



Dedicated to the preservation of the functional hound

BY-LAWS OF THE Queensland Lure Coursing Association Inc (IA05669)

Article 1: Definitions

1. Management Committee: The club's elected management committee
2. Committee: The club's elected other committee members
3. Member: A member of the club, other than an honorary member
4. Quorum: The minimum number of participants who must be present when a vote is taken: 50% of management committee plus one, and for general meetings, at least the number of members elected or appointed to the management committee plus one.
5. Year: The 12-month period that ends 31 January each year

Article 2: Committees

The governing body of this club shall be the Management Committee consisting of up to four members including:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer |

General Committee members:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee members x 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Racing Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pursuit Editor | <input type="checkbox"/> Webmaster/Facebook Editor |

Other Office Bearers:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraiser | <input type="checkbox"/> Point scorer/Trophy Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | |

Article 3: Election of Management Committee and Officers

Section 1 - In accordance with section 18 of the Constitution.

Section 2 – A vacancy on the Management Committee or any other Committee position shall be filled by action of the remaining Committee members or in accordance with section 20 of the Constitution.

Article 4: Duties of Committee Officers

Section 1 – *President*

The President presides at meetings of the club and performs other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of President.

Section 2 – *Vice-President*

The Vice President presides at meetings of the club and the Committee in the absence of the President and performs other duties as requested by the President.

Section 4 – *Secretary*

The Secretary keeps membership records, records attendance at meetings, sends out notices of club, general and committee meetings, records and preserves the minutes of such meetings, reports as required on membership and performs other duties as usually pertain to the office of Secretary.

Section 5 – *Treasurer*

The Treasurer has custody of all funds, accounting for them to the club annually and at any other time upon demand by the board and performs other duties as pertains to the office of Treasurer.

Article 5: Meetings

Section 1 – The *Annual General Meeting* of this club shall be held prior to 31 July in each year, at which time the election of Management Committee, Committee and other office bearers serve for the ensuing year shall take place.

Section 2 – *General meetings* of this club shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Management Committee. Due notice of any changes in or cancelling of the meeting shall be given to all members of the club.

Section 3 – The quorum for a general or annual general meeting is at least the number of members elected or appointed to the management committee at the close of the association's last general meeting, plus one (1).

Section 4 – *Committee meetings* shall be held monthly at a time and place to be determined by its members.

Section 5 – A simple majority of the Management Committee (50% plus one (1)) shall constitute a quorum of the Committee.

Article 6: Fees and Dues

Section 1 – The membership fee as set by a general meeting of all members, shall be the sum to be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member and their dog eligible for title awards.

Section 2 - The annual membership renewal fee is due and payable by the 31 January each year.

Section 3 – an entry fee as set by the Management Committee is due and payable each race meet for the dog to attain a race score towards a qualifying title.

Article 7: Method of Voting

The business of this club shall be transacted by oral assent or by show of hands vote, except the election of Management Committee, Committee and office bearers, which may be by ballot. The Committee may determine that a specific resolution be considered by ballot rather than by show of hands vote.

Article 8: Finance

Section 1 – Account management

The Treasurer shall deposit all club funds as soon as possible in a recognised financial institution, named by the Management Committee.

The Treasurer shall operate club finances with two accounts, which may have sub-accounts: working operations and investment account.

Section 2 – Financial management

The fiscal year of this club shall extend from 1 February to 31 January in each year.

All bills shall be paid by the Treasurer or other authorized officer only when approved by two authorised Management Committee members. Payments may be made by cheque or via electronic banking requiring two authorisations from approved club officers.

All payments shall be approved or ratified at a meeting of the Management Committee. The income and property of the club must be used solely in promoting the objects of the Queensland Lure Coursing Association and exercising the club's powers and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to any, or all of the members of the club except as bona-fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the association.

Section 3 – Annual audit

As soon as practicable after the end of each financial year, the treasurer shall cause to be prepared a statement containing particulars of:-

- (a) the income and expenditure for the financial year just ended; and

- (b) the assets and liabilities and of all stock and securities affecting the property of the club at the close of that year.

A thorough audit by a Certified Public Accountant or other qualified person, acceptable under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981*, shall be made once each year of all the club's financial transactions.

The auditor must examine the statement prepared and present a report on it to the secretary before the next *Annual General Meeting* following the financial year for which the audit was made. The statement must be presented at the *Annual General Meeting*.

Section 4 – Payment of annual membership fees

The fiscal year of this club shall extend from 1 February to 31 January and collection of members' dues shall be payable at that time. However, should a member enter the Summer Cup (December to February inclusive), that annual member's fees shall be payable prior to the commencement of the Summer Cup and to include the following year.

Section 5 – Document retention

The club must keep its financial records in the State and for at least seven (7) years.

