

**REGION 6 A.F.T.C.A**

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I NAME AND OBJECTIVE**

**SECTION 1.** THE NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE THE REGION 6 AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA.

**SECTION 2.** THIS ORGANIZATION IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING POINTING BREEDS, PARTICULARLY BY HOLDING FIELD TRIALS TO TEST THE QUALITIES OF THE DOGS COMPETING. OTHER OBJECTIVES ARE THE PROMOTING OF FELLOWSHIP AMONG SPORTSMEN, A GREATER REFINEMENT IN THE USE OF DOG AND GUN, AND TO INCREASE INTEREST IN THE CONSERVATION AND PROPAGATION OF GAME BIRDS.

**ARTICLE II OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND TRUSTEES**

**SECTION 1.** THE OFFICERS OF REGION 6 SHALL BE A PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT, A SECRETARY-TREASURER, AND A BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (OFFICERS ARE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.) THE PRESIDENT SHALL SERVE FOR ONE YEAR WITH VICE-PRESIDENT ROTATING UP TO PRESIDENT, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT ROTATING TO VICE-PRESIDENT. SECRETARY-TREASURER SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A TWO YEAR TERM AND MUST BE BONDED. SUCH OFFICES SHALL BE FILLED AT AN ELECTION HELD DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF REGION 6. EACH STATE WITHIN REGION 6 IS ENTITLED TO TWO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TO BE SELECTED BY MEMBER CLUBS WITHIN THAT STATE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, WITHOUT CONSIDERATION TO AFFILIATION. BASED SOLEY ON MERIT. THIS PERSON MUST HAVE AMATEUR STATUS.

**SELECTION OF TRUSTEE.** A NOMINATING COMMITTEE SHOULD BE FORMED COMPOSED OF THE PRESIDENT OF REGION 6, THE SECRETARY OF REGION 6, AND TRUSTEES OF REGION 6 (WHO IS NOT UP FOR RE-ELECTION). RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NOMINATION FROM MEMBER CLUBS WITHIN THE REGION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE REGION A MINIMUM OF 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING. IF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS MORE THAN ONE CANIDATE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (CONSISTING OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS) AND THE TRUSTEES WILL VOTE TO DECIDE ON THE NOMINEE. THIS NOMINEE IS THEN FORWARDED TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE A.F.T.C.A.

**SECTION 2.** THE GOVERNMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF REGION 6 SHALL BE VESTED IN THE SAID BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**SECTION 3.** FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, TOGETHER WITH THE OFFICERS, SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANY AND ALL BUSINESS.

**SECTION 4.** THE PRESIDENT OF REGION 6 SHALL BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THE SECRETARY OF REGION 6 SHALL BE THE SECRETARY.

**SECTION 5.** THE OFFICERS SPECIFIED, OR ANY OF THEM, MAY, AT ANY TIME, FOR VIOLATION OF DUTY, BE REMOVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE VACANCIES FILLED.

**ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1.** EVERY CLUB SHALL BE A CURRENT DUES PAYING MEMBER OF A.F.T.C.A.

**ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1.** THE ANNUAL MEETING SHALL BE 2<sup>ND</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> SATURDAY IN MAY.

**SECTION 2.** SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE REGION MAY BE CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT AT ANY TIME AND SHALL BE CALLED BY HIM ON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF FOUR MEMBERS OF THE REGION.

**ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS**

**SECTION 1.** THIS CONSTITUTION CAN BE AMENDED ONLY BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING, DUE NOTICE OF WHICH SHALL HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE MEMBERS, AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE HOLDINGS OF SUCH MEETING.

**ARTICLE VI MISCONDUCT**

**SECTION 1.** A.F.T.C.A. CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO FIELD TRIALS (SECTION 16).

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I ORDER OF BUSINESS**

AT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE ORDER OF BUSINESS SO FAR AS THE CHARACTER AND NATURE OF THE MEETING MAY ADMIT, SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS
2. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
3. READING OF SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT
4. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
6. NEW BUSINESS
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
8. ADJOURNMENT

### **ARTICLE II DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1.** THE PRESIDENT, OR IN HIS ABSENCE, VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE REGION, AND OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND SHALL HAVE POWER TO CALL SPECIAL MEETINGS.

**SECTION 2.** THE SECRETARY SHALL KEEP A COMPLETE RECORD OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE REGION AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND OF ALL MATTERS OF WHICH A RECORD SHALL BE ORDERED BY THE REGION. HE SHALL KEEP A ROLL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE REGION WITH THEIR ADDRESSES.

