

Working Australian Shepherd Club Austria (WASCA)

Bylaws 16. March 2022

§ 1 Name, Registered Office, Business Year and Affiliation of the Club

1. The name of the Club is "Working Australian Shepherd Club Austria (WASCA). The Club is registered in the Register of Clubs.
2. The address of the club is Gratkorn, Austria. The location of the Club shall be the address of the representative President.
3. The financial year of the Association is the calendar year
4. The WASCA is an affiliate club of the Australian Shepherd Club of America ASCA, Inc. (ASCA, Inc.). It does not lose its independence. The "Code of Ethics" of the ASCA, Inc. forms the basis of the WASCA as far as it is in line with the Austrian regulations.

§ 2 ASCA, Inc. Trademarks and equivalent

1. The names, logos and trademarks of ASCA, Inc. may not be used by the Club or its members without the authorization of ASCA, Inc

§ 3 Purpose of the Club

The purpose of the club is to promote performance testing of herding dogs, dog sports and the promotion of animal breeding. This is done by:

1. Supporting and promoting the breeding of purebred Australian Shepherds in order to bring their natural abilities as working dogs to the highest level of performance possible.
2. To encourage ethical breeding practices and sportsmanship at all trials and shows and to promote and guard the interests of the Australian Shepherd breed
3. To organize dog shows, obedience trials, stock dog trials, tracking tests, agility trials, rally trials and other events in accordance with ASCA rules and regulations
4. The club is active in the sense of animal protection by working for a correct breeding of herding dogs, by which their genetic talent as herding dogs is promoted. The club is active in the sense of animal protection by working on the prevention of livestock injuries through the professional training of livestock owners and dogs. The training is considered to be the basis for animal welfare-friendly, cattle-friendly work. The training of the dog also represents a major safety factor when working with livestock.
5. The club represents the common interests of all breeders and owners of the Australian Shepherd towards third parties.

§ 4 Non-profit status

1. The club follows non-profit purposes in a direct and exclusive way. The club is working non-profit. It does not primarily pursue its own business purposes.
2. The club's income may only be used for purposes in accordance with the bylaws. No person may be privileged by expenses that are not related to the purpose of the club or by receiving payments that are out of proportion to the purpose of the club.

§ 5 Getting the membership, rights and duties of the members

1. Membership in the club shall be open to any person who is in good standing with ASCA, Inc. and WASCA and who agrees with the principles and purposes of this club. Persons suspended or excluded from ASCA, Inc. at the time of application for membership may not join the club until reinstated by ASCA, Inc. Membership will not be restricted by nationality, color, creed or sex. Ownership of an Australian Shepherd is not a requirement for membership.
2. The application for membership must be in written form. The applicant agrees to follow the Bylaws, Rules and Code of Ethics of ASCA, Inc. and WASCA.
3. Any person renewing membership is automatically presumed to comply with the Constitution, Rules, Policies, Rules of Dispute and Code of Ethics.
4. All members of full age have a right to vote and are authorized to make motions
5. Every member is allowed to participate in all events of the club
6. Membership fees. Each member shall pay an annual membership fee due January. The amount of membership fees shall be determined by the Board of Directors according to the needs of the Club and may be changed upon prior notice to the members.

§ 7 Types of membership

1. Individual membership. Open to any individual. Such member shall have one vote in elections and ballots.
2. Family membership. Open to any person and their family members living in the same household. Full membership with voting privileges shall be granted to any family member 18 years of age and older. Membership dues shall consist of full dues for the head of household and ½ dues for each additional family member.
3. Junior membership. Open to any person under the age of 18. Membership dues are not charged until the age of 18 if one parent is an active member.
4. Honorary membership. Is a membership without dues with full voting rights. It is awarded by unanimous vote of the Board. Honorary membership is given periodically to honor an individual for his or her exceptional service to the Club or the Australian Shepherd.

§ 8 Termination of membership, sanctions

1. By Resignation. The notice of resignation must be received in writing or in electronic form no later than November 30 of each year to be valid for the following year. Fees already paid will not be refunded.
2. By delay in payment. Any member whose fees have not been paid by February 1 of any fiscal year shall be lapsed. A new membership application must be submitted (see § 6).
3. By being excluded. Should a member act in a way that causes him/her
 - offend against the statutes or other regulations of the club
 - offend against animal protection norms, in especially the animal protection law or the regulations for the dog keeping,
 - harm the interests and reputation of the club.

Any member that has been excluded or suspended by ASCA, Inc. shall be as excluded or suspended by the club to the same extent.

§ 9 Boards of the club

1. Boards of the club are:
 - the board of directors
 - the general meeting

§ 10 The board of directors

1. The board of directors consists of:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Affiliate Representative, who acts as liaison to ASCA, Inc. functions.

The combination of several board offices in one person is only possible for the secretary and the treasurer.

- 1.1. The President: shall preside at all meetings and over the Board of Directors and shall supervise all Club activities. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall have all the rights and responsibilities common to the office.
- 1.2. The Vice-President: shall assume the duties of the President during his/her absence, illness or incapacity. In the event of the resignation or death of the President, the Vice-President

shall take over office for the rest of the period of office. The replacement for the Vice President shall be appointed by the Board for the remainder of the term.

