

**PART 13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE RULE AMENDMENTS  
(Approved by Dogs SA Council on 30/09/2021)**

**CURRENT:**

***PART XIII      ADVISORY COMMITTEES***

**OBEDIENCE, AGILITY, TRACKING, RAFT, HERDING, EARTHDOG AND DANCES WITH DOGS ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

1. These Advisory Committees shall advise and assist the Council in the management and control of their respective disciplines. The Obedience Advisory Committee will also manage and control Endurance Test Exhibitions. **(01/09)**
2. An Advisory Committees shall;
  - (a) meet when necessary or as directed by the Council; **(01/09)**
  - (b) submit full details of proceedings at their Advisory Committee meetings, including recommendations to the Council, within seven days of such meetings; **(01/09)**
  - (c) submit an Annual Report to the Council reviewing the work of their Committees and advising of matters relative to their discipline; and **(01/09)**
  - (d) conduct Special Meetings annually at which a report reviewing the work of the Advisory Committee shall be presented.
3. An Advisory Committee shall consist of;
  - (a) a Chairperson appointed by Council;
  - (b) Committee members elected annually at the Special Meeting of Members shall be Obedience, Tracking, Raft, Herding, Earthdog and Dances with Dogs each four and Agility six. **(01/17)**
4. There will be no vice Chairpersons and if required a Chairperson will be elected by the Committee to conduct the meeting for that night.
5. Not less than seven days notice shall be given of all meetings.
6. Each Member of respective Committees shall have one vote and the Chairperson in addition to his/her vote shall have the casting vote.
7. Any Members of the Committees absent without any apology from three consecutive meetings may be replaced by Members appointed by Council.
8. Special Meetings of the Committees shall be held during November in each year and at least fourteen days notice of such meetings shall be published in at least one edition of the Journal of the Association. Agendas for these Special Meetings are to be published at least fourteen days prior to the meeting. **(01/14)**
9. All business to be dealt with at the Special Meetings shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Officer not later than 1<sup>st</sup> September prior to the date of the meetings. **(04/13)**
10. A person entitled to attend a Special Meeting means a financial Ordinary Member of the SACA.

**AMENDMENT (09/21)**

***PART XIII ADVISORY COMMITTEES (DOGS SA)***

**ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES**

1. These Advisory Committees and Working Parties shall advise and assist the Council in the management, promotion and control of their respective disciplines. The Obedience Advisory Committee will also manage and control Endurance Test Exhibitions. **(09/21)**
2. An Advisory Committees shall;
  - a. meet when necessary or as directed by the Council; **(01/09)**
  - b. submit full details of proceedings at their Advisory Committee meetings, including recommendations to the Council, within seven days of such meetings: **(01/09)**
  - c. submit an Annual Report to the Council reviewing the work of their Committees and advising of matters relative to their discipline; and **(01/09)**
  - d. conduct Special Meetings annually at which a report reviewing the work of the Advisory Committee shall be presented.
3. An Advisory Committee shall consist of;
  - a. Five (Seven for Agility) Committee members elected annually at the Special Meeting of Members for all recognised disciplines excluding Conformation **(09/21)**
  - b. Nominations must be in writing on the prescribed form:
    - i. Must be nominated and signed by two persons eligible to vote;
    - ii. Must contain a declaration, signed by the candidate, that he/she accepts nomination and is eligible to stand as a candidate.
    - iii. Must be lodged with the DogsSA office at least 14 days prior to the date of the discipline's published Special Meeting.
      1. If the number of nominations received by the Office are equal to the number of vacant positions or is less than the number of vacant positions, the nominated candidate is duly elected.
      2. If the number of nominations received by the Office exceeds the number of positions available a ballot will be undertaken during the Special Meeting. **(09/21)**
  - c. Where insufficient written nominations are received for the Committee positions available, nominations for the unfilled positions may be accepted from the floor during the Special Meeting. **(09/21)**
  - d. A Returning Officer is to be appointed by financial members in attendance at the Special Meeting to conduct a ballot as required. **(09/21)**
  - e. Vote counting shall be under the direction of the Returning Officer who shall appoint scrutineers from the body of the meeting to assist. **(09/21)**
  - f. The Chairperson will be appointed from within the Advisory Committee members elected annually at the Special Meeting of Members. **(09/21)**
  - g. Where the Advisory Committee is unable to reach consensus on election of a Chairperson, Council may appoint an interim Chairperson from within the elected group until such time as the Committee agree a new Chairperson. **(09/21)**
  - h. Should a full committee not be filled at the Special Meeting of Members or following an event triggered by clauses 9 or 10 Council may appoint additional members to fill the positions **(09/21)**

4. Working Parties for new Disciplines may be appointed by Council until such time as they hold their own Special Meeting of Members to elect a committee. The size of the working party shall be determined by Council. **(09/21)**
5. There will be no vice Chairpersons and if required a Chairperson will be elected by the Committee to conduct the meeting for that night.
6. Not less than seven days notice shall be given of all meetings.
7. Each Member of respective Committees shall have one vote and the Chairperson in addition to his/her vote shall have the casting vote.
8. Three (Four for Agility) members of whatsoever title shall form a quorum of the Advisory Committee. **(09/21)**
9. Any Members of the Committees absent without any apology from three consecutive meetings may be replaced by Members appointed by the Advisory Committee to fill those vacancies until such time as an election is held. **(09/21)**
10. Any Members resigning from their position during their term may be replaced by Members appointed by the Advisory Committee to fill those vacancies until such time as an election is held. **(09/21)**
11. Special Meetings of the Committees shall be held during November in each year and at least fourteen days' notice of such meetings shall be published in at least one edition of the Journal of the Association. Agendas for these Special Meetings are to be published at least fourteen days prior to the meeting. **(01/14)**
12. All business to be dealt with at the Special Meetings shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Officer not later than 1<sup>st</sup> September prior to the date of the meetings. **(04/13)**
13. A person entitled to attend a Special Meeting means a financial Ordinary Member of the SACA.
14. Only financial Ordinary Members of the SACA, resident in South Australia, are entitled to nominate for positions or be eligible to vote. **(09/21)**

**Rationale:**

The current Rules of the Association regarding the construct of the DogsSA discipline Advisory and Working Party Committees require that Council must appoint the Chair. After consultation with each of the discipline Advisories and Working Parties, Council has amended to Rules of the Association to empower each discipline to elect their own Chairperson and simply notify Council of the outcome of that election. Consequently, Rules of the Association Part X111 have been amended to clarify the construct of the DogsSA discipline committees and Working Parties, identify quorum numbers and processes for the election of Committee members.