Article 9: Resolutions

No resolution or motion to commit this club on any matter shall be considered by the club until it has been considered by the Management Committee, such resolutions or motions, if offered at the club meetings, shall be referred to the Committee without discussion.

Article 10: Agenda

The Agenda for general meetings of the club shall be determined by the Management Committee.

Article 11: Code of Ethics

All members will abide by the Lure Coursing Code of Ethics as published from time to time and all Judges will abide by the published Judges Code of Ethics.

Article 12: Group Categories

All dogs will be grouped within its breed category in accordance with breed standards and guidelines as determined by the Australian National Kennel Council from time to time which describe the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed that ensures that the breed is fit for function and purpose. Breed categories are:

Group 1	Toys
Group 2	Terriers
Group 3	Gundogs
Group 4	Hounds
Group 5	Working dogs
Group 6	Utility
Group 7	Non-Sporting
Unregistered and Mixed Breeds	
Veteran (aged 7 years and greater)	

*Note – Italian Greyhounds will be included in Group 4 for Lure Coursing purposes.

Article 12A: Risk Disclaimer

There are inherent risks associated with the activity/sport of lure coursing and that while engaged in any activity sponsored or operated by the Queensland Lure Coursing Association Inc (QLCA Inc) or its affiliates, including but not limited to its: officers, directors, members, guests, agents for any activity performed or held on property used by QLCA Inc or any activity sponsored or operated by QLCA Inc, all entries assume full responsibility and liability for those risks that may result in bodily injury or damage, directly or indirectly to owner/handler, to a dog, to any property, or to any other property or person that the entrant cause either by their actions or the actions of a dog.

Article 13: Points and Grading – Registered Breeds' titles

For a dog to compete in the breed categories, the dog must have a registration certificate (pedigree) from:

- ☐ Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC)
- ☐ Canine Control Council of Queensland (CCCQ)
- ☐ The Greyhound Racing Authority or sighting and recording ear tattoos for ex-racing greyhounds.

Section 1 - Novice: For dogs that have failed to score more than **145 points** in three meet events in which they were entered.

Section 2 - Intermediate: For dogs who have scored **150 points** or more in two consecutive race meets - or three meets with a minimum score of **145 points**.

Section 3 - Open: For dogs in the Intermediate Class who have scored **160 points** or more in two consecutive race meets - OR three meets with a minimum score of **155 points**.

Section 4 - Field Champion: For dogs in the Open Class who have scored **170 points** or more at any three meets in any twelve-month period - OR a minimum score of **165 points** at any five courses in any twenty-four month period.

***NOTE:** Field Champion points can only be accumulated from within the Open Class.

Section 5 - Regrading: Any dog in Open Class that scores below the qualifying score for the class in which it is entered at three consecutive courses will be downgraded.

Field Champions will not be downgraded.

Intermediate will not be downgraded back to Novice.

Section 6 - Veteran of Merit: For dogs who are in the Veteran class and have scored a minimum of 165 at three meets - OR 160 or more over five meets. There is no time limit.

Section 7 - Lure Courser of Merit: For dogs who are Field Champions and have scored a minimum of 175 points at any three meets - OR a score of 173 or more at any five meets. There is no time limit.

Section 8 - Lure Courser Grand Master: For dogs who are a Lure Courser of Merit and have scored a minimum of 175 points at any three meets - OR a score of 173 or more at any 5 meets. There is no time limit.

Section 9 - Lure Courser Supreme Grand master: For dogs who are a Lure Courser Grand Master and have scored a minimum of 175 at any three meets - OR a score of 173 or more at any 5 courses. There is no time limit.

Article 14: Points and Grading for Mixed Breeds and Unregistered titles

This system of points and gradings is applicable to dogs competing in the Unregistered and Mixed Breed class.

Section 1 - Beginner: For dogs that have failed to score **145** points at three meets in which they were entered.

Section 2 - Junior: For dogs who have scored **145** or more points at three individual meets – non-consecutive.

Section 3 - Advanced: For dogs in the Junior class who have scored **155** or more points at four individual meets – non-consecutive.

Section 4 - Companion of The Course: For dogs in the Advanced class who have scored **165** or more points at four individual meets – non-consecutive.

***NOTE:** Companion of the Course points can only be accumulated from within the Advanced grade.

Section 5 - Veteran of Merit: For dogs who are in the Veteran class and have scored a minimum of 165 at three meets - OR 160 or more over five meets. There is no time limit.

Section 6 - Companion Courser of Merit: For dogs who are Companions of the Course and have scored a minimum of 173 points at any three meets - OR a score of 170 or more at any five meets. There is no time limit.

Section 7 - Companion Courser Grand Master: For dogs who are a Companion Courser of Merit and have scored a minimum of 175 at any three meets - OR a score of 173 or more at any five meets. There is no time limit.

Section 8 - Companion Courser Supreme Grand Master: For dogs who are a Companion Courser Grand Master and have scored a minimum of 175 at any three meets - OR 173 or more at any five meets. There is no time limit.

