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1. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Categories of Membership of the Club shall be:

1.1 Ordinary Member - Full

(in accordance the Constitution)

1.2 Associate Membership

(in accordance with the Constitution).

May be granted to those persons not satisfying the qualifications required for Ordinary Membership.

Associate Members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of Ordinary Members except that they may not vote at any Meeting of the Club nor may they stand for election to a position on the Committee.

Associate Members may serve on any Standing Committee or Sub-Committee.

1.3 Junior Membership

(in accordance with the Constitution).

May be granted to a person under the age of 18, with the same rights and privileges as an Associate member.

1.4 Honorary Life Membership

May be awarded only for outstanding services to the breed or the Club and may only be awarded by the Members at an Annual General Meeting. Notification of any proposals to award Honorary Life Membership must appear on the notice paper convening the Annual General Meeting. Honorary Life Members who satisfy the requirements of the Constitution shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of an Ordinary Member while those not satisfying the requirements of the Constitution shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of Associate Members.

Proposed nominations for Honorary Life Members must be submitted in writing, to the Secretary, prior to the Committee Meeting immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.

1.5 Complimentary Membership

May be granted, for information purposes only, to persons not directly associated with the breed but whom the Club wishes to keep informed of its activities, and to other organisations with whom the Club wishes to exchange publications. Complimentary Membership may be proposed and accepted at any meeting of the Committee. Complimentary Members shall receive copies of the Club's publications only, shall have no other Membership rights or privileges and shall not be recognised as Members for affiliation purposes.

The list of current Complimentary Members will be reviewed at each Annual General Meeting.

2. MEMBERSHIP FEES

a) Membership fees may be altered by the Committee at a General Meeting: the new rate will be due at commencement of the Club's year following the alteration.

b) There shall be separate scales of fees for:

- Ordinary Member
- Associate Member
- Junior Member (Single)
- Overseas Member (Ordinary and Associate membership fees to be the same as Australian memberships, with an additional annual fee of \$20 to cover airmail postage of club magazine);
- Reduced fees will apply to Breeders sponsoring their Puppy buyers to become Ordinary Members within five (5) months of the date of whelping;

c) The scale of fees shall be included on the membership application form, a copy of which will be published on the Club's website.



3. STANDING COMMITTEES

The Club shall have the following Standing Committees:

3.1 Ethics Standing Committee

The Ethics Standing Committee shall:

- Consist of either the President or the Vice-President, the Secretary and a minimum of three (3) others.
- The Chairperson of the Standing Committee shall be the Senior member of the Executive elected to the Standing Committee.
- At least three members of the Ethics Standing Committee, not owners of the dog in question, shall view all Hip Dysplasia, Elbow Dysplasia, and Degenerative Myelopathy records and documentation submitted by members.

3.2 Fundraising Standing Committee

The Fundraising Standing Committee shall:

- Be responsible for the planning and conduct of all fundraising ventures undertaken by the Club; and
- The Chairperson of the Fundraising Standing Committee shall be the Fundraising Co-ordinator.

3.3 Editorial Standing Committee

The Editorial Standing Committee shall:

- Be responsible for the contents, production and distribution in due time, of the Club's magazine; and
- The Chairperson of the Editorial Standing Committee shall be the Editor.

3.4 Rehoming Standing Committee

The Rehoming Standing Committee shall:

- Deal with the rehoming of purebred Rhodesian Ridgebacks as the need arises and in accordance with the current Agreed Rehoming Practices; and
- The Chairperson of the Rehoming Standing Committee shall be the Rehoming Officer.

The Chairperson of each Standing Committee shall be a member of the Committee. Any Ordinary or Associate member of the Club may be a member of a Standing Committee.

The Chairperson and other members of each Standing Committee shall be chosen by the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

Additional Members may be appointed to a Standing Committee at any Committee Meeting subsequent to the Annual General Meeting.

The President shall have the right to attend any meeting of a Standing Committee but shall not have the right to vote at such meeting unless he/she is an elected member of that Standing Committee.

4. SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee may from time to time decide that a Sub-Committee should be established. Such Sub-Committee shall:

- Be created for a specific purpose and/or a specific period of time;
- Consist of such number of members as the Committee shall decide at the time of creation;

The Chairperson of a Sub-Committee shall be a member of the Committee. Any Ordinary or Associate member of the Club may be a member of a Standing Committee.

The Chairperson of each Sub-Committee shall report proceedings to each Committee meeting.

