

**POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL
OF THE
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF GREATER NEW HAVEN, INC.**

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Dues: Dues per year will be as follows: Adult - \$20.00; Junior - \$5.00

Judges: Judges for the Annual Fall Specialty Show shall be chosen by the majority of the members present at a monthly meeting. All members are to be notified thirty days prior to such meeting for the selection of judges.

Any individual who is an AKC licensed judge and is a member of the GSDC/GNH shall not be nominated for the GSDC/GNH Annual Fall Specialty Show, except under the terms of Section 3 of this Article.

In the case of extreme emergency, whereby the approved judge is unable to fulfill his/her judging assignment, and the Club is unable to secure the services of another judge, the Board of Governors shall have the authority to obtain as an alternate judge, subject to the approval of the AKC, one of its members who is a licensed judge.

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WE, THE POLICY & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE, ARE STILL WORKING ON THIS DOCUMENT, AS OF JUNE 2006.

These will be separate documents as they are developed. I just did not want to forget to include them. All of these documents should be in the Recording Sec. Possession to be brought to each meeting with the Rec. Sec. Book.

Appendix A: Membership Application, Code of Ethics, Membership Packet

Appendix B: Voting Ballot for Board & Officers

Appendix C: Voting Ballot for Judges (shows / matches / other events)

Appendix D: Judges Contracts/Agreements

Appendix E: Voting Ballot for Nominating Committee

Article 1. Section 2. paragraph (d): June 2006

(d) To conduct sanctioned matches, licensed specialty shows, obedience trials, performance events and any other event for which the club is **eligible** under the Rules **and Regulations** of the American Kennel Club.

We feel that this means that any AKC events will be held according to the AKC rules. We can still do other things, as we have in the past, such as, but not limited to, our Temperament Test which falls under our parent club events.

Article 2. Section 2. Membership: June 2006

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Membership Applications will be available via our club website (link to a
membership application page), through the membership chairperson, thru
the corresponding sec., and at our events.

Dues: Membership dues are payable on or before the first day of January of each
year.

Individual Membership: \$20.00
Junior Membership: \$ 5.00
Life Membership: None

Dues are prorated :

YEARLY DUES ARE PAYABLE BY JAN 1ST.

We have a scale for membership dues based on quarters of the year.		Junior Members are \$5 each per year regardless of time of year joining.		
MONTHS	DUES AMOUNT			
Jan – Feb – March	\$20 each membership			
April – May – June	\$15 each membership			
July – Aug – Sept	\$10 each membership			
Oct – Nov – Dec	\$ 5 each membership			

*******Needs Attention ***** June 2006**

Election to Membership: Per our By Laws (Article 2 Section 3) new applicants must
be endorsed by 2 members in good standing.. Shall we appoint 2 members of
the board to endorse these unknown applicants so they can be accepted or
shall we require them to get the endorsements (How will they do this if no
one knows them???)

Article 8 Amendments

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list of items contained in the membership packet

Enclosures:

Includes:

Welcome letter from GSDC/GNH

Constitution and By-Laws of the GSDC/GNH

Regional Club Challenge packet

Booklets: The German Shepherd Dog Illustrated Standard

The German Shepherd

The Standard of the German Shepherd Dog

Judging The German Shepherd Dog by Helen Miller Fisher

Decal of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater New Haven Logo

Directions:

Meeting Place – Check our website for latest information

<http://www.gsdcgnh.org/index.html>

Show Site – Ron McCutcheon Park, Middletown, CT

Meeting Notice

Club Events Sheet refer to web site <http://www.gsdcgnh.org/index.html>

GSDC/GNH Membership list

Membership Applications for GSDCA & GSDCA-WDA

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The Committee suggests that the AKC wording be accepted.