Challenge Dog and Bitch at the Club's Championship Show.
 - The Runner Up to the Best of Breed and the Opposite Sex winner at the Club's Open Show.
 - The Challenge Dog and Bitch at the Royal Adelaide Show.
- 3) Any particular winner shall be entitled to only one such feature for any competition.
3. Results of Championship Shows published in the newsletter shall include the number of challenge points awarded to the Challenge Dog and Bitch. Persons submitting show results shall be obligated to provide this information.

RECOGNISED BREEDER LIST

Persons wishing to be referred as a Recognised Breeder by the Breed Information Service of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of South Australia shall:

1. Be current members of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of South Australia for a continuous period of the preceding three (3) years and be actively involved in club activities & resident in South Australia.
2. Be current members of and abide by the Rules and Code of Ethics of the South Australian Canine Association.
3. Comply with the RRCSA Inc code of ethics.
4. Serve as a committee member of the RRCSA Inc for at least 1 year.
5. Show their dogs at conformation shows for at least 2 years.
6. Provide to Committee details of Name, Contact Address, SACA Membership number and Registered Kennel Prefix.
7. Be accepted by the committee of the RRCSA Inc, such acceptance being reviewed on an annual basis.
8. Be using a registered pedigreed Rhodesian Ridgeback dog and bitch.
9. Complete all necessary criteria set down by the South Australian Canine Association.
10. Applications to the breeder referral list must include nominations from one (1) committee member and one (1) club recognized breeder from the breeder list.
11. All breeding stock must be hip & elbow x-rayed and scored by approved Veterinary radiologist. Breeding stock must be twelve (12) months of age before x-rays and must be scored prior to breeding. Committee will require evidence of this.
12. That no more than two litters per calendar year be bred by any one Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of SA Inc recognized breeder, which date to be taken at the date of birth of the litter.
 - a. That should more than two litters be born in any one calendar year the breeder in question be removed from the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of SA Recognised breeder's list (also known as the breed referral list) for a period of twelve months, which date is to be taken from the date

- of the birth of the third litter, which such removal to include any listing on the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of SA Inc Website.
- b. That upon the period of removal from the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of SA Inc's recognized breeder's list expiring, the breeder in question may re-apply for inclusion on the breed referral list.
 - c. That the breeder in question has the right to appeal to the then current committee of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of SA Inc to be exempt from the above Rule. Such appeal to be forwarded to Committee in writing within one month of the date of birth of the third litter, setting out the extenuating circumstances for the committee's fair consideration.
- 13.** Recognised Breeders are permitted to purchase, for a yearly fee set by the Committee of the RRCSA Inc, a link on the RRCSA Inc Website "Breeders List" but this precludes them from advertising litters other than from their own Dogs SA registered prefix on their website.
- a. Should the above Rule not be complied with the RRCSA Inc are entitled to remove the link from the RRCSA Inc Website "Breeders List" and, upon request, a pro-rata refund of any fees paid shall be refunded to the breeder in question.
 - b. The breeder in question may re-apply for inclusion on the RRCSA Inc Website "Breeders List" after a period of twelve months has expired from the date of removal.

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK RESCUE/RR RE-HOUSE SERVICE

- 1.** The RRCSA Inc incorporate a Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue / Rehouse service into the RRCSA Inc.
 - 2.1** That all reasonable efforts and attempts be made to ascertain and then contact the breeder of any Rhodesian Ridgeback requiring the assistance of Rescue / Re-housing service prior to re-homing.
 - 2.2** That all efforts be made and all reasonable steps be undertaken, to ensure that any Rhodesian Ridgeback rescued or re-homed be desexed prior to or immediately after being re-homed.
 - 2.3** That only purebred Rhodesian Ridgebacks are eligible to be assessed for rescue / re-homing. Should papers not be available for that animal, that a minimum of two Committee members of the RRCSA Inc deems that the animal is a Rhodesian Ridgeback.
 - 2.4** That at all times a minimum of two RRCSA Inc Committee members forms the basis of the rescue service.
 - 2.5** That all decisions regarding the rescue / re-homing of a Rhodesian Ridgeback are left to the discretion of the Rescue / Re-home service who at all times remains answerable to the RRCSA Inc Committee.