**SECTION 3.** THE TREASURER SHALL COLLECT AND RECEIVE ALL MONIES DUE OF BELONGING TO THE REGION AND RECEIPT THEREOF, AND DEPOSIT SAME IN THE NAME OF THE REGION IN A BANKING INSTITUTION APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE SHALL KEEP THE ACCOUNTS OF THE REGION AND REPORT THEREON AT EACH REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD. HIS BOOKS SHALL AT ALL TIMES BE OPEN TO THE INSPECTION OF THE BOARD AND AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HE SHALL RENDER AN ACCOUNT OF ALL MONIES RECEIVED AND EXPENDED DURING THE YEAR PREVIOUS, WHICH REPORT SHALL BE AUDITED BY THE PRESIDENT OR SOME MEMBER APPOINTED BY HIM.

### **ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SECTION 1.** THIS BOARD SHALL BE CONSTITUTED AS PROVIDED IN THE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE II, SECTION 1.

**SECTION 2.** THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT AT EACH ANNUAL MEETING A GENERAL REPORT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE REGION.

**SECTION 3.** THE BOARD SHALL MAKE REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POWERS GRANTED IN THESE ARTICLES.

**ARTICLE IV DOG OF THE YEAR**

**SECTION 1.** DOG OF THE YEAR WILL BE GIVEN FIVE CATEGORIES: ALL AGE, SHOOTING DOG, WALKING SHOOTING DOG, DERBY AND WALKING DERBY.

**SECTION 2.** POINTS FOR ALL AGE, SHOOTING DOG, DERBY AND WALKING DERBY DOG TOWARD “DOG OF THE YEAR” ARE AWARDED ON A 6-4-2 FOR HOUR STAKES, 3-2-1 FOR ½ HOUR STAKES. 50 BONUS POINTS GOES TO WINNER OF REGION 6 CHAMPIONSHIPS. 20 BONUS POINTS GOES TO RUNNER-UP OF REGION 6 CHAMPIONSHIPS. WALKING SHOOTING DOG STAKES ARE AWARDED ON 3-2-1 POINT SYSTEM AND A 20-10-5 BONUS POINTS FOR WINNERS OF WALKING DOG CLASSIC. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DOG OF THE YEAR IN EACH CATEGORY, A DOG MUST HAVE PLACEMENTS IN 2 OR MORE TRIALS WITHIN REGION 6. PLACEMENT IN AN OPEN TRIAL BY AN AMATEUR WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD DOG OF THE YEAR IN REGION 6.

**SECTION 3.** A MEMBER CLUB MAY HAVE 2 POINTS TRIALS PER YEAR.

**SECTION 4.** POINT TRIALS FOR DOG OF YEAR ENDS ON APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>. RESULTS OF POINT TRIALS HAVE TO BE SENT TO SECRETARY BY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, AFTER THIS DATE NO POINTS WILL BE COUNTED.

**SECTION 5.** NON-REGISTERED DOGS-TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DOG OF THE YEAR, DOG MUST BE REGISTERED BY APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> OF AWARDS YEAR.

**SECTION 6. THE BREAKER SYSTEM**

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| CRITERION'S | 1. | NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS   |
|             | 2. | NUMBER OF 1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACEMENTS   |
|             | 3. | NUMBER OF 2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACEMENTS, ETC.,<br>UNTIL A WINNER IS DETERMINED. |

**ARTICLE V PROXIES**

**SECTION 1.** AT NO TIME SHALL PROXIES BE VALID OR ALLOWED IN REGION 6.

**ARTICLE VI HOST CLUBS FOR REGION 6 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**SECTION 1.** IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED AS A HOST CLUB FOR A REGION 6 CHAMPIONSHIPS, A REQUEST IN LETTER FORM STATING A DESIRE TO HOST A REGION 6 CHAMPIONSHIPS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY OF REGION 6. THESE REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND REVIEWED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. IT WILL BE DECIDED BY EACH CATEGORY WHO WILL BE CHOSEN AS THE HOST CLUB FOR THAT YEAR.

## CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO FIELD TRIALS

**Section 16.** Any person entering a dog in, handling a dog in, or attending a field trial held by an active member of this corporation or the corporation itself, or; any member club, its officers or members found acting in a manner contrary to good sportsmanship and detrimental to the best interests of field trials generally, or, not conducting its trial within the Minimum Requirements for Field Trials may be reprimanded, penalized, or barred from any or all functions of a member club and/or the corporation.

