

Potomac Valley Standard Schnauzer Club Standing Rules  
Revised February 23, 2019

**A. MEMBERSHIP**

1. Regular membership dues will be \$30 for an individual and \$45 per family starting January 1, 2017 (the 2017 dues year). For purposes of PVSSC membership, a “family” is defined as two or more persons living in the same household and with same address.
2. Any single member in good standing may add one or more family members without a membership vote by notifying the membership chair in writing or by e-mail and paying the family rate (currently \$45) at any annual dues renewal period.
3. Junior membership is for individuals aged 9-18, one of whose parents or legal guardians is a member in good standing. The annual fee will be \$1. Individuals aged 9-18 whose family holds a PVSSC membership are automatically Junior members
4. A member in good standing is a member who has paid his or her dues and any and all other debts to PVSSC. A member in good standing abides by PVSSC's Constitution, Standing Rules, Code of Ethics, and is in good standing with the American Kennel Club. A member is not in good standing if dues are not current or paid prior to March 1st. If the dues period is extended, a member is considered “Not in good standing” during that period, until dues are paid.

**B. AWARDS**

1. The PVSSC Award year runs from January 1 through December 31.
2. PVSSC members must attend at least two official PVSSC-sponsored events during a calendar year in order to be eligible for an annual award or to be included on the PVSSC Breeder’s List. Events are defined to include general meetings, sanctioned or fun matches, club parties, picnics, banquets, or any other organized activity sponsored by the PVSSC, such as booster shows, lure-coursing, or socials held in conjunction with a specialty or supported-entry dog show. All members must attend the function and sign the official meeting attendance sheet. Entry of a dog at a specialty or supported-entry all-breed dog show without attending the accompanying meeting does not constitute “attendance” at a PVSSC event.
3. PVSSC plaques will be awarded annually to dogs that complete a conformation and/or performance titles and are owned by a PVSSC member. Only those who were members during the months when their dog finished its title are eligible. Co-owned dogs must reside with the PVSSC member during the majority of the year to be eligible. Majority is defined as the dog residing 51% of the time with the PVSSC member.
4. Members in good standing may purchase an award/title plaque if they have not met requirements for attendance at meetings, or for a duplicate plaque. This does not include any “Of The Year” plaques unless they are for duplicates.
5. If annual awards are mailed to the recipient, the recipient will pay postage.
6. To be eligible for annual awards, including Junior Handler of the Year, the member must be a member in good standing as described in Section A-4.
7. Eligibility for awards begins from the time the membership application is received by the Membership committee.

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8. Dogs applying for Dog of the Year/Opposite Sex, Stud Dog, and Brood Bitch Awards shall provide the dog's (a) CHIC number with PASSING test results if the dog is over 2 years of age, or (b) proof of PASSING scores for the CHIC required tests as specified by the SSCA if the dog is younger than 2 years of age. (A dog must be re-tested at 2 years or later to then receive a CHIC number).

## **C. BREEDERS**

1. All Breeders listed on the Breeder Referral List shall be required to complete an application form and to sign the Code of Ethics, as amended February 23, 2019.
2. The renewal date for breeders on the Breeder's Referral List will be April 1.
3. A PVSSC breeder must pay a \$35 annual fee to be included on the Breeder Referral list.
4. A PVSSC breeder must be an active member in good standing for two years and have attended two PVSSC functions in each of those years, as defined in Standing Rule #B2, prior to being eligible for listing on the PVSSC Breeder Referral list.
5. Anyone listing puppies or dogs for sale in the Wiretap or on the PVSSC website must be on the Breeder Referral List and prior approved by the PVSSC Puppy Referral Chair. Sire and dam health information for each litter must be given to the Puppy Referral Chair, who will send approved litter information to the PVSSC webmaster before posting on the PVSSC website and to the Wiretap editor before posting in the Wiretap.
6. The Puppy Referral Chair and committee will provide a copy of the PVSSC Breeder Referral List to individuals contacting the Club about puppies.
7. Any updated PVSSC or SSCA health clearance requirements will become automatically part of the PVSSC Code of Ethics for breeders.

## **D. RESCUE**

1. The Chair of the Rescue Committee can, with permission of the Club President, expend up to \$250 to facilitate emergency rescue of a standard schnauzer, without prior approval of the Board of Directors.
2. In regard to the spending required for health and other issues required for the welfare of a rescued Standard Schnauzer, the limit for emergency care authorized without prior Board approval remains at \$250 per dog. For expenditures exceeding the \$250 limit and up to \$500, the President and two other board members must approve the expenditure. The club will allow spending to exceed \$500 with a majority approval of the Board.
3. The PVSSC club will apply \$150 annually to the Rescue Fund from the General Fund to help support rescue activities.

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**E. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Any money spent to support club business exceeding the amount of \$100 must have prior approval by a majority of the Board of Directors. Any money spent to support club business exceeding the amount of \$500 must have prior approval by a majority vote at a general meeting. Items considered an ongoing expense (such as purchase of items, for Ways and Means, insurance renewal, or purchase of annual award plaques or trophies require no prior approval).
2. There will be a \$250.00 limit per year on trophies purchased for Supported Entries. Supported entry trophies shall be funded from the trophy fund.
3. Sweepstakes judges, at the PVSSC Specialty, are to be offered an honorarium of \$100.
4. PVSSC's wickets may be borrowed by contacting the property chair.
5. Any judge on the PVSSC Preferred Judges List shall be removed by objections of 2 or more members.
6. Raffle proceeds from the Fall Specialty go towards the Trophy Fund unless otherwise directed by the Board.
7. From time to time, individuals will be asked to attend to club business, which may involve traveling some distance, generally in excess of fifty miles round trip. Those persons may request a mileage allowance provided such request is made to the board prior to the intended travel. The board shall review all requests for mileage allowances. Approved requests will be directed to the Treasurer. The allowance will be the same as the allowance found in the "Instructions for Preparation of Form 1040", otherwise known as the IRS tax return instructions. This amount is subject to change from time to time.  
  
Exceptions: Club members traveling in their role as Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders liaison or support of the PVSSC or SSCA Rescue may apply for retroactive approval, since prior approval may complicate and delay the rescue effort.
8. Hosts for PVSSC meetings or events held at private homes shall be awarded an honorarium of \$100.00 to help defray expenses.
9. Any questions that arise and are not addressed in the Constitution or Standing Rules will be resolved by The PVSSC Board, per Roberts Rules of Order.