PUBLIC OFFICER

The Committee shall appoint a public officer who shall:-

1. be any person considered appropriate to the appointment with the necessary skills and knowledge, and may be from within or from outside the bounds of the Committee.
2. be responsible for the keeping of an up to date record of the constitution and rules, and record any changes made at any Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.
3. supply to any member of the Club, and the SACA, and Corporate Affairs, up to date copies of the Constitution and Rules as required.
4. offer advice to the Committee regarding compliance with the requirements of the SACA, and Corporate Affairs regarding its own Constitution and Rules, as required.
5. notify Corporate Affairs of any change of Public Officer within 28 days.
6. notify Corporate Affairs of any change to the Constitution within 28 days

PROPERTY OFFICER

1. The Committee shall appoint a Property Officer who will have the responsibility of storage and maintenance of Club Property.
2. The Officer will supply to the Annual General Meeting a written report listing all the Club Property.

BREED INFORMATION OFFICER

The Committee shall appoint a Breed Information Officer who shall:

1. supply members of the public with the “Breed Information Guidelines” booklet.
2. as directed by the Committee, place regular adverts in local papers to increase public awareness of the Breed Information Service.
3. answer general questions and enquiries about the breed.
4. act in an independent manner by not answering specific questions, or making recommendations concerning individual breeders, stud dogs, brood bitches or litters, but will refer enquiries to the people involved.
5. before the AGM, contact each breeder on the list to ascertain if the breeder wishes to remain on the list for the following Club year, this shall be reported to the AGM.
6. following the first Committee Meeting of the calendar year, update the Breeders List as directed by the Committee.

HISTORICAL RECORDS OFFICER

The Committee shall appoint a Historical Records Officer who shall have the responsibility of collecting and collating Club Historical Records. These records should include such items as:

1. photographs of Club activities and functions
2. lists of committee members and executive officers

3. newsletters
4. pointscore competition results
5. lists of members

TROPHY OFFICER

The Committee shall appoint a Trophy Officer who shall be responsible for the following trophies:

The Atco Structures Pointscore Trophy

The Erinridge/Ravvar Trophy

The MOET Trophy

The RRCSA Inc Perpetual Best In Championship Show Trophy

The South Australian Rhodesian Ridgeback of the Year Trophy

The RRCSA Inc Perpetual Best in Open Show Cup

The Lionsperil Beaufighter 'Mak' Trophy

The duties are:

knowing the whereabouts at all times of said trophies

- (a) organize the return and cleaning of trophies no less than 28 days before presentation
- (b) report to Committee the condition of the trophies, in addition to the cost of maintenance, repair, and replacement if required
- (c) be responsible for the engraving of all trophies and purchase of the pointscore and SARRY memento.
- (d) Be responsible for the MOET ribbons and inform the Club Secretary on request of the number and condition of ribbons in stock
- (e) Inform Committee when new sashes for a competition are required for presentation

The RRCSA Inc will, on request of a qualified South Australian Rhodesian Ridgeback Specialist Judge who is officiating at an Interstate or Overseas show, sponsor a Best of Breed sash.

NATIONAL RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK COUNCIL DELEGATES

1. National Rhodesian Ridgeback Council delegates shall be appointed by the Committee of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of South Australia Inc, and shall report to the Committee as and when required by the Committee.
2. If delegates are present at NRRC meetings, Committee requests a written report to be submitted by the next RRCSA Inc Committee Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

The Committee may appoint a Membership Officer who will have the responsibilities of:

1. keeping of membership records
2. keeping in touch with past members
3. providing the Committee with a list of lapsed memberships at the next Committee Meeting following the three month renewal period which begins on the date of the Annual General Meeting

SHOW MANAGER

1. Once a date has been set for a Club show, the Committee shall act and address the following points, before any further decisions are made.
 - a) Appointment of **Show Convener** who shall be:
 - Responsible to the Committee for the overall organization, planning, and management of every aspect of the show
 - b) Appointment of **Show Secretary** who shall be:
 - Responsible to the Committee for the processing of all entries and the keeping of all records relating to the show as required by SACA regulations and as instructed by the Committee.
 - Responsible for supplying all monies and records as required to the Treasurer
 - Responsible for supplying to the compilers of the catalogue, all records as required
 - c) - Where possible, appoint a club representative who will have personal contact with the judge.
2. The RRCSA Inc has a set of guidelines for the running of shows.
3. In the case of a dog owned by multiple RRCSA and SACA members, the dog entered can constitute a subsequent entry for one of the members where more than one of their dogs is entered.

