



The BOXER CLUB OF CANADA Inc.

CONSTITUTION

As amended June, 2014

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SECTION 1 – Name

The name of the club shall be **The Boxer Club of Canada, Inc.** hereafter referred to as The Club.

SECTION 2 - Affiliation

The Club shall be affiliated with the **Canadian Kennel Club**.

SECTION 3 – Mission Statement

- (a) To encourage and promote the breeding of purebred Boxers and to do everything possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- (b) To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed, as approved by the Canadian Kennel Club, as the only standard of excellence by which Boxers shall be judged.
- (c) To hold a National Specialty Show, Boosters and Obedience Trials under the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club and to maintain a program of awards which will encourage sportsmanlike competition and advance the interests of the breed.
- (d) To initiate and maintain educational programs and promotional activities which will stimulate and extend public interest in the Boxer.

SECTION 4 - Area of Operation

The area of operation of The Club shall be nationwide.

SECTION 5 – Organization

The Club shall be organized as follows:

- (a) Governing Body
- (b) Executive
- (c) Standing Committees
- (d) Regional Directors

SECTION 6 – Membership

Item A – Membership Year (as amended June 2007)

The membership year shall be from January 1 to December 31.

Item B – Eligibility for Membership (as amended June 2007) (as amended June 2014)

Membership in the Boxer Club of Canada inc. shall be divided into two types:

Probationary: For a period of one year from the acceptance of all new member applications.

- Probationary members are not eligible to hold office, be a Committee Chair, or vote.
- Probationary members must attend a minimum of (4)BCC meetings during their probationary period.
- Probationary members are encouraged to participate activities and serve on committees.
- Probationary Members may not receive Championship plaques during their probationary term but may request those plaques earned by their dog(s) while a Probationary Member when they

are promoted to Ordinary Member Status.

All new applicants' names will be published in the minutes and if there are no written objections, with reliable and verified documentation, within 30 days after publication in the minutes they will be accepted as Probationary Members.

Any member wishing to object to any new Applicant must do so in writing and must fully outline the reasons for the objection and, where available, supporting documentation must be provided to the Recording Secretary within the aforementioned timeframe.

Ordinary: For all members after the initial one year probationary membership.

At the end of the one year probationary period Probationary Members' names will be published in the minutes and if there are no written objections, with reliable and verified documentation, within 30 days after publication in the minutes the Probationary Member will be welcomed as an Ordinary Member.

Any member wishing to object to a Probationary Member must do so in writing and must fully outline the reasons for the objection and, where available, supporting documentation must be provided to the Recording Secretary within the aforementioned timeframe.

Any person who subscribes to the aims and objectives of The Club shall be eligible for membership in The Club, providing:

- (1) That such person or his/her immediate family owns or has owned a registered Boxer.
- (2) That such person has not:
 - (a) Been refused membership in; nor
 - (b) Been expelled from; nor
 - (c) Been suspended from;
any Nationally or Internationally recognized Dog Club.
- (3) That such person has not been convicted of neglect of, or cruelty to animals.
- (4) That such person adheres to the spirit and the letter of the Code of Ethics of The Club. See By-law Section M – Code of Ethics.

Item C – Active Members

- (1) Active membership may be granted to anyone who has attained the age of sixteen (16) years and whose written application has been approved by the majority of members in good standing attending a regular meeting of The Club.
- (2) Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person:
 - (a) Who has rendered service to The Club for a period of twenty-five (25) years or more **or**
 - (b) Who has been recognized for special contribution(s) to the Breed.

Honorary members shall be entitled to all privileges of The Club. Honorary members shall be exempt from paying dues.

Item D – Application for Membership (as amended June 2007)

Any person desiring membership in The Club shall submit the following to The Club:

- (1) The Club's application form, duly sponsored by two (2) Club members in good standing and not from the same household both of whom have known the applicant for sufficient time to have formed an opinion

- of their integrity towards the breed and
- (2) One years Club dues; and
- (3) The applicable initiation fee. (Initiation fee and membership fee to be returned if application is rejected.

Upon receipt of the completed application form and applicable monies, the Membership Chair shall present the name of the applicant and the two sponsors at the next regular meeting of The Club. The names will then be published in the monthly minutes.

If an objection is made, written notification shall be sent to the applicant and sponsors for their written response. The Executive shall review the submissions. If the objection is upheld, the initiation fee that is in place at the time of application and the application fee (of one year's dues) will be refunded and the application shall be denied.

The applicant may attend any meeting of The Club during the time his/her application is being processed but will not have voting privileges

Item E – Termination of Membership

Membership in The Club shall be terminated as follows:

- (a) By resignation
- (b) By default - non payment of dues*
- (c) By expulsion**
- (d) By forfeiture**
- (e) By suspension **
- (f) As a result of deprivation, suspension, debarment, expulsion or termination of Canadian Kennel Club membership as imposed by the Canadian Kennel Club's Discipline Committee

* See **By-law Section J – Finance**

** See **By-law Section K - Discipline**

SECTION 7 – Governing Body

Every member in good standing shall be considered a part of the Governing Body of The Club to discuss and discharge the business of The Club.