Article 15: Points and Grading for Show and Field Champion

This system of points and gradings is applicable to dogs competing in the show ring as well as on the lure coursing field.

Dogs must be awarded eighty [80] points at confirmation shows and eighty [80] points from lure coursing events. There is no time frame.

Points awarded:

Shows:

Best of Breed:	four [4] points
Challenge:	three [3] points
Reserve Challenge:	two [2] points

Show points cannot be accumulated e.g. Best of Breed cannot add Challenge points.

Lure coursing scores of:

157 - 160:	two [2] points	161 - 163:	three [3] points
164 - 166:	four [4] points	167 - 169:	five [5] points
170 - 172:	six [6] points	173 - 175:	seven [7] points
176 or more:	eight [8] points.		

Article 16: Invitation Events

Dogs participating in the endurance invitation events run twice over a course of at least 550 metres with a ten (10) minute break between runs.

Section 1 - Hope Island Cup: This is an event for sight hounds.

Section 2 - Shanett Trophy: This event is for all registered breeds other than sight hounds.

Section 3 - Rouge et Noir Cup: This event is for all Unregistered and Mixed Breed dogs.

Section 4 - Fun is a Terrier Trophy: This event is for all Terriers.

Section 5 – Eligibility:

To be eligible for these events, dogs must attend three of the six qualifying meetings. A dog must have a minimum score of 150 in each of the qualifying meetings. The top three qualifying dogs (on their top three scores) are invited to compete with the next two qualifying dogs being invited as reserves.

Article 17: Other specialist events

Dogs eligible for these specialist events must have gained their title in the years **prior** to the year in which the competition is held. The only requirement for these dogs to be eligible to compete is that the owner is still a current member of the club.

Section 1 - Joshua Cup: This is an event for all dogs that are Lure Coursers of Merit.

Section 1 - Storm in a Cup: This event is for all dogs within the Mixed Breed and Unregistered groups that are Companion Coursers of Merit.

Article 18: End of Year trophies

End of Year trophies are presented at the end of year calendar year for First, Second and Third placings for each Breed, Veteran and Unregistered groups. To be eligible, the owners must be financial members of the QLCA. Dogs must attend at least 50% of meetings from March to November and score a minimum of 144 in any three meetings. The average of the highest 50% of scores for each dog is used for working out the placings.

Article 19: Perpetual Trophies

End of year perpetual trophies:

Section 1 – President’s Trophy – top average score

Section 2 – Ian Smith Trophy – top overall score

Section 3 – Sarona Trophy – Champion of Champions (only Field Champions eligible)

Section 4 – Ahmadi Trophy – top Saluki

Section 5 – Maureen Mannix Memorial Trophy – top Saluki bitch

Section 6 – Toomba Trophy – top Rhodesian Ridgeback

Section 7 – Aristat Trophy – top other registered breeds (no hounds)

Section 8 – Bunya Kennels Trophy – top terrier

Section 9 – Pepsi Memorial Trophy – top overall score – Terrier

Section 10 – Saronet Trophy – Most improved Novice

Section 11 – Totlea Park Shield – Most improved Unregistered/Mixed Breed

Section 12 – Kuraby Trophy – Top Unregistered/Mixed Breed

Section 13 – Luke Memorial Trophy – top veteran

Section 14 – Daniel Memorial Trophy – top dog in show and field

Article 20: Invitational and other specialist event trophies

Invitational and other specialist event trophies are also presented at the end of year:

Section 1 – Hope Island Cup – top sight hound of the day

Section 2 – Fun is a Terrier – Top terrier of the day

Section 3 – Shannett Trophy – top other breeds of the day

Section 4 – Rouge et Noir – top unregistered of the day

Section 5 – Joshua Cup – Winner of all breed Lure Coursers of Merit

Section 6 – Storm in a Cup – Winner of all Unregistered and Mixed Breed Companion Coursers of Merit

Article 21: Amendments

Section 1 - These Bylaws may be amended, rescinded or added to by a special resolution carried at any regular general meeting, a quorum being present by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment, rescision or addition shall have been emailed and each member advised at least one (1) month before such meeting. The amendment, rescision or addition is only valid after it is lodged or registered in accordance with the Act.

Section 2 - No amendment or addition to these By-laws can be made which is not in harmony with the club Constitution.

Article 22: Distribution Of Surplus Assets On Winding Up

Section 1 - This article applies if the club is wound-up or ceases to function and there are surplus assets.

Section 2 - The surplus assets must not be distributed among the members of the club but must be given to another like entity: -

- (a) That has objects similar with the objectives of the association;
- (b) The rules of which prohibit the distribution of that entity's income and assets to its members; and
- (c) Is exempt under the Taxation Laws of Australia as to the payment of income tax.