5. ALLOCATION OF DUTIES

The following duties may be allocated at an Annual General Meeting or at the first Committee Meeting following the Annual General Meeting:



- **Breed Recorder(s):** To collate and maintain material on pedigrees and other, breed information.
- **Rehoming Officer:** To co-ordinate the placement of Rhodesian Ridgebacks from one home to another.
- **Score Keeper(s):** To keep a record of attendance and performance of Rhodesian Ridgebacks at exhibitions and trials during the year and arrange for exhibition and trial results submitted by members to be published in the Club's magazine on a regular basis. Liaise with the Trophy Steward and Show Secretary to provide results for the Club's various competitions at the end of the year.
- **Trophy Steward:** To purchase ribbons, sashes and trophies for various Club awards. Maintain the Club's Perpetual Trophies and keep a record of their locations.
- **Show Secretary:** To organise all aspects of the Club's Members' Competitions, Parades, Open and Championship Shows.
- **NRRC Representatives (2):** To represent the Club at meetings of the NRRC and report back to the membership following such meetings.
- **CDC Delegates (2):** To represent the Club at meetings of the CAWA (Inc.) Combined Dog Clubs' Conference and report back to the membership following such meetings.
- **Property Officer/Librarian:** To keep records of the whereabouts and value of all the Club's tangible assets. Maintain a register of items in the Club's Library and Archives and supervise borrowings from the Library by the General Membership.
- **Editor:** To produce the Club's magazine titled "The Western Ridge".
- **Web Master:** To manage the Club's web page.
- **Fund Raising Co-ordinator:** To manage the Club's fundraising activities.

The Editor, Rehoming Officer and Fundraising Co-ordinators must be members of the Committee.

Any Ordinary or Honorary (Ordinary or Associate member of the Club) may hold one or more of the other positions listed, provided that there is no conflict with the Constitution.

The occupant of each position may, from time to time, be directed to attend a Committee Meeting with the purpose of rendering a detailed report on his/her area of responsibility.

This list of duties may be varied from time to time by the Committee.

6. NOMINATION AND METHOD OF ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- a) Office bearers of the Club shall be nominated in writing on the Club's nomination forms which shall be enclosed with the last issue of the magazine for the Financial Year and shall be available from the Secretary from 1st to 31st October.
- b) Nominations for Office Bearers shall close at 4.30 pm on 31st October each year. Nominations shall be forwarded to the Returning Officer.
- c) When a position is contested by two or more nominees, each nominee shall submit to the Returning Officer, a short resume of his/her suitability for the position in good time for such resume to be included with the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting. Such resume shall be published without any alteration or retyping by any third party.
- d) The election shall proceed in accordance with the Constitution.
- e) Should there be insufficient nominations to fill the vacancies declared at the Annual General Meeting, then Nominations for such vacancies shall be called from the floor of the meeting. Should any vacancies still remain, the Committee shall, at a meeting following the Annual General Meeting, nominate persons to fill the vacancies.

7. FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCIES

- a) Following the creation of a vacancy the Committee shall nominate a replacement to hold office for the remainder of the term for which the original party was elected.



8. ADVERTISING

- a) Members may advertise in the Club's magazine at a cost to be decided by the members at each Annual General Meeting.
- b) A disclaimer stating: "Publication of advertising material in the Western Ridge in no way implies recommendation by the RRCWA(Inc). Advertisers are warned it is their responsibility to be able to substantiate any statements or claims made in advertisements. The RRCWA(Inc) makes every endeavour to ensure that statements are not printed which are known to be untrue, but it is not always possible for us to check. The publisher is liable if he knowingly prints material that is incorrect or misleading. The advertiser is liable if he causes incorrect or misleading material to be printed."

9. PUBLICATIONS

The Club shall produce and circulate the following publications:

- a) A Magazine to be titled "The Western Ridge" which shall be circulated to all members at regular intervals.
- b) An "Information Booklet" which shall be posted or provided electronically to all persons making enquiries of the Club. Copies of the "Information Booklet" shall be available for distribution to the general public at public events in which the Club participates.
- c) An exhibition Catalogue for each Members' Competition, Open Show, and Championship Show conducted by the Club, formatted and produced in conformation with CAWA requirements.
- d) Any other publication which the Committee shall from time to time decide.

10. CODE OF ETHICS

The Club shall have a "Code of Ethics" with which all members shall be expected to comply. The "Code of Ethics" may be found at Appendix A.

11. REHOMING SERVICE

- a) Only purebred Rhodesian Ridgebacks will be rehomed through the Club's Rehoming Service.
- b) The Rehoming Officer will be entitled to reimbursement of all expenses incurred in operating the Rehoming Service.
- c) All persons adopting a Rhodesian Ridgeback through the Rehoming Service shall be required to desex the dog.

