

Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.

Standing Rules

The following pages contain the current Standing Rules, as defined in Robert's Rules of Order, of the Dayton Dog Training Club. They are not part of the Club's By-Laws, but may be amended by a majority vote of the Regular members at any General Club Meeting or Special Club Meeting called for that purpose.

Included are:

- Guidelines for Members' Conduct
- Annual Awards Policy
- Membership and Policies

GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERS' CONDUCT

The purpose of these guidelines is to promote cooperation among members, high standards of training, and sportsmanlike conduct at all times.

Handling methods should be based upon kindness and reward, exercising only sufficient firmness as each individual dog requires. Temper from any handler will never have a place while training at the DDTC. Self-defense or defense of your dog will be the only acceptable reason for severe handling.

Good sportsmanship will be expected not only in the ring, but outside the ring as well. Members should present themselves in a manner which will have a positive effect on the reputation of the DDTC.

Members are expected to actively support the club's functions by serving as a volunteer, supporting needed fund-raising projects, attending club meetings and other special functions as announced. The amount of training or other participation one can give will naturally vary from member to member; it is expected that each will voluntarily contribute what they can.

Cooperation is essential to the smooth functioning of the club; therefore, members should resolve any conflicts in a professional manner.

AWARDS POLICY

1. Annual awards are made for AKC degrees earned, highest scores and championships. The awards are presented at the annual party. Members who have trained with other organizations must have become a member of DDTC by September to be eligible for these awards.

Plaques/bars will be awarded for the following:

- A. All AKC awarded titles.
- B. Plaques/bars will be awarded for the following: Highest score in each AKC regular obedience class: Novice "A" and Novice "B", Open "A" and "B", and Utility "A" and "B"
- C. Highest obedience score in the seven breed groups and the Miscellaneous Class
- D. A 200 obedience score earned in the regular classes at an AKC licensed show or trial
- E. First OTCH, POC, PACH, CT, and MACH for each dog will be recognized with a special plaque/bar
- F. Titles awarded by other organizations will be recognized in the program.

2. Other Awards

- A. The DDTC Outstanding Member Award will be presented at the annual party. Regular members shall choose the recipient based on a member's contributions to the club that go above and beyond expectations of a Regular member. A member may receive this award once every five years.
- B. The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award shall be given to a DDTC member after selection by the Board. The person will be chosen based on their significant contributions to the club over a long period of time.
- C. The Grey Muzzle Award will be an award bestowed on a Regular member who has attained the age of 80 years old and is still active in the club. The member will pay zero for any membership dues or training classes taken and will have key privileges.
- D. Lifetime Achievement Award
This is an honor to a member having at least fifteen consecutive years of membership and will only rarely be bestowed to recognize significant contributions to Dayton Dog Training Club. Lifetime Achievement Award members are those persons who, through their membership in Dayton Dog Training Club, have always demonstrated exceptional conduct and sportsmanship, and have consistently performed outstanding service in advancing DDTC, its goals, and its reputation over an extended period of time.

Nominations for Lifetime Achievement Membership must be submitted to the board in writing by any regular member and approved by at least two board members. The nomination will be presented to the board and will require a two-thirds majority of board members present and voting, by secret written ballot, to forward such nomination to the membership for approval at a membership meeting. Voting by the membership shall be by secret written ballot and affirmative votes of two-thirds of members present and voting at that meeting shall be required. Dues shall not be required from a Lifetime Achievement Award member and all privileges of membership, including voting and holding office, are accorded for life.

MEMBERSHIP AND POLICIES

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP POLICY

1. Members with full training privileges will abide by the training methods as approved by the Training Committees, the Board of Directors and the General Membership.
2. Any dog trained must be owned or co-owned by the member, a member of his/hers immediate household, another member of DDTC in good standing, or a dog living in a member's household.
3. Regular and Junior members will receive a \$45.00 discount towards the standard class fee for any Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc. class taken.
4. Once an application for Regular Membership is approved by the Board, the applicant will be eligible to take classes at the Regular Member price.
5. Instructors will receive one teaching voucher for every class taught. The voucher can be used for a free class, act as a \$15 off coupon for the first registration of any trial, serve as \$25.00 off membership, fees, or act as a \$25 off coupon towards the price of a class if given away to either a member or non-member.
6. The appropriate Director of Training has the authority to interpret and enforce the membership policy as approved by the membership. He/she is the final authority on all matters on the training floor. His/her decisions may be appealed, however, first to the appropriate Training Committee, then (if necessary) to the Board of Directors, and finally to the General Membership.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Regular Membership - Club Applicant
 - A. Each person wishing to become a club member must apply first as a Training Privilege Member on a form approved by the Board of Directors which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club, the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Kennel Club (AKC), and all rules and regulations of the Club and the AKC.

- B. Applications shall be filed with the Financial Secretary. The Board shall vote upon the applicant at the first meeting of the Board following the receipt of the application. Upon approval by the Board, the Club applicant will have one calendar year from the Board approval date to complete the requirements for Regular membership, unless the Board allows an extension due to extenuating circumstances.
- C. Training Privilege Members shall have all of the privileges of Regulars Members except they cannot vote in elections, hold office, or qualify for a building key, and will receive a \$25.00 discount for classes.
- D. A Training Privilege Member applying for Regular Membership must provide documentation of the following:
- Attendance at two (2) Regular Membership meetings, unless excused by the Board;
 - An AKC Conformation, Companion, or Performance title (Canine Good Citizen Titles are excluded) on a dog OR satisfactory attendance at Dayton Dog training classes during at least two sessions within the Club Applicant year. An AKC title earned prior to becoming a Club Applicant does qualify for fulfilling this requirement; and
 - Volunteering a minimum of 25 hours at club events, including instructing during the Club Applicant year.
- E. Training Privilege Members will be eligible for a teaching voucher if they instruct or assist in a class

2. Associate Membership

Please see the DDTC By-Laws, Article I, Section 4

3. Junior Membership

Please see the DDTC By-Laws, Article I, Section 5

4. Reinstatement of former DDTC Regular Members

Former Regular members of DDTC may be reinstated by completing the membership form, paying a reinstatement fee which shall not exceed the price of a Beginners Obedience class which is in effect at the time of application, and they must also pay annual dues or pro-rated annual dues as is appropriate for the date of application. All shall be submitted to the Financial Secretary and be subject to Board approval.

CLUB POLICIES

The Board and/or the General Membership shall enact policies and create procedures as is necessary for the daily operation of the Club.