GENERAL RULES FOR TROPHIES

1. The Committee decision will be final
RRCSA Inc Perpetual Cup for Championship Shows
RRCSA Inc Perpetual Shield for Open Shows
The Erinridge Ravvar Trophy BOB Royal Adelaide Show
The ATCO Structures Pointscore Trophy
SARRY
MOET Trophy
Lionsperil Beaufightrer Trophy for Best Brown Nose at the RRCSA Inc
Championship Show
2. The Trophy will:
 1. remain the property of RRCSA Inc

2. not leave the state
3. be presented on the day of the show
4. be cared for by a Club designated person or by the Trophy Officer if won by an interstate or non-member exhibitor
5. be returned to the Club one (1) month before the next fixture or eleven (11) months later whichever is the shorter
6. Engraving of registered pedigree name only, exceptions being
 - (a) the BIS Cup with both Dog & owners name;
 - (b) the Shield with BIS & RUBIS winners;
 - (c) Erinridge Ravvar Trophy with year date, BOB above the winner & both Challenge winners names
7. Engraving & maintenance is the responsibility of the club
8. In the event that the Club does not hold a competition during the calendar year, then the Trophy will not be awarded but held by the Trophy Officer
9. Any mementos supplied by the Club will be engraved with dog pedigree & owner name only
10. Extra engraving on mementos is the responsibility of the owner
11. The MOET, Pointscore & SARRY Trophies will be presented at the AGM
12. Individual mementos (at the cost to the Club) will be presented to the winners of the Challenge Dog & Bitch at the Royal Adelaide Show, and the winners of the Pointscore & the SARRY at the AGM
13. In the event of a tie, the Trophy will be shared equally in time between the winners. In the event of a co winner, the names of the dogs will be engraved in alphabetical Prefix order.

MOET TROPHY

1. Only South Australian resident members and their dogs are eligible.
2. The trophy and/or sash will be awarded at the AGM with the closing date for submission of results being one calendar month before the AGM.
3. The title must have been gained in the 12 months preceding the closing date, but qualifying scores from previous years may be submitted.
4. Results must be submitted to the Club secretary as a photocopy of the title certificate and/or photocopies of the qualifying scores certificates.
5. The trophy will be awarded according to the following scale:
 - 1) UD title: highest aggregate score if more than one
 - 2) Only if no UD title, then CDX title: highest aggregate score if more than one
 - 3) Only if no CDX title, the CD title: highest aggregate score if more than one
 - 4) Only if no CD title, ET title: joint winners if more than one
 - 5) In the event of a tie in aggregate scores, or if more than one ET title is gained in one year (in the absence of other titles) all

winners names will be engraved on the trophy, which will then be held by each winner for an equal proportion of the year.

6. If no titles have been gained in the year to the closing date, the trophy will be held over by the Club and a sash will be awarded to the person closest to gaining their title by the closing date of the of the competition, according to the following scale: one pass towards CDX will win over two passes towards CD, with the highest aggregate winning at each level. Further to this, in the event that an ET wins the MOET Trophy, an encouragement sash will be awarded to the person closest to gaining their obedience title, in accordance with the above scale.
7. A sash will be given to each eligible person who gains an Obedience and/or Endurance Test Title in the year prior to the closing date regardless of whether or not they qualify for the trophy.

THE ATCO STRUCTURES POINTSCORE TROPHY

1. The Atco Structures Pointscore Trophy shall be awarded to the dog with the highest aggregate score in the eight conformation shows designated by the Committee. The competition is open to all Club Members eligible to show under the rules of the South Australian Canine Association.
2. Points are to be awarded as follows:

Best of Breed	12
Runner Up Best of Breed	10 (when no Opposite Sex in Show)
Challenge	8
Reserve Challenge	6
First in Class	3
Second in Class	2
Third in Class	1
Class of Breed	4

Each entrant which is eligible for points from more than one category above will be awarded points from the highest category only.

3. The Committee will appoint a member to act as Pointscore Recorder. The duties of the Recorder shall include:
 - 1) recording placings at Pointscore Shows and calculating a running total
 - 2) publishing information and results in the Club newsletter
 - 3) keeping all results until the end of the pointscore series when they are to be passed on to the Historical Records Officer
 - 4) after the Secretary has received the SACA show Schedule for the following year and the Committee nominates shows as pointscore shows, then the Pointscore Recorder shall before the next Committee Meeting contact all host clubs for information on the proposed judges for presentation to Committee to confirm show choice
 - 5) shall inform in writing the nominated Clubs that its show has been chosen as a pointscore show
4. To be eligible for the award, the following conditions must be compiled with:

