

CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENT MODEL

MODEL CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS FOR REGIONAL, SPECIES, AND OTHER NGSPA ORGANIZATIONS

The Regional Constitution & By-Laws listed below are only a model document that may be adopted or modified for use by NGSPA Championship Organizations. These were originally part of the Guidelines of The NGSPA, but were removed from that document with its 2021 Revision.

NATIONAL GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER ASSOCIATION Regional Constitution and By-Laws

Article I Name and Objects

Section 1.

The name of the Association will be the NGSPA Region Championship Association (NGSPA RCA).

Section 2.

The objectives of the Association will be:

- (a) to promote the sport of hunting game birds over pointing dogs;
- (b) to improve the German Shorthaired Pointer breed, particularly by sanctioning championship field trials under the auspices of the National German Shorthaired Pointer Association and the American Field to test the qualities of the dogs competing;
- (c) to conduct these championship events at a time and place where there will be maximum participation of quality dogs;
- (d) to encourage and promote the use of well-qualified field trial judges; and
- (e) to increase interest in the restoration, conservation, and propagation of game birds and their habitat.

Section 3.

The NGSPA RCA will not be conducted or operated for profit, and no part of any profits, remainder, or residue from dues or donations to the Association should financially benefit any member of the Association.

Article II Membership

Section 1. Eligibility.

(A) Any German Shorthaired Pointer Club residing in the region will be eligible for membership. (The club must be a member of the NGSPA.)

Section 2. Dues.

(A) Initial dues will be assessed by the delegates upon application. That amount should be consistent with previous applicants.

(B) Annual dues will be determined at the Annual Delegates Meeting.

Section 3. Termination of Membership.

The following actions will result in termination of membership:

- (a) Resignation
- (b) Non-payment of dues
- (c) Expulsion

Article III Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting will be held at a time and place to be determined by the delegates.

Section 2. Special Meetings.

The Regional Vice-President can call special meetings. These meetings can be conducted by phone.

Section 3. Voting.

(A) Each member club in good standing will have one vote by each of its designated delegates.

(B) Proxy voting will be permitted.

(C) Voting by a presiding officer will be cast only for the purpose of breaking a tie vote, unless he/she is also the delegate of a member club.

(D) Any delegate may request a secret ballot on any proposal or motion.

(E) Each club should have an alternate delegate to ensure club representation.

Article IV Officers and Delegates

Section 1. Delegates.

The Association will be comprised of two delegates from each member club in good standing. It is strongly recommended each member club name an alternate delegate to assure representation. All members of a club are encouraged to attend the meetings.

Section 2. Officers.

The officers of the Association consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer to serve until the next annual meeting.

Section 3. Vacancies.

A vacant office will be filled by an individual selected by a majority vote of the delegates. This individual will serve in that office until the next annual meeting.

Section 4. Removal.

Any officer can be removed by a two-thirds vote of the delegates.

Section 5. Duties of Officers.

(A) President.

- (a) The President will be the executive officer of the Association and be considered the Regional Vice President unless another person has been so designated by the delegates of the regional clubs.
- (b) The President will preside at all annual and special meetings.
- (c) The President will appoint a nominating committee who will present a slate of willing nominees at the annual meeting and election.
- (d) The President will appoint committees as he/she deems necessary.
- (e) The President will interpret the NGSPA By-Laws and Running Rules.
- (f) The President will have other powers and duties as deemed necessary by the delegates.

(B) Secretary.

- (a) The Secretary will maintain all Association minutes and correspondence.
- (b) The Secretary will maintain all records and prepare all necessary forms for championship events.
- (c) The Secretary will perform all the duties of the President in case of absence or disability.

(C) Treasurer.

- (a) The Treasurer will maintain all financial records of the Association.

- (b) The Treasurer will pay all bills incurred by the Association through a bank account in the name of the Association.
- (c) The Treasurer will make deposits of funds derived for the Association's benefit to the Association's bank account.

Article V Association Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

Section 1. Association Year.

(A) The Association year will be from one annual meeting to the next. Section 2.

Section 2. Annual Meeting.

(A) The time and place of the annual meeting will be determined by a poll of the delegates.

(B) A written notice should be sent to all delegates at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Section 3. Nominations.

(A) The nominating committee will present a slate of willing candidates for the Association offices.

(B) Nominations will be accepted from the floor by delegates of member clubs. (Nominees must be present at the meeting or written acceptance is to be presented.)

Section 4. Elections.

(A) The election of Association officers will be held at the annual meeting by a majority vote of the delegates present.

Article VI Committees

Section 1. Championship Trials.

(A) The Association will be considered the committee and is responsible for all aspects of championship events.

Section 2. Expulsion from Committees.

(A) Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the delegates to the Association. Written notice of termination should be given to the committee and the individual.

Article VII Amendments

Section 1.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates of clubs in good standing. Votes may be conducted by mail. The NGSPA should be notified within a reasonable period of time of any changes.

Article VIII Dissolution

Section 1.

The Association will be dissolved by written consent of not less than three-fourths of the delegates of the member clubs in good standing. In the event of dissolution of the Association, none of the property or assets will be distributed to any member. Instead, after debts of the Association are paid, property and assets will be given to a non-profit organization selected by the delegates.

Article IX Order of Business

1. Read minutes of last meeting
2. Report of the Secretary
3. Report of the Treasurer
4. Report of committees
5. Election of officers
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Adjournment

Article X Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Section 1. Dealing with Complaints of Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- (A) The Association will meet within 30 days after receiving a written complaint.
- (B) All parties involved in the alleged incident should be notified 21 days prior to any hearing where guilt or innocence is to be determined.
- (C) The individual(s) whom the complaint is against will be allowed one postponement of the hearing.
- (D) The delegates will determine the validity of the complaint and prescribe punishment, if necessary.
- (E) Guilt will be determined by no less than a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the hearing.
- (F) Any action taken by the RCA applies within the region only. To be enacted nationally, it must be dealt with by the NGSPA Trustees.
- (G) The action taken by the RCA will not affect AKC trials but can eliminate an individual's ability to qualify for NGSPA events.
- (H) The results of the hearing will be forwarded to the NGSPA Secretary within ten (10) days. Those results will then be distributed to the Trustees for review and possible appeal.