

BYLAWS OF THE SOUTHERN OHIO FLYING K9S

ARTICLE I. OFFICIAL NAME

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be “Southern Ohio Flying K9s” or SOFK9s. It is a Non-Profit Domestic Corporation created on October 31, 2008.

ARTICLE II. MISSION STATEMENT

Section 1. The mission of the Southern Ohio Flying K9s is to provide dog loving individuals and disc loving canines with access to the sport of canine disc, encourage socialization and positive training, reinforce proper technique and safety, and demonstrate to the general public how canine disc sports can promote the dog-human bond.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be 1 class of membership; all members shall be “Active”. Levels of membership, such as “Family” and “Single”, will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. A person can be a member of more than one disc dog club.

Section 3. Members of this club are expected to participate in club activities such as fundraising to pay club financial obligations, be appointed to committees, be elected as officers or directors, organize and run club events.

Section 4. How to become a member:

- a.** Fill out membership application and liability release; send application, release and first year dues to the Membership Director.
- b.** An active member must subscribe to the "Mission Statement" of SOFK9s.
- c.** Membership application will be reviewed by the Membership Director and approved unless there is evidence not to approve the membership. If a membership application is denied by the Membership Director, the applicant may appeal to the board for approval.
- d.** Members must pay annual dues as determined by the Board of Directors.
- f.** Membership in the Southern Ohio Flying K9s will be in effect for a period of one (1) year starting on February 1 and ending on January 31st of the following year.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and immediate Past President. Each officer shall have one vote on the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Each officer shall be an active member in good standing. A member or member family cannot hold more than 1 office. The Board of Directors may vote on a case by case basis to allow a member or member family to hold more than one office.

Section 3. All officers shall enter upon their official duties on January 1 of each year and shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successor shall be duly elected. Officers may resign at anytime and the President (the President would submit resignation to the Vice President who becomes the President) must accept the resignation and appoint a replacement until the Board of Directors vote on a new Officer within 30 days. A special meeting of the Board of Directors will be called for this purpose. The person filling the vacated position will hold that position for the remainder of the current term.

Section 4. The President has the following duties and responsibilities:

- a.** Be the executive officer for this club.
- b.** Preside over all meetings of the club and the Board of Directors.
- c.** Be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 5. The Vice President has the following duties:

- a.** Preside over meetings in the absence of the President.
- b.** Perform such duties and responsibilities as usually pertain to such office or as may be assigned by the President or Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Secretary has the following duties and responsibilities:

- a.** Keep the club books and records, including membership.
- b.** Keep minutes of the meetings of the Club, the Board and Committees.
- c.** Submit reports to the club at such times as the President or Board may require.
- d.** Perform such other duties and responsibilities as usually pertain to such office or as may be assigned by the President or Board of Directors.

Section 7. The Treasurer has the following duties and responsibilities:

- a.** Receive all funds and promptly deposit them in the official depositories.
- b.** Disburse funds on the order of the Board of Directors.

- c. Maintain the club financial accounts and records.
- d. At all times, make available for inspection by the President, the Board of Directors, or any authorized auditors, the financial accounts and records of the club.
- e. Make a financial report to the Board of Directors at each of their meetings, at the annual club meeting, and at such other times as the President or Board of Directors may require.
- f. File timely reports with the Ohio Secretary of State and the IRS each year as required by law.

Section 8. The immediate Past President will serve as advisor to the Officers and Board of Directors. The Past President will serve a term of one year. If the President is elected for 2 or more terms, the Past President may remain a board member.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the club officers and the members elected to the positions decided by the Board as needed. The non-Officer members of the Board may include more than 1 member of a family membership.

Section 2. Each director shall be an active member in good standing and must attend 50% of regular scheduled board meetings to maintain their position on the board.

Section 3. There shall be a maximum of 15 Board members. Four (4) of the Board members will hold defined positions of 1) Event Director, 2) Membership Director, 3) Demo Director, 4) Promotions Director. Other board members will be "At-Large" board members. The Board may define or eliminate additional positions as the Board finds necessary, giving an "At -Large" Board Member a title.

Section 4. The directors shall enter upon their official duties on January 1 of each year and serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successor shall be duly elected.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall determine the policies and activities of the club, approve the budget, approve all non-budgetary expenses exceeding \$100.00, take counsel with committees, and have general management of the Club.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of three (3) times a year and shall hold additional meetings at the call of the President or a majority of the Board. At the discretion of the Board, the Committee Chairpersons shall meet in joint session with the Board. There shall also be a General Member meeting once

a year, prior to the first of the year. Officers and Board members may be selected in absentia with their knowledge.

