



**SOUTH AFRICAN DOG DANCING ASSOCIATION
(SADDA)**
which will be affiliated to the
**SOUTH AFRICAN WORKING DOGS ASSOCIATION
(SAWDA)**
CONSTITUTION and BY LAWS
June 2014

The name of the association will be SOUTH AFRICAN DOG DANCING ASSOCIATION (SADDA).

The SADDA will be run in a manner consistent with the character of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa

GOALS and MISSION

The goals of the association shall be:

1. To be the Regulating Body which promotes and monitors the sports of canine musical freestyle and heelwork to music within South Africa
2. To be an un-biased and indiscriminate platform for all people and all types of dogs who want to take part in the sport.
3. To keep track of current memberships
4. To manage the SADDA National Digital Competitions
5. To keep a current and transparent log of legs and titles acquired by members. This log will at all times be visible on the website of : www.dogdancing.co.za
6. To organize and host an annual SADDA National Titling Competition, in conjunction with the Regional Manager of the province where the Nationals will be held.
7. To ensure that Score Sheets are printed and dispersed to relevant club hosting a SADDA Live Titling Event
8. To ensure that all members receive their Record Books
9. To regulate Live SADDA Titling Events which are held by clubs associated with SADDA
10. To provide on-going training for qualified judges
11. Where and when possible to assist with the funding of hosting International judges in order to judge a Live SADDA event
12. To encourage more freestylers to become judges within a formal and transparent accreditation process.
13. To encourage good sportsmanship and co-operation with members, individuals and other canine groups and disciplines
14. To encourage and support positive motivational training methods only

NATIONAL DIGITAL COMPETITION

The Managing Director of the South African Dog Dancing Association will have the responsibility of organizing and managing the SADDA National Digital Competition which will take place twice during a calendar year (current dates are March and October of each year).

The SADDA National Digital Competitions are open to all members, as well as any Rookie who would like to enter, but has not yet joined as a fully fledged member.

Within the management of the SADDA NDC, the following will apply :-

1. To secure a qualified judge to judge the event
2. To draw up the necessary show schedule and communicate same to members
3. To receive and monitor entries and entry fees
4. To edit, collate and burn the routines onto a DVD for the judge.
5. To send same DVD to relevant judge, along with the necessary paper work, dance card and certificates
6. To receive final score sheets from judge.
7. To send score sheets, ribbons (for legs achieved) and certificates (for legs achieved) to each participating member. Plus, send each participating member a DVD of all the entries received.
8. To update the National Log, and post same onto the website for transparent communication to all members

TRADING and INCOME

The association shall not be conducted or operated for profit and all monies shall be put in the general fund and shall be used solely for the pursuit of the objectives and growth of the association.

The bank account for SADDA is located with Nedbank N1 City Branch.

A basic bank reconciliation will be done once a year during the month of July, and sent out to all members and Board Members, in order to promote open-ended communication as to the allocation and use of the funds generated by SADDA.

SADDA LIVE TITLING COMPETITIONS

Any club wishing to host a SADDA Live Titling Event needs to complete the necessary form entitled "Application to host a SADDA Event", which can be found on the website of :

www.dogdancing.co.za

A fee of R100 per SADDA Live Titling Event needs to be paid to SADDA before the event takes place.

Any club hosting a SADDA Live Titling Event will be given the necessary score sheets, a copy of which needs to be sent to the Regional Director for record purposes. Any club who wishes to host a SADDA Titling Event does not have to be an affiliated club member of SADDA.

The Regional Director then needs to send a "Score Report" to the Managing Director who will update the National Log on the website.

SADDA NATIONAL TITLING EVENT

The SADDA National Titling Event is to be held once a year. Each year, the NTE will be held in a different province (rotation basis). The Regional Director of each province is responsible for the project management of the NTE when it is due to be held within their relevant province. The Managing Director or SADDA will assist.

The rights to the SADDA National Titling Event are solely owned by the South African Dog Dancing Association, for as long as the Association is up and running and in existence. The rights to the SADDA National Titling Event are not owned by one specific person or one specific member of SADDA.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Eligibility

1.1 Membership is open to all who support the goals of the association.

1.2 Individuals under the age of eighteen must have a parent or legal guardian co-sign application for membership.

1.3 Honorary membership may be offered to non-members who perform special service/s.

2. Application for membership

2.1 Each applicant for membership shall apply on a SADDA form as provided on the website of SADDA (www.dogdancing.co.za)

2.2 No application for membership will be considered without the appropriate dues accompanying it.

3. Lapsing.

A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 30 days after the beginning of the "Association Year", which is June 30th of each year.

4. Reinstatement of membership

4.1 Any previous member may be reinstated as provided in paragraