



# CLUB GROUND & HOUSE RULES

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This By-Law has been approved by a majority of not less than three fourths of the members present and voting in person or via proxy in a General Meeting. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Club Constitution and other relevant Regulations, Codes, Policies, and Documents

## 1. Purpose

These Knox Obedience Dog Club (the Club) ground & house rules (Club Rules) have been created to protect the welfare of all members and their dogs and be respectful of ground and clubhouse environments whilst attending sanctioned Club events.

## 2. Rules

- 2.1. Handlers must be a financial member of the Club to attend training and use the club facilities.
- 2.2. All members must wear their current membership card, which is not transferable, when attending training.
- 2.3. All persons enter the Club premises and/or participate in the Club activities at their own risk. The Club will not accept responsibility for any accident, loss, or damage to any person or property unless required under applicable legislative law and/or Act.
- 2.4. Dog droppings must be cleaned up IMMEDIATELY and placed in appropriate bins.
- 2.5. Smoking is NOT permitted while attending class, in the clubhouse, under the covered area outside the Clubhouse, or within 5 metres of any active class.
- 2.6. Members must remove themselves from class if they want to engage in mobile phone conversations
- 2.7. Any dog showing visible signs of any disease or untreated disability will be asked to leave the training ground and seek veterinary advice.
- 2.8. Female dogs (bitches) in season are not permitted on or near the training ground.
- 2.9. No children other than child junior handlers are permitted on the training ground during official club sanctioned events, unless under the constant supervision of a parent or guardian.
- 2.10. Persons under the age of 16 must always be under the supervision of a parent or guardian whilst at the Club.
- 2.11. Only one handler per dog to attend class at all times, except for Puppy, Advance Puppy & Beginner classes and junior handlers.
- 2.12. Unless crated, Dogs are not to be:
  - ✎ left unattended;
  - ✎ tied to a car;
  - ✎ tied to any Clubhouse structure,
  - ✎ left in the Clubhouse; or
  - ✎ left in the care of children under 10 years old.
- 2.13. Instructors may secure their dogs as they deem appropriate while instructing.



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### Dog Control

- 2.14. Dogs must always be on lead at least 15 minutes prior to commencement of the first Club sanctioned event, and up until 15 minutes after the conclusion of the last Club sanctioned event on any given day, unless otherwise instructed by a Club Instructor. (Refer By-Law 07.01 for Training Times)
- 2.15. The Club endeavours to assist all its members with appropriate training; However, group classes may not be a suitable learning forum for all dogs. The Club reserves the right to prohibit participation by dogs deemed unsuitable for its training structure in some or all classes.
- 2.16. Hitting a dog is unacceptable, except when trying to prevent a fight or prevent a dog biting a person.
- 2.17. The Club uses a yellow bandana system for dogs who may show aggression, be nervous or are recovering from surgery. In addition, some dogs may be muzzled. It is the responsibility of all members (with or without yellow bandana and/or muzzled dogs) to always maintain a safe distance when in the vicinity of these dogs.
- 2.18. Members and children must not approach or touch any dog without the handler's permission.
- 2.19. A dog that has bitten or, in the opinion of an instructor and Supervisor of Training shows an extreme tendency of unprovoked aggression towards people and/or dogs, may be asked to wear a yellow bandanna and/or be fitted with a muzzle.
- 2.20. Members have the right of appeal to the Supervisor of Training or a member of the Executive Committee against wearing a yellow bandanna and/or muzzling, if it can be proven beyond doubt, that the dog was provoked.
- 2.21. Removal of a muzzle will be decided by the Club committee, at the recommendation of the Supervisor of Training in consultation with relevant class instructors.
- 2.22. Dogs are allowed in the clubhouse (excluding areas set aside for the preparation or serving of food), except on such days as the committee considers inappropriate, unless otherwise allowed by an instructor.  
No dogs are to be in the Office, except those belonging to Club members working there.
- 2.23. Where doubt exists, the interpretation and application of these rules is determined by the Club President, whose decision on such matters is final.