



IERSE SETTER CLUB V.Z.W.-A.S.B.L.  
Rasclub voor alle Ierse Setters  
Club de race pour tous les Setters Irlandais  
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## HOUSE RULES OF THE BELGIAN IRISH SETTER CLUB V.Z.W.

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#### **Art. 1**

The internal regulations regulate matters not provided for in the statutes of the association. It is drawn up by the Board of Directors. Amendments to the internal regulations can only be made if 2/3 of the Board of Directors decides to do so.

#### **Art. 2**

**The Board of Directors will be composed of:**

1. The Executive Council: president, secretary-general and the treasurer.
2. Necessary directors: FAC secretary, puppy intermediary, exhibition organizer and event manager.
3. Optional positions: Editor, Vice-President, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Instructors, Webmaster, Site Manager, Equipment Manager, Field Trial Manager, French-speaking Members Manager. As deemed necessary or appropriate by the Board of Directors, optional positions will be added to the Board.

#### **Art. 3**

***Description of functions:***

1. The chairman presides over the board of directors, the board meetings and the general meetings. He/she arranges the order in which matters are dealt with at the various meetings and ensures that the articles of association and internal regulations are enforced. He/she grants the floor and has the right to call any speaker to order or to block the floor, or to have them leave the meeting. All this after consultation with the other directors. He/she signs the approved minutes of all meetings together with all other directors.
2. The secretary-general conducts the correspondence of the association, of which he keeps a copy and reports at every board meeting. He convenes the Board of Directors monthly at the place and date agreed in advance, stating the agenda. The convocations are made in writing. Every year he prepares a report on the state and activities of the association. This report will be placed on the agenda of the General Meeting after approval by the Board of Directors. He keeps the attendance list plus the minutes of all meetings held by the association. He receives a copy of the correspondence conducted by the other directors on behalf of the Board of Directors. He takes care of the contact between the members and the association in connection with membership. He keeps a list of all members accepted by the association.
3. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds and cash of the Association. He shall require the approval of the Board of Directors for making expenditures and commitments. He shall be charged with keeping the cash book and shall account for his management at the Annual General Meeting. The accounts and justification with appendices and cash receipts (subject to prior examination by a

committee of two non-executives to be appointed for this purpose by the members; the cash committee) shall be considered by the approval of the General Meeting as a discharge of the Treasurer on his management of the past year.

The task and responsibility of the event manager is to organize and furnish all kinds of events that can increase the prestige of the association to the outside world and prove conducive to the purpose of the association.

4. The FAC Secretary shall contribute to achieving the objective of the Association and the Irish setter as set forth in Article 3 of the Bylaws, specifically:
  - the preservation and improvement of the Irish setter.
  - The promotion of the health and welfare of dogs belonging to this breed in general and the prevention and control of hereditary defects within this breed in particular.
  - Promoting contact between breeders and fanciers of the Irish setter.
  - Maintain contacts in the field of health a breeding with breed associations, universities etc. at home and abroad.
  - Providing solicited and unsolicited advice to the board and GENERAL MEETING on the policy to be pursued regarding breeding and health, in the broadest sense of the word.
  - The preparation and agenda of the annual breeders' meeting.
  - Providing information on keeping, breeding and raising Irish setters through the club magazine and site.
  - Providing advice to the Board and GENERAL MEETING in response to specific problems related to health and breeding.
  - The preparation, if necessary, of plans relating to surveying and researching the health of the breed.
  - To draw up, if necessary, plans to combat hereditary defects within the breed and to take measures to implement those plans.
  - Enforcing breeding regulations by checking breeding records and birth notices.
  - Analyzing judging reports for problems related to health and breeding.
  - everything else that may be of service to the purpose, provided that in so doing no action is taken contrary to the statutes, regulations and lawful resolutions of the association.
5. The organizer exhibitions is responsible for the practical organization of the young dog and veteran day and the Breed Special.
  - Contacts judge(s), ring personnel and arranges transportation and/or lodging as needed.
  - Handles, along with the secretary, the administration surrounding the event.
  - Brings report to the GENERAL MEETING.
6. Pup mediation, Centralizes requests and refers to affiliated breeders, who currently have a litter planned. Provide customized assistance with a request for rehoming. Pass on all available info to the potential owner.

#### **Art.4**

##### ***Description of optional functions:***

1. The editor is responsible for publishing and sending out the club magazine. He/she collects the club news and articles necessary to publish the club magazine. If the editor is concerned that some article might cause damage to the club or hurt persons, he/she shall submit it to the Board of Directors.
2. The materials manager is responsible for the properties belonging to the association. He is expected to be able to present at any time a detailed list of all properties with their correct numbers. He is responsible for the careful management and safekeeping of the properties, in cooperation and consultation with the other board members.
3. The vice-president replaces the president during the president's absence. He then has the same rights and duties. In his absence, the duties are assumed by the Secretary-General.
4. The Deputy Secretary assists the Secretary General in all his activities. He replaces him during his absence and therefore has the same rights and duties.
5. The Deputy Treasurer assists the Treasurer in all his activities. He replaces him during his absence and therefore has the same rights and duties.