Section 7. A majority of the active Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except in cases where a larger vote of the entire Board is required under these bylaws.

Section 8. A Board Member may resign at any time and the President must accept the resignation. The Board of Directors will vote on a new Board Member within 30 days. A special meeting of the Board of Directors will be called for this purpose. The person filling the vacated position will hold that position for the remainder of the current term.

Section 9. Internet voting by the board: The Board may vote on specific issues on the Board group list. These votes cannot replace meetings or amend the Bylaws.

Section 10. Meetings may be held at events.

Section 11. An individual Board member or Officer may only have one vote regardless of whether they hold multiple positions on the Board of Directors.

Section 12. The Board of Directors may appoint ad-hoc committees at any time it is deemed necessary. Each ad-hoc committee will exist for a specified length of time as set forth by the Board of Directors during the creation of the committee. The Board of Directors will appoint a Committee Chairperson for each ad-hoc committee.

ARTICLE VI. REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership can only be revoked by a vote of 75% of the Board of Directors present at a meeting

ARTICLE VII. NOMINATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. The election of officers and directors shall be held at the General Member meeting.

Section 2. Voting shall be by ballot and only active members in good standing, that are present at the meeting may vote.

Section 3. At least four (4) weeks prior to the General meeting, the President shall make a call to the general membership by written or online notice for officers and directors nominations. Each person nominated must be an active member in good standing at the time of the nomination.

Section 4. At least two (2) weeks prior to the General meeting, the President shall submit to the general membership, a list of nominees for each office and for each director position. Members need not be present to be elected to a position.

Section 5. Prior to the General meeting, the President shall appoint an Elections Committee, consisting of two (2) members. The duties of this committee shall be to distribute, collect and count the ballots and report them to the President who will announce them. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer. If any ballot does not have a majority for a nominee for any office, the President shall immediately designate a time and place for further balloting for such office.

Section 6. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting.

Section 7. Any active club member may nominate themselves for any Board position.

Section 8. For the purpose of electing the Board of Directors in the initial year of the Club's existence under these bylaws, an ad-hoc committee shall nominate and appoint individuals to Officer and Director positions by mutual consensus at a meeting. All elections held in subsequent years will follow the election process as described in Article VII Section 1 through Section 7.

ARTICLE VIII. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS

Section 1: Officers and Directors can only be removed during their term after a written allegation of behavior detrimental to the Club by a member of the Club. A committee of 5 Board members and 2 General members must investigate the behavior. A meeting to remove an Officer or Director would be called; all Board members and club members may be present. There must be 2 week notice via US Mail to all Board members and club members and there must be a quorum of the Board attending and a vote of 2/3 of the Board members present to remove.

ARTICLE IX. REVENUE

Section 1. The annual dues shall be as determined by the Board of Directors and shall be approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the board members present at any regular board meeting. Such annual dues shall remain in effect until changed in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Section 2. Revenue from other sources other than those defined in this article may be raised as determined by the Board of Directors and approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the board Members present at any regular board meeting.

Section 3. Contest fees and demo charges are determined by the Board. The object is to cover the expenses and equipment needs of the club. The Board has a duty to maintain the financial health of the club.

Section 4. Events maybe run in partnership with other groups / clubs, revenue may be split between groups.

Section 5. All sponsorships of the club, club events, club activities, or club related merchandise must be approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the board members via an online vote or at any regular board meeting.

ARTICLE X. FINANCE

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall determine the official depository or depositories and shall designate those persons who shall be authorized to sign checks. The Treasurer will always be designated as a signer on all club bank accounts.

Section 2. Upon the dissolution of the club, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the club, dispose of all of the assets of the Club exclusively for the purposes of the club, in such manner; or to such organization or organizations organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes that shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law)

ARTICLE XI. SAFETY

Section 1. All participants at a club event, including Officers, Board members, and club members shall make every effort to ensure the safety of persons and dogs present at any club sponsored event.

Section 2. When attending any club sponsored activity, all dogs should be on leash, crated, confined, or otherwise under the owners control when the dog is not on the field competing or warming up in a specified practice/warm-up area.

Section 3. Any displays of dog aggressiveness will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Section 4. While at any club sponsored event, any action or activity that is considered unsafe and causes potential danger to another person or dog, and is performed by a club member, Officer, or Board Member will be reviewed by the

Board of Directors. Disciplinary action will be administered at the Board's discretion.

ARTICLE XII. INVALIDATION

Section 1. In the event that any provision of these bylaws is held invalid, all other provisions shall remain in effect.

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any amendments to these bylaws may be adopted by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the active members present at a meeting called for this purpose.

Section 2. There shall be no voting at a required board meeting by proxy or absentee ballot.