



Constitution

Article I: Overview

This Club will be known as: **North American Mudi Alliance** and its mailing address shall be the current address of the duly elected and acting President.

The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder from dues or donations to the Club shall accrue to the benefit of any member or individual.

This Club's membership will be comprised of dedicated dog and Mudi breed enthusiasts worldwide, or any person approved membership.

Article II: Objectives & Purpose

The purpose of this Club will be to promote the United Kennel Club (UKC), and the future of dog related events, while improving and advancing this breed worldwide.

To fulfill this Article, we promise:

1. To promote responsibility and honorableness in Mudi dog breeding, training, ownership, and exhibition of the breed in the United States and worldwide.
2. To hold licensed UKC events, which will be run in accordance with all the rules, policies, and procedures of the UKC. *(This includes, but is not limited to, Breed Standards, and the rules for all Conformation and Performance events.)*
3. To immediately expel from our membership those who violate the Clubs Constitution, Code of Ethics (COE), Bylaws, and the principles of good sportsmanship, including fair and honest conduct.
4. The Club will not hold any other registry's events on the same day/location as that of any UKC event without the prior approval of UKC.
5. We reserve the right to refuse any entry in our competitions, as well as any membership in this Club to any individual, at the discretion of the Board of Directors (BOD). However, no person will be refused entry or membership on any basis of the following: race, color, creed, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, or national origin.

Bylaws

Article III: Membership

Members will abide by the Club's Constitution, Bylaws, and COE. Members comprise the following roles:

1. Non-voting Member: General basic free membership, no voting privileges.
2. Voting Member: A member who pays a yearly membership fee and is approved by the board, which grants voting privileges.
3. Committee Member: A member who has been approved to be in a Club Committee.

To obtain membership:

1. Individuals can apply for Club membership, using a Board approved online application, which will ensure that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, and COE of the Club, as well as the rules and regulations of the UKC. The prospective member will submit the completed application and any dues if required to the Secretary.
2. Once the Secretary has processed the membership application and any dues required, the BOD will vote only on applicants that are requesting a voting level membership, acceptance will be based on a majority vote.



3. No applicant will be accepted to Club membership if they are not in good standing with UKC.
4. There are at least two (2) and up to three (3) levels of individual memberships available:
 1. Basic (Free, required): A non-voting member who can attend Member Meetings, receives the Newsletter, and may Pre-register for events. This includes Juniors who are under the age of eighteen (18). Once the Junior turns eighteen (18), their membership continues at the Basic level, or they can upgrade to any of the other membership levels.
 2. Classic: (yearly fee) Basic + Voting Privileges + Members only resource area.
 3. Premier: (yearly fee) Basic + Classic + DNA and Health area.

Article IV: Membership Dues

Dues for new membership applications or existing membership level upgrades will be prorated based on the month in which the applicant applies or changes level, and the level selected less a two (2) dollar transaction fee. The amount owed for yearly membership is based on the existing membership level. Existing membership dues will be payable each year on January 1st and will be due. Members who participate in a Club Committee will have their fees waived for the year(s) following their participation. Any member who has not paid their dues by March 1 of the current year will be transferred to the Basic membership level. However, if any member is in financial distress, their dues may be waived by a majority vote of the Board on a case-by-case basis. Members who withdraw or downgrade their membership or are suspended or expelled will not receive a credit or refund for any dues they have already paid.

Article V: Continued Membership

The following are conditions of continuing membership:

1. Online Meeting Attendance – Voting members must attend at least one (1) of the two (2) yearly meetings. Non-voting members are encouraged to attend both as possible.
2. Attendance and participation in as many Club meetings, events, and activities as possible.
3. Ensure any change in personal information such as email and phone number are updated.
4. Any member known to promote, support, or raise dogs for fighting; knowingly sell, give, or trade dogs that will be used for fighting; condone or be associated with the facing off, game testing, rolling, or pitting of dogs will have their membership automatically revoked. The member will be reported to UKC for disciplinary action as well.

Article VI: Officers

Board of Director (BOD) Officers will serve three (3) year terms, this will facilitate having a diverse national remote team that works on and can complete club business. The President and Treasurer will be elected in December using a three (3) year election rotation. The Vice President, Secretary and the Member at Large will be elected in December of the following year. Any Officer may succeed them. All elections will be by anonymous online ballots and decided by a simple majority vote. This Article will be used to govern the Officers of the Club. A member may hold no more than two (2) officer positions within the same term.

The officers and their respective duties will be as follows:

1. **President:** The President will preside at all meetings of the Club and of the BOD and will have the duties and powers normally pertaining to the office of the President in addition to those specified in these bylaws.



2. **Vice President:** The Vice President will assist the President whenever possible. The Vice President will have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity.
3. **Secretary:** The Secretary will keep a written record of all meetings of the Club and of the BOD. The Secretary will have charge of the correspondence, including but not limited to notifying members of meetings and events, notifying new members of their approved membership, and keeping a roll of the members along with current contact information which is required to be submitted to the UKC by December 31 of each year. The Secretary is responsible for providing an agenda to the BOD and membership at least five (5) days prior to each Club meeting.
4. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer will collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. Moneys will be deposited in a bank or payment platform designated by the BOD in the name of the Club. The books must be accurate, up to date, and open to inspection by the BOD. A treasury report will be given at every meeting of the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment that was not previously reported. At the annual meeting, an accounting will be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. In the event of the resignation, death, or expulsion of the Treasurer, all moneys and account books of the Association will be handed over to the BOD until the office of Treasurer is filled by a majority vote of the BOD. The President will sign all checks during any interim period.
5. The checks on the account(s) of this Club will be signed by the President and/or Treasurer.
6. The books and accounts of the Treasurer will be audited annually, prior to the annual meeting, by a committee appointed by the President.