6. Instructors are responsible for the supervision of members' dogs. Their duties consist of teaching behavior and obedience classes, trim classes, basic show knowledge and FIRST AID They may be assisted by competent persons. The head instructor is responsible and reports to the Board of Directors, he submits the projects for approval.
7. The responsible Field Trial has the task of organizing events, promoting the Irish Setter as a hunting dog.
8. French-speaking members in charge, takes care of contact with French-speaking members.
9. The webmaster is responsible for the website. He/she will on a regular basis update the
10. Updating data in order to keep information up-to-date, in cooperation with the Board of Directors.

#### **Art. 5**

##### ***Additional provisions:***

1. The directors may temporarily, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, be assisted by other directors or members of the association. In such case, however, the holder remains responsible for the activities assigned to him.
2. All directors, upon resignation or termination of office, undertake to turn over to the Board of Directors the records of the association in their possession within 14 days.
3. The directors' mandate ends by removal by the general meeting, by voluntary resignation, by expiration of the mandate (if any), by loss of membership or by death.

#### **Art. 6**

##### ***Meetings:***

1. The Board meets once a month, according to convocation by the Secretary General as described in Art. 3-2. Anyone may submit suggestions, remarks or comments to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors decides whether or not they will be discussed at the general meeting. However, if these suggestions, remarks or observations are signed by 1/20 of the members, they will be put on the agenda of the next General Assembly without further intervention of the Board of Directors.
2. Voting on persons shall be by written ballot, on matters by oral ballot. In doubtful cases, the chairman decides whether the vote shall be in writing and determines the manner in which the written vote shall be held.
3. If no majority is obtained in a vote on persons, a second vote takes place. (majority => more yes than no votes) If no majority is obtained in a vote on matters, the proposal is rejected.

#### **Art. 7**

##### ***Membership:***

1. The association counts effective and non-effective members. The fullness of membership, including the right to vote at the general meeting shall accrue only to effective members. Legal provisions apply only to effective members. The breeders' meeting is reserved for active breeders and stud owners who are also effective members.
2. Are considered members those who have paid their membership dues on time and meet the otherwise established conditions. The membership year runs from January to January. Renewal of membership dues must be done no later than April 30. Members who renew their dues after April 30 will be reinstated as prospective members.
3. Eligible for membership those who own an Irish Setter registered in the LOSH, ALSH or a KKUSH recognized studbook. Persons owning an Irish Setter without a pedigree and persons not owning an Irish Setter shall become supporting members.
4. Non effective members are affiliated and can enjoy the activities in the club taking into account the regulations applicable to the field described under Art.9.
5. To become a member, the candidate must have reached the minimum age of 18 and meet the requirements described in Art. 1 through 12 of the association's bylaws.
6. Special provisions relating to membership. Each prospective member is accepted for a minimum period of one year. During this year he has no voting rights and can not claim puppy placement if he

would breed a litter. After this period, the prospective member is admitted to the final membership, unless there are fundamental objections, he himself renounces the membership or adheres to positions contrary to the spirit, statutes or internal regulations of the association or the regulations of the KKUSH. Only after acquiring final membership shall the voting rights and benefits associated with membership take effect.

7. Members expose themselves to immediate suspension in case of physical violence towards the members of the Board of Directors or other members of the association, theft, morally improper behavior, misconduct at events and activities organized by the association. Higher listed offenses will be proposed to the General Assembly for permanent expulsion from the Association if appropriate. These and other penal provisions may be imposed as stipulated in the statutes under Art.6.
8. Membership benefits. -
  - All members receive the club magazine. -
  - Being able to attend all events and activities. With the exception of the breeders' meeting reserved for active breeders and owners of a stud dog who are also effective members.
  - Being able to use the services of the FAC.

#### **Art. 8**

In cases not covered by the By-Laws, the provisions will be in force, as established by the Board of Directors for the proper conduct of events and for good order at places and gatherings.

#### **Art. 9**

##### ***Site Regulations:***

1. The grounds are open only to ISC club members and their guests.
2. If invitees own an Irish setter, it is welcome on the property provided it does not cause a disturbance on the property.
3. Invited, supporting or non-effective members with another breed are also welcome on the premises but without a dog. The board may make a one-time exception to this under certain circumstances.
4. Members or non-effective members with an Irish setter who also have another breed are allowed on the grounds with this dog, provided that this dog does not cause a commotion between the setters, participating in the activities on the grounds with a breed other than the Irish setter will not be allowed.
5. Any dog entering the premises must be vaccinated.
6. If no board members are present, it is the instructors who maintain order.
7. Board members as well as instructors are entitled to request the vaccination booklet for inspection.
8. Each dog owner remains personally responsible for damage caused by his dog. Insurance policy is required.
9. Every owner is required to carry poop bags.
10. Always clean up dog waste both on the road to and from the property, and on the property itself.
11. It is forbidden both for persons and dogs, to move along the inside of the fort.
12. Dogs must remain leashed to the premises.
13. During clubhouse opening hours, each owner is expected to keep their dog under control and supervision and to leash them in case of disruptive behavior. Mutual respect is expected toward site visitors and their dog(s).
14. Bitches in heat are not allowed on the grounds during clubhouse opening hours or during any activity. With the exception of the Obeance test (arrangements will be made by board & instructors).
15. Bitches in heat should leave the premises if other members with male dogs wish to enter the premises on Sundays and during the week. Mutual respect is expected toward grounds visitors and their dog(s).
16. The board is not responsible for accidents or theft that occur.

17. Parents are responsible for their children.
18. When leaving the premises ensure that the gate is always closed, the last person to leave the premises ensures that the door is locked. In case of damage to the premises immediately notify the board