



The Victorian Working Sheep Dog Association Incorporated

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HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE VVSDA

1. THE PURPOSES OF THE ASSOCIATION – CONSTITUTION RULE 2

2 Purposes

The purposes of the association are—

- (a) To promote amongst the sheepbreeders and general public a wide human interest in the working sheep dog and his work.*
- (b) To encourage and develop the standard of our working sheep dogs.*
- (c) To promote, encourage and assist working sheep dog trials, including field trials.*
- (d) To establish and maintain a Sheep Dog Register.*
- (e) To take any action it thinks necessary to further promote the interests of sheep graziers and their working sheep dogs.*
- (f) To uphold and promote excellence in stockmanship including the care and welfare of both working sheep dogs and worked sheep*

2. ELIGIBILITY TO BE A MEMBER – CONSTITUTION RULE 8

8 Who is eligible to be a member

- (1) Any person who supports the purposes of the Association, and agrees to comply with the Rules and Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics of the Association is eligible for membership.*

3. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – CONSTITUTION RULE 9

9 Application for membership

- (1) To apply to become a member of the Association, a person must submit a written application to a Council member stating that the person—*
 - (a) wishes to become a member of the Association; and*
 - (b) supports the purposes of the Association; and*
 - (c) agrees to comply with these Rules.*
- (2) The application—*
 - (a) must be nominated and seconded by current financial members of the Association and must be signed by the applicant;*
 - (b) must be accompanied by a membership fee and may be accompanied by the joining fee.*

4. CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – CONSTITUTION RULE 10

10 Consideration of application

- (1) As soon as practicable after an application for membership is received, the Council must decide by resolution whether to accept or reject the application.*
- (2) The Council must notify the applicant in writing of its decision as soon as practicable after the decision is made.*
- (3) If the Council rejects the application, it must return any money accompanying the application to the applicant.*
- (4) No reason need be given for the rejection of an application.*

5. APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP BY VWSDA COUNCIL – CONSTITUTION RULE 11

11 New membership

- (1) *If an application for membership is approved by the Council —*
 - (a) *the resolution to accept the membership must be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting; and*
 - (b) *the Secretary must, as soon as practicable, enter the name and address of the new member, and the date of becoming a member, in the register of members.*
- (2) *A person becomes a member of the Association and, subject to rule 13(2), is entitled to exercise his or her rights of membership from the date, whichever is the later, on which—*
 - (a) *the Council approves the person's membership; or*
 - (b) *the person pays the joining fee and/or membership subscription .*

5. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(a) Applicant to complete a membership application form

- As per Constitution Rule 9.2 (a) the application **MUST BE NOMINATED AND SECONDED BY CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT BEFORE** submitting the application to the Secretary.
- As per Constitution Rule 10.1 the application is presented to the Council of the Association for approval. Please note that the Council only meets 4-5 times per year, usually in February/March, June, August, Sept/Oct, December.

(b) Payment of Fees

- CHEQUE or MONEY ORDER - payable to The Victorian Working Sheep Dog Association Inc
- DIRECT DEPOSIT:
 - BSB 083 894 ACCOUNT NUMBER 515170316 BANK: NAB, BRANCH: Shepparton
 - Please provide a receipt of funds transfer to schrapel1@activ8.net.au OR include a copy with Membership application

6. GENERAL INFORMATION

- As a member of the VWSDA Inc you are to abide by and know the contents of the VWSDA Inc Constitution, Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct, VWSDA Inc Trial Rules, Register Rules and other Regulations, Policies and Practices of the Association. Copies available from the Secretary.
- The financial year of the Association is from 1st July to 30th June.
- If you are a dog owner, it is your responsibility to know your local Council regulations regarding the registration and procedures and abide by those regulations. Government legislation regarding the keeping of dogs is available on the internet at www.depi.vic.gov.au

7. REGISTRATION OF BREEDING PREFIXES, DOGS, TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP etc

Please see document – “How to Register your Dog”

8. QUERIES

If you have further queries, regarding Membership please contact either:

Bill Paton, President,	Tel: 03 5568 5232	Email: wtdmpaton@aussiebb.com.au
Diann Schrapel, Secretary,	Tel: 03 5792 1089	Email: schrapel1@activ8.net.au

If you have queries regarding Dog Registrations, Prefix applications please contact:

Kerry Dodge, Registrar	Tel: 03 5444 9338	Email: j.dodge@bigpond.com
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