- 1.3. The Secretary: shall keep all records relating to the Club, keep and sign all minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the general membership, inform the membership as necessary, and conduct all correspondence relating to the Club.
 - 1.4. The Treasurer: shall be in charge of all financial matters of the Club. All receipts shall be deposited in a bank chosen by the Board of Directors. His/her records shall at all times be open to the view of all members of the Board. At the end of the fiscal year, he/she shall give a written report of the Club's finances for the past year at the Annual Meeting or a General Membership Meeting.
 - 1.5. The Affiliate Representative: shall be the liaison between the Club and the Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc. Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc. and, as a member of the Board of Directors, is authorized to represent the Club in all matters and correspondence with ASCA, Inc. and the other Affiliate Clubs. All activities of the Affiliate Representative(s) must have prior authorization from the President be approved.
2. All Board members must be ASCA members and in good standing with ASCA, Inc. Persons who have been suspended or expelled from ASCA may not be elected to the Board of Directors until they have been rehabilitated by ASCA, Inc.
 3. The election of the Board of Directors shall take place as described in § 16.
 4. The board of directors is elected for four years.
 5. The Board of Directors shall take office immediately after the meeting at which it was elected. If an election is contested, the previous board shall remain in office until the disagreement is resolved. The new board shall take office immediately after the discrepancies are resolved.
 6. All business matters of the Club shall be delegated to the Board of Directors.
 7. Should any office(s) of the Board become vacant during a term of office, such office(s) shall be filled by majority vote of the Board by resolution.
 8. Board meetings shall take place not less than once a year. Board meetings and extraordinary board meetings shall be called by the President.
 9. The Board of Directors shall constitute a majority if the members of the Board of Directors vote in favor of a quorum. A simple majority shall satisfy the majority requirement in any case.
 10. Removal of a board member. A board member may be removed from office only by the approval of three other board members or by a two-thirds majority vote of a general membership meeting at which a majority is present. The Board member who is to be removed may not participate in the vote. A board member may be removed from office only with good reason.

§ 11 Authorized representative

1. The legal representative is the president.

§ 12 General meeting and responsibilities of the general meeting

1. General Meeting. The general meeting is called by the secretary on behalf of the Board of Directors. The members shall be informed in writing/by e-mail at least 30 days before the fixed date when and where the general meeting will take place.

2. Further tasks. The release of the Executive Board; election of the Executive Board; election of a cash auditor for a period of four years; resolution on changes to the Articles of Association; resolution on motions; resolution on the liquidation of the club.
3. An invitation shall be taken to have been received by the member when it has been sent to the last address (postal address, fax number, e-mail address) notified to the club in writing by the member. In addition, invitations shall be published in the Association media available to the members.

§ 13 Show Coordinators

1. Show Coordinators are selected by the Board of Directors. They are the connection between the club and the ASCA Show Office. They are responsible for and sign all paperwork for sanctioning ASCA Shows and Trials.

§ 14 Quorum of the organs

1. The general meeting has a voting quorum if it has been correctly scheduled, regardless of the number of members present.
2. the board of directors has a quorum if it has been duly convened and more than half of its members are present.

§ 15 Responsibility of the members

1. Personal Responsibility. Except for the payment of debts, no director, or member may be held personally responsible for past or present debts or obligations.
2. No person may use the name, address list, or official insignia of the Club other than for Club-related matters.

§ 16 Nominations and elections

1. 45 days prior to the General Meeting, nominees shall be presented to the membership by posting on the website of the club. Additional nominations may be proposed at this time by the membership via mail/email to the Election Committee Chair. All nominees must agree to the nomination no later than 14 days prior to the Meeting to be approved.
2. Elections take place on the date of the general meeting.
Elected candidates take office immediately.

§ 17 Contracts, funds and capital

1. All bank accounts are held in the name of the "Working Australian Shepherd Club Austria".
2. all payments will be made by PayPal, credit card or wire transfer, authorized by the Treasurer and/or the President.

§ 18 Changes to the bylaws

1. Changes to the bylaws can only be made by the board of directors.
2. Changes in the bylaws must be sent to the members for information within 3 months after the board meeting.

§ 19 Disputes and disciplinary sanctions

1. Disputes between club members, between a member and the club, or involving non-members and club business or a sanctioned event, shall be handled in accordance with the Dispute Rules as approved by ASCA, Inc. Any disciplinary action decided by the club must be in accordance with these rules.
2. Any member who has been suspended from the Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc. shall automatically be suspended from this Club for a similar period of time.
3. Club members and all non-members participating in club activities agree to all rules and regulations of ASCA, Inc. and this club.
4. All members are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the club's principles as described in the bylaws. In the case of non-compliance, disciplinary action may be taken by the Board of Directors.

§ 20 Dissolution of the club

1. The dissolution of the Club may be decided only at a General Meeting of Members called specifically for this purpose. The club may be dissolved by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the club members in good standing present at such general meeting.
2. Notice of dissolution of the club must be given in writing to ASCA, Inc. by the President before the termination is final.

§ 21 Effective date of the statutes

1. The bylaws came into effect after the vote at the founding meeting on 16. March 2022 and with the entry into the register of associations on 16. March 2022 and into validity.