SECTION 8 – Executive: (as amended June 2007)

The Executive of The Club shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. The Executive shall endeavour to further the objectives as set forth in the Mission Statement and to secure and maintain the efficient organization of The Club.

All members of the Executive of the Club must be a resident of Canada.

SECTION 9 – Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring mid term shall be filled by the appointment of a member by the majority vote of the Executive. Such appointee shall serve for the balance of the term. In the event of the President's chair becoming vacant, the Vice-President will fill the office for the balance of the term.

SECTION 10 – Annual General Meeting (as amended June 2009)

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held annually at a time and date to be determined by the Executive.

Members will be notified by mail at least thirty (30) days prior to the AGM. Board business may be conducted by mail through the Corresponding Secretary.

SECTION 11 - Elections

Ballots will be counted and results announced at the Annual General Meeting.

SECTION 12 – Special General Meetings

A Special General Meeting of The Club may be called on ten (10) days notice in writing to the general membership under the following circumstances.

- (1) At the discretion of the President
- (2) At the discretion of the Executive
- (3) Upon request in writing of at least ten (10) voting members of The Club. Notice of the time and place of such Special Meeting and the reason therefore shall be mailed to each voting member of The Club three weeks before the date fixed for the Special General Meeting.

Board business may be conducted by mail through the Corresponding Secretary.

SECTION 13 – Quorum

Regular Monthly Meetings

A quorum for conducting the business of The Club at regular monthly meetings of The Club shall be ten (10) members present in good standing.

Annual General Meeting

A quorum for conducting the business of The Club at the Annual General meeting of The Club shall be fifteen (15) members present in good standing.

Special General Meeting

A quorum for conducting the business of The Club at Special General Meetings of The Club shall be fifteen (15) members present in good standing.

SECTION 14 – Dissolution

The Club may be dissolved any time by providing to The Canadian Kennel Club written documentation signed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Governing Body of The Club who are in favour of this decision; proxies are not permitted. This vote will be conducted by special ballot of the Governing Body. In the event of the dissolution of The Club, other than for purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of The Club, nor any proceeds thereof, nor any assets of The Club shall be distributed to any members of The Club. After payment of the debts of The Club, its property and assets shall be converted to cash and donated to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs as selected by the Governing Body (Board of Directors).

SECTION 15 – Legal

The Club Seal shall be retained by any member designated by the President.

SECTION 16 – Transfer of Club Property

Each Officer, on the expiration of his/her official term, shall transfer all property of The Club to his/her successor.

SECTION 17 – Amendments to the Constitution (as amended June 2014)

General

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any monthly meeting. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing, email or fax on the required form to the Corresponding Secretary of The Club at least sixty (60) days prior to the vote on proposed amendment. The proposal, along with a ballot, shall be published in the minutes of the meeting that the proposal was submitted to the membership. The ballot is to be returned to the Corresponding Secretary by the time set forth on the ballot. The results will be announced at the next monthly meeting.

A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the respondents is required to carry any proposed amendment. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

Motions to Amend

A motion to amend the Constitution may be made only under the following conditions:

- (a) The Executive may make a recommendation to the general membership **or**
- (b) Any member may make a proposal to amend the Constitution. The Executive must support the proposal by a two-thirds (2/3) majority **or**
- (c) If the proposal is not supported by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Executive, the member may re-submit the proposal to The Club along with the written support of a minimum of fifteen (15) members. The fifteen (15) members must be comprised of three (3) members from each of the five Regions. The member making the proposal must provide The Club with the proposed amendment and the signed original letters of support from the fifteen (15) members **or**
- (d) If the member cannot solicit support for his/her proposal from fifteen (15) members comprised of three (3) members from each of the five Regions, he/she may re-submit proposal to The Club. The motion must be supported by a minimum of ten (10) members from not less than four (4) provinces. A certified cheque or money order in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), made payable to The Boxer Club of Canada, must accompany the proposal and the signed, original letters of support from the ten (10) members. The three hundred dollar (\$300.00) fee is to cover the cost of expenses incurred by The Club. If the motion is passed at the Annual General Meeting, the three hundred dollars (\$300.00) will be refunded in full.

SECTION 18 – Amendments to the By-laws

A By-law may be enacted, amended or revoked at any time by:

- (a) Providing notice of the proposed amendment or other alteration to the general membership in the minutes of the meeting.
- (b) A ballot shall be enclosed with the minutes containing said notice.
- (c) The amendment shall be approved providing it is favoured by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members who respond.

Only those ballots received **by the Corresponding Secretary** on or before the date of the second regular meeting following the notice shall be counted.