12. BREEDING

- a) Members agree to conform to the Club's Code of Ethics by which all members are bound, and represents the commitment of all members to breed only for the purpose of improving the quality of the breed.
- b) Members will take responsible action to reduce the incidence of hereditary diseases.
- c) Where there is a control program, approved by the ANKC, covering a breed for disease(s) known or considered to be inherited, then breeders should participate in and comply with the requirements of the program.
- d) Where a hereditary disease is recognised by the ANKC in consultation with the official breed club(s) to be a designated problem in a breed, and where there is a screening procedure or test for that disease approved by the ANKC.
- e) The owner of a stud dog should, before making the dog available for stud duty;
 - have a current official evaluation or test result for the dog for such hereditary disease; and
 - provide the official evaluation or test result to the owners of the bitch to be mated.
- f) The owner of a bitch should, before mating her to a dog;
 - have a current official evaluation or test result for the bitch for such hereditary disease; and



- provide the official evaluation or test result to the owner of the stud dog.
- g) The Club recognises that before approving a screening procedure or test for a hereditary disease, that procedure should be:
 - Scientifically validated;
 - Reliable;
 - Readily available; and
 - Cost effective
- h) Before any puppy or adult animal is sold, the prospective owners should be advised that the seller has taken all reasonable steps to comply with the Code of Practice.

13. COMPETITIONS & AWARDS

The Club shall conduct the following Competitions, for which Perpetual Trophies are awarded.

13.1 RRCWA Point Score Competition

This competition will run from 1st November in one year to 31st October in the next to coincide with the Club's Financial Year and the trophy shall be presented at each Annual General Meeting.

The number of Point Score shows for the next year shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting or at the first Committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting. A minimum of six and a maximum of ten shows will be included in the competition.

The Committee may, during the course of the year, include additional shows, provided the maximum number has not already been set, if it comes to their attention that a specialist Rhodesian Ridgeback Judge has an appointment to judge in the State.

The scoring system is as follows:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Points</i>
Best of Breed	12
Runner up Best of Breed	10
Challenge	8
Reserve Challenge	6
1 st in Class	1+ 1 for each dog/bitch beaten to a max of 3 points
2 nd in Class	1 + 1 if there is a 3 rd place getter
3 rd in Class	1
Best in Class	Maximum of 4 points

NB: Points are only awarded if the class is contested by an opposite sex. The Best in Class winner is awarded an additional point unless the opposite sex class winner has more points (i.e. has beaten extra dogs/bitches) in which case the Best receives an additional point to the number of points won by the opposite sex class winner.

- POINTS ARE NOT CUMULATIVE, ie, the Best of Breed scores a maximum of 12 points.
- Updated results listing the leaders in the competition will be printed in the next magazine following each Point Score competition, subject to the usual copy deadline requirements.

13.2 Tyandroma Kennels Most Successful Brown Nose Competition

Will be conducted by using the points allocated to each brown-nosed Rhodesian Ridgeback in the RRCWA Point Score Competition. The trophy shall be awarded at the Annual General Meeting.

13.3 Argorazi Puppy Point Score Competition



- Each puppy is eligible to compete for this award from the day it turns three (3) months of age to its first birthday.
- The puppy is eligible for the award in the Club Year in which it reaches the age of twelve (12) months.
- The puppy must be registered in the name(s) of Full Financial Member(s) of the Club for the whole of the period of the competition.
- No telephone or verbal results will be accepted.
- All entries must be completed on the official form, or a photocopy of the official form.
- No results older than two months will be accepted.
- Results obtained at Hound Club shows shall be counted as IN GROUP awards only.
- Results obtained at RRCWA Champ & Open Shows shall attract triple points at Class level. Note: Group and Show awards are not valid for single breed shows.
- Results obtained at RRCWA Members' Competitions shall attract double points at Class level.
- In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided on the number of In Show awards.
- The competition is open only to dogs normally resident in Western Australia.
- Only results obtained at Western Australian Shows may be submitted.
- All results to be forwarded to the Point Score Keeper c/o the current club address.
- Updated results listing the participants in the competition will be printed in each magazine, subject to the usual copy deadline requirements.

13.4 Makimba Top 10 Competition

- The competition shall run from 1st November to 31st October in the following year, to coincide with the Club's financial year.
- The results will be finalised before the AGM and a trophy presented at the AGM.
- Entrants may submit up to 10 of their dog'(s) best show results for the period of the competition.
 - Only Championship Show awards are eligible, and awards from Hound Club Championship Shows (Hounds only) count as Group awards.
 - It is not necessary to have won a CC to submit a result for In Group awards etc., and you can submit less than 10 scores.
- All results must be submitted on official Top Ten forms, and must be received no later than 15th November each year and must be legible.
- Late, incomplete, illegible or unsigned entry forms will not be accepted and the dog concerned will be disqualified.
- The scoring system shall be as follows:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Points</i>
Class in Group	5
Runner Up Exhibit in Group	15
Best Exhibit in Group	20
Class in Show	10
Runner Up Exhibit in Show	25
Best Exhibit in Show	30

- Plus, any Challenge points you won at that show.
- To calculate points for BOB or RUBOB
- For BOB (if contested by opposite sex) calculate the highest CC (dog or bitch) and ADD 3 points.
- For RUBOB (only if the RUBOB is the opposite sex to the BOB) calculate the highest CC (dog or bitch) and ADD 1 point.