Article VII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

1. The BOD of this Club will be comprised of the officers listed in Article VI and one additional Director elected at large (Member at Large) by the membership at the end of the year indicated in article VI.
2. The BOD will appoint committees as needed to advance the operation of the Club or to aid the BOD on projects. Committee decisions will be subject to the final authority of the BOD and can be dissolved at any time by a simple majority vote of the BOD.

Article VIII: Elections & Voting

1. The election of Officers to the BOD will be conducted by anonymous online ballot, except if a nominee goes unopposed, then the person nominated will be declared elected by the Secretary at the annual meeting. If multiple nominations have been made, the Chairperson of the Tally Committee will report the results of the election at the annual meeting. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office or position on the BOD will be declared elected.
2. No person may be a candidate for an office or position on the BOD who has not been nominated. Nominations of eligible members may be made on the floor or in writing to the Secretary no later than two months prior to the election. All nominations will be accompanied by a written acceptance of the nomination from each additional nominee. No person will be nominated for more than one position.
3. **Voting:** The BOD will assign a Board Officer to provide an anonymous online ballot when it becomes necessary to hold an election or vote on a proposed amendment to the Constitution, COE, or Bylaws. Their duty will be to report the online voting results to the BOD without revealing members identities in essence providing members anonymity. New or existing memberships requesting a voting level membership is a simple majority vote to accept the applicant.



Article IX: Meetings

As a national club we will use the following: private social sites, chat groups, and virtual online meeting platforms to facilitate any club meetings.

1. **First Half-Year (1HY) Members Meeting:** This meeting will be held online in June or July. Meeting information will be emailed no later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.
2. **Second Half-Year (2HY) Members & Annual Meeting:** This meeting will be held online in November or December. Meeting information will be emailed no later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. BOD Officer elections are to be announced at this meeting and any new elected Officers or BOD Officers will start their term January 1 of the following year.
3. **Committee Meetings:** These meetings will be scheduled as needed to work on and complete club business. Meeting information will be provided as needed prior to the meeting.
4. **Board & Committee Meetings:** Comprised of the BOD and elected Committee Members. These meetings will be considered operational and will be scheduled as needed to work on and complete club business. Meeting information will be provided as needed prior to the meeting.
5. **Board of Directors Meeting:** The first meeting of the BOD will be held immediately following the annual meeting and election. Meetings of the BOD will be held as needed at a date and time agreed upon by the BOD. Notice for each meeting will be announced by the Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting will be a majority of the BOD.

Article X: Discipline

1. **Suspension:** Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the UKC will be automatically suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period. Any member suspended from the Club through the process of a BOD Hearing will be suspended for no more than one (1) year.
2. **Expulsion:** Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at any BOD meeting and upon the BOD recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. The respondent will have the privilege of appearing on their own behalf though no evidence will be taken to this meeting. The President will read the charges, findings, and recommendations, and will invite the respondent, if present, to speak on their own behalf. The meeting will then vote by anonymous online ballot on the proposed expulsion. A majority vote of those present and voting at the meeting will be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the BOD can proceed with a suspension for no more than one year.
3. **Board Hearing:** The BOD will have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and respondent will be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after the hearing, the BOD may, by a majority vote of those present, suspend the respondent from all privileges of the club for no more than one (1) year. If the BOD deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension will not restrict the respondent's right to appear before their fellow members at the next meeting which considers the BOD recommendation. Immediately after the BOD has reached a decision, its finding will be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, will notify each of the parties of the BOD decision.



Article XI: Dissolution

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, whether voluntary, involuntary, or by operation of law, other than for purposes of reorganization, none of the property of the Club nor any assets of the Club will be distributed to any members. After payment of the Club’s debts, its property and assets will be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the BOD.

Article XII: Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended as deemed necessary by the BOD and must be approved by a simple majority of the members in good standing. Notice of a proposed change must be in writing and will be emailed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the next meeting where the proposal will be voted on. UKC must be notified in writing of all passing amendments. All changes to these Bylaws must be approved by UKC before being implemented.

Article XIII: General Regulations

1. Members must conduct themselves with respectfulness and politeness at all Club functions.
2. Absolutely **NO** alcoholic beverages, firearms, or illegal drugs will be allowed on the grounds or in the buildings while participating in any licensed UKC events.
3. Every applicant must agree to abide by these Bylaws before being accepted into membership.
4. These Bylaws are effective at the first meeting of the Club.
5. All UKC policies will be strictly adhered to during all UKC events.
6. UKC licensed Clubs will not start their own dog registry.
7. Under **NO** circumstances shall UKC licensed Clubs accept registration applications for any dog registry, including UKC.
8. Members must conduct themselves in an honest and sportsman-like manner at all meetings and events.

Board of Director Officer signatures approving the above Bylaws:

President: _____
 Vice President: _____
 Secretary: _____
 Treasurer: _____
 Member at Large _____

The Board and Members approved the above Bylaws on:
<i>Date</i>