- 1) The owner of the Rhodesian Ridgeback is a member of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of South Australia Inc.
- 2) Points will only accumulate from the day of joining.
- 3) If required by the recorder, the owner of the Rhodesian Ridgeback shall provide a written statement of the placings of their Ridgebacks at pointscore shows.
5. The Championship Shows designated by the Committee will be chosen so that Rhodesian Ridgebacks are not judged by the owner or breeder of Rhodesian Ridgebacks resident in South Australia.
6. Generally, shows chosen as Pointscore Shows will be held at SACA Park.
7. Those not wishing to participate in the pointscore competition shall notify the pointscore officer in writing so that the officer is aware of participants before the competition commences.
8. The RRCSA Inc provides a Best of Breed sash at every Pointscore Show.
9. The publication of the results of the Pointscore Competition shall be limited to the top ten Rhodesian Ridgebacks only
10. Before each Pointscore Competition commences, the Committee shall publish, to the best of its ability, in the newsletter the following details about each pointscore shows:
 - 1) the date and day of the show
 - 2) the name of the Club conducting the show
 - 3) the name of the judge allocated to Rhodesian Ridgebacks
 - 4) the State or Country of residence of the judge

THE ERINRIDGE / RAVVAR TROPHY

1. The Erinridge/Ravvar Trophy will be presented to the Royal Adelaide Show Best of Breed winner on the day, by a person nominated by the Club.

PERPETUAL BEST IN OPEN SHOW SHIELD

1. The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of SA Inc Perpetual Best in Open Show Shield shall be awarded to the dog which is awarded Best in Show at the Club's Open Show.
2. In the event that an interstate exhibitor wins, the shield shall be held by the highest performing exhibit resident in South Australia.

PERPETUAL BEST IN CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW CUP

1. The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of SA Inc Perpetual Best in Championship Show Cup shall be awarded to the Rhodesian Ridgeback which is awarded Best in Show at the Club's Championship Show.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK OF THE YEAR

The RRCSA Inc shall hold a competition entitled South Australian Rhodesian Ridgeback of the Year. Rules for the South Australian Rhodesian Ridgeback of the Year competition are:

1. Open to all resident SA Club Members.
2. Competition to commence from the first Championship Show in November and concluding after the last Championship Show held prior to the 31st of October the following year this being the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of South Australia Financial Year.
3. Scoring:
Best of Breed: 1 point plus 1 point for each Rhodesian Ridgeback exhibited over six months of age.
Runner-Up Best of Breed: 1 point for each Rhodesian Ridgeback exhibited over six months of age.
4. Points to be cumulative.
5. Points to be calculated from any Championship Show held in Australia.
6. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to submit results for the website/newsletter. All eligible dogs will have points recorded by nominated committee person and leaderboard will be published on RRCSA Inc website. Catalogue proof may be required.
7. All show results for submission on RRCSA Inc website & in RRCSA Inc newsletter are to be submitted within 3 weeks from the date of the show.
8. Scores of all eligible dogs to be listed on the website in descending order and score for each eligible dog to indicate the number of shows that the score tally comprises of.
9. At the end of the club year the top scoring dog/bitch to be awarded the SARRY Trophy, and the top scoring opposite sex be awarded opposite SARRY award. The SARRY winner to keep the perpetual trophy for the calendar year and returned to the club 28 days prior to the AGM.
10. Both the SARRY winner and opposite to receive a memento trophy and listing on the website and perpetual trophy with an asterix (*) to denote overall SARRY winner.
11. Exhibitor's who do not wish to be involved will advise the committee in writing.
12. That the top 15 score's only for each individual entrant be counted toward the final results.

NEW TITLES

1. On application the Club will sponsor a new Title sash at the AGM to members who have attained an ANKC Championship title in the preceding club financial year. The sash will have three lines of writing

1. The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of South Australia Inc.
 2. The Dog's (Bitch's) name
 3. The appropriate title
2. The sash is to be cream with maroon and navy blue diagonal flash, gold foil print with the Club Logo at one end.
 3. A limit of 1 sash per dog per club financial year under this rule applies. In the event additional titles are gained, details of all titles are recorded on the 1 sash.

PROGENY CLASSES AT RRCSA INC SHOW

1. When included in the show schedule, the RRCSA Inc complies with SACA guidelines for Progeny Classes.
2. In Dam and Progeny, and Sire and Progeny classes
 - 1) the Dam and Sire do not have to be exhibited in a Breed Class
 - 2) one to five litters are represented by between two and five progeny and all progeny are to be entered in a Breed Class.

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