Any individual observing such misconduct shall immediately notify the offending party and attempt to resolve the problem on the spot. Should the parties involved be unable to resolve the problem on the spot, the conflict shall immediately be presented to an officer of the host club or stake manager as conditions warrant. Should the officer or stake manager be unable to resolve the problem in a manner acceptable to all concerned, a formal, written complaint may be made.

(a) **Complaint.** Any individual or active member club may file a formal, written complaint regarding unresolved misconduct. The procedure to be followed in filing a complaint shall be as follows:

A formal, written complaint shall be presented to the host active member club by the accuser as soon as possible but in no more than thirty (30) days following the incident. The president of the host club shall, upon receipt of the complaint, schedule a hearing of the complaint by the club membership at a duly called meeting of the membership. The host club shall provide the accused and the accuser ten (10) days' notice of the scheduled member club membership meeting and the time and location of the meeting. The accused and the accuser shall be given the opportunity to be present at the membership meeting and to present evidence thereon. The accused will be permitted, if he/she chooses, to have an attorney present and/or to participate in this hearing.

Should the majority of the member club membership find the complaint to be true, the accused may be reprimanded, penalized or barred as the membership shall decide. Such reprimand, penalty or disbarment shall apply only to the functions of the member club.

Should the member club membership decide the complaint warrants consideration over and beyond the functions of the member club, the membership may instruct its secretary to file a formal, written complaint with its next higher affiliated organization (association, state organization or regional organization). The secretary shall do so with a copy of the finding being sent to the accused within ten (10) days of such finding.

Said next higher affiliated organization shall follow procedure as outlined hereinbefore for the member club for processing the complaint. All findings of the next higher affiliated organization relative to the complaint shall apply only to member clubs of said organization. Such procedure shall be followed until the complaint has been processed through the region in which the member club resides before it may be forwarded to the AFTCA Board of Trustees.

The President of the AFTCA shall, upon receipt of a complaint, schedule a hearing before the Board of Trustees at a duly scheduled meeting to decide the merits of the complaint. A copy of the complaint, the findings of all previous organizations and notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be provided to the accused and the accuser at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing. If the majority of the Board of Trustees shall find that the complaint is true, the accused may be reprimanded, penalized or barred from any function of the corporation.

The AFTCA President or the Board of Trustees may hear or delegate the right to hear evidence upon any complaint at any point in time as may be deemed fit, and the Board of Trustees may act upon such evidence as deemed appropriate, provided, however, that the accused be given proper notification and the opportunity to defend as hereinbefore described. The AFTCA Board of Trustees shall be the final authority on all complaints generated within the organization.

(b) **Appeal of Complaint.** Should the resolution by a member club of any complaint not satisfy either the accused or the accuser, that party may file a written appeal within thirty (30) days to the secretary of the next higher affiliated organization (association, state organization or regional organization). Such organization shall immediately notify the accused and the accuser of receipt of said appeal and shall request in writing all details as shall pertain. The president of such next higher organization shall, upon receipt of

such appeal, schedule a hearing of the appeal at a duly scheduled meeting of the membership, giving at least ten (10) days' notice to the parties concerned of the time and location of the hearing. The majority of the membership of such next higher affiliated organization shall decide the merits of the appeal and may abolish, decrease or increase the reprimand, penalty or disbarment or reverse the findings as established by the member club. Findings of such next higher affiliated organization shall be provided in writing to the accused and the accuser within ten (10) days of such findings. Such procedure shall be followed for the appeal of a complaint until the appeal has been processed through the region in which the member club resides before it may be appealed to the AFTCA Board of Trustees.

The President of the AFTCA shall, upon receipt of an appeal, schedule a hearing before the Board of Trustees at a duly scheduled meeting to decide the merits of the appeal. A copy of the appeal, the findings of all previous organizations and notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be provided to the accused and the accuser at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing. A majority of the Board of Trustees shall decide the merits of the appeal and may abolish, decrease or increase the reprimand, penalty or disbarment or reverse the finding as established by the region. The AFTCA shall provide the accused and the accuser the results of its finding in writing within ten (10) days of the finding. The AFTCA Board of Trustees shall be the final appeal for all complaints generated within the corporation.

During the appeal process, the finding of the next lower affiliated organization shall remain in effect until such finding by the next higher affiliated organization shall modify this finding.

(c) Nothing contained within this amendment shall be construed to be in conflict or supersede any article contained in the By-Laws and Running Rules other than the article noticed above.