

THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, INC.

STANDING RULES

ARTICLE I – General Business:

Section 1. – Affiliations:

- A. Individual membership in the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) for GRCCO members is optional but recommended.
- B. The GRCCO shall be a member of the GRCA.
- C. The GRCCO will not endorse any particular training club.

Section 2. – Financial Arrangements:

- A. The GRCCO shall be incorporated.
- B. Liability insurance shall be secured for the GRCCO.
- C. The unused portion of the trophy money in the trophy fund shall be left for the Board's use for donations to specialty show trophy funds or for the use in the GRCCO annual show.
- D. Money from the "brag & bitch box" shall go to the newsletter fund.

Section 3. – Standing Committees and Appointments:

- A. There shall be standing committees, with appointments made by the President and/or with the approval of the Board, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Awards: To secure funds, check applications and make awards.
 - b. Club clothing and materials: To obtain and provide club logo items for club members.
 - c. Field (WC/WCX): To arrange and hold training and field events.
 - d. Shows/matches: To arrange and hold GRCCO matches, shows and trials for conformation, obedience, agility, rally.
 - e. Membership: To solicit new members and provide club information to them.
 - f. Hospitality: To aid members and guests in becoming acquainted, along with organizing pot-luck suppers at select winter meetings.
 - g. Programs: To develop and present programs at selected meetings.
 - h. Ways and Means: To secure general funds for GRCCO through coordination of fund raising events.
 - i. Banquet: To arrange and coordinate the GRCCO annual awards banquet.

ARTICLE II – Meeting Format, Activities, and Events:

Section 1. – Meeting Format

- A. The GRCCO shall institute a "Brag and Bitch Box" involving a small donation to brag or complain about anything.
- B. The GRCCO shall hold an annual awards banquet combined with a business meeting in February of each year to be held on a Saturday night. The banquet shall include a presentation of Club awards to the membership for the preceding year.

- C. There will be no general meeting in December; however, a meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held in accordance with the By-Laws.

Section 2. – Newsletter:

- A. The GRCCO shall have a newsletter for members and friends containing news of the club and information related to member interests in Golden Retrievers.
- B. Non-members may receive the newsletter on an annual subscription basis for \$10.00 per year.
- C. All articles solicited or submitted to the editor of the newsletter will be accepted or rejected at the editor's discretion. When an article is accepted, it will be printed in full and credit given to the author. If the editor feels the article deserves editorial comment, such comment may be made.
- D. In notices of awards for the newsletter, the full AKC registered name of the dog shall be used, with only AKC or GRCA confirmed titles listed. All items submitted shall be printed..
- E. In notices of litter announcement or advertisement for the newsletter, the full AKC name of the sire and dam shall be given with only AKC or GRCA confirmed titles listed as well as all health clearance information as recommended by GRCA.
- F. Within two weeks of a regular monthly meeting, the Recording Secretary shall send a summary of the minutes to the newsletter editor and to the President.

Section 3. – Special Events

- A. The GRCCO shall plan to hold the following special events during the year:
 - a. One members match for Golden Retrievers only.
 - b. An annual awards banquet to be held on a Saturday night in February to present Club awards to members for the preceding year.

ARTICLE III – Awards:

Section 1. The Club shall award recognition to members for work in conformation, obedience, field, agility and rally events, based on performance of member dogs as individuals or in competition with other Golden Retrievers and pure-bred dogs. Such awards should be provided or acknowledged at the annual awards banquet.

Section 2. The requirements for winning all membership trophies and awards include attendance at three (3) meetings during the awards year, (excluding matches) as well as 3 activity points this requirement is retroactive to September 1985, revised April 19,2007 and amended by the Board on November 13, 2008.

Section 3. The “awards year” shall run from December 1st of one year through November 30th of the following year: such a year allows the Awards Chairperson to check the AKC Website and/or Gazette and have awards ready for the annual banquets held in February.