

2019 BY-LAWS

FAQs

RECOGNITION OF NEW BREEDS & RULES OF ELIGIBILITY (ROE)

Q. Why were none of the new breeds or ROE approved?

A. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) has assured us that this is still under review and will be dealt with as quickly as possible.

MEMBERSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

Q. How does the CKC use members' contact information?

A. Contact information is used for CKC business and administration and the newly approved by-law amendment to 7.6, MEMBERSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION, makes it clear that contact information may also be provided to candidates for the Board of Directors in an election; however, in accordance with Club Policy, a member may opt out of receiving campaign communications by contacting CKC to advise that they do not want their information disclosed to candidates.

ELECTIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Q. What has changed as far as elections for the Board of Directors?

A. According to the newly approved by-law amendment to 12.8.1, FILING OF NOMINATION PAPERS, candidates in an election must now complete and forward their nomination papers to the Election Commission a month earlier than in the past; e.g., for next year's election the Election Commission must receive nomination papers by no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 1, 2020.

VOTING IN AN ELECTION OR REFERENDUM

Q. Why did the cut-off date for creating the voters' list change?

A. According to the newly approved by-law amendments to 12.10, LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS and 35.13, SPECIAL REFERENDUM AMENDMENTS, the voters' list will be provided to the Election Commission at least 15 days prior to distributing the ballots. This ensures that the most up-to-date list of eligible voters, including the most up-to-date address information, is generated.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Q. Why can't evidence for a disciplinary hearing be filed at the hearing?

A. According to the newly approved by-law amendment to 15.1(g) EVIDENCE AT HEARING, complainants must file a summary of all evidence, and a list of all proposed witnesses, at least three weeks before the hearing. Defendants must do the same at least one week before the hearing. This ensures fairness to the process and voids one party taking the other party (particularly the defendant) by surprise.

APPEAL COMMITTEE

Q. Why were the number of Appeal Committee members reduced from five to four?

A. Over the past several years the number of appeals has declined dramatically presenting an opportunity for cost-savings. Given the strict credentials required for this Independent Standing Committee and solid policies to support the process (e.g. breaking a tie with four members), it is expected that the committee will be equally effective with four members.

REGISTERING FOREIGN DOGS WITH MORE THAN ONE SIRE

Q. Why was the by-law changed to now allow foreign dogs with more than one sire to be registered?

A. The Club allows litters with multiple sires to be registered in our registry so it follows that dogs from foreign registries should be afforded the same opportunity. The Club's Registration Committee has authority to grant approval when the appropriate documentation and procedures are followed as set out in Club Policy.