- All points are cumulative.
- This competition is restricted to Rhodesian Ridgebacks normally resident in W.A.
- A copy of these rules is to be distributed with each entry form.
- All results to be submitted to the Point Score Keeper at the current club address.

13.5 Zion Memorial Obedience Trophy.

- This competition is open to all West Australian domiciled RRCWA club members.
- No distinction is to be made between registered and associate Rhodesian Ridgebacks.
- The competition period is 1st November to 31st October the following year, to coincide with the Club's financial year, and the trophy will be awarded at the AGM.
- The trophy will be awarded to the highest Obedience Title gained in this period. If equal titles are gained, the award goes to the highest average of the 3 qualifying scores submitted to gain the title.
- The winner of the trophy will be decided according to the highest award achieved, in the following order:
 1. UD + TDX
 2. UD +TD
 3. UD
 4. CDX + TD
 5. CDX
 6. CD

Note: TD or TDX need not be gained in the same period as UD

13.6 Best of Breed at the Royal Show Trophy

The Best of Breed at the Royal Show Trophy, which is awarded at the Royal Show.

13.7 Perpetual Trophies

Perpetual Trophies shall be awarded for all Classes in Show and Special Classes, and Property Classes at the Club's Championship Show.

Classes to be awarded at each Championship Show shall be:

- a) Ordinary Classes, as per CAWA "C" Regulations and to be judged in the CAWA prescribed manner
 - Baby Puppy
 - Minor Puppy
 - Puppy
 - Junior
 - Intermediate
 - State Bred
 - Australian Bred
 - Open
- b) Special Classes, as per CAWA "C" Regulations and to be judged in the CAWA prescribed manner.
 - Brace
 - Veteran (one class only)
 - Sire's Progeny
 - Dam's Progeny
 - Neuter
- c) Property Classes
 - Best Headed Dog
 - Best Headed Bitch



- Best Headed Overall (run off between Best Headed Dog & Best Headed Bitch)
 - Best Ridge
 - Best Gait
 - Best Brown Nosed to be judged on the basis of the Breed Standard taking into account the colour of nose, eyes and coat only
- d) The Club's Perpetual Trophies may be awarded to Members of the Club normally resident in Western Australia provided that all registered owners of the dog to which the trophy is awarded are financial members of the Club.
- e) In the case of a Point Score Competition, where points are accumulated over a specific period of time, all owners of the dog must be Club Members for the whole of the same period.
- f) Should the person to whom it is awarded take custody of the trophy, that person shall be responsible for ensuring that the trophy is engraved with the applicable details at his or her own expense.
- g) All recipients of Perpetual Trophies shall sign a receipt guaranteeing that they will take all possible care of the trophy and will return it in good order.
- h) Should a dog owned by someone other than a member of the Club or by a member not normally resident in Western Australia be awarded a trophy then the dog's name will be engraved on the trophy, at the Club's expense and the trophy will be held by the Trophy Steward.
- i) The owner of the dog may choose to arrange a photograph of the trophy.
- j) All trophies must be returned (by the awardee(s) or at their expense), in good condition, a minimum of two weeks before the event at which they are to be re-awarded (ie, The Club's Championship Show or the Annual General Meeting).
- k) Any damage to trophies should be reported to the Trophy Steward who will advise the Committee. The Committee shall decide what further appropriate action is necessary.
- l) The Scorekeeper shall be responsible for providing all relevant forms and information to the Club's Members.
- m) In order to qualify for congratulatory sashes and free congratulatory advertisements, all owners of dogs which have gained Championship, Obedience or other titles, shall submit an application, accompanied by photocopies of results and /or certificates, together with the appropriate fee for the purchase of the sash. Such fee will be fixed at the Annual General Meeting and will apply for the whole of the year.
- n) Following receipt of such form by the Secretary, the free advertisement will appear in the next issue of the magazine, making allowance for the necessary closing dates for copy.
- o) Applications submitted before 4.30pm on 31 October each year will qualify the applicant to be presented with a Congratulatory Sash at the AGM for the current year. Applications submitted after this deadline will qualify the applicant to receive a Congratulatory Sash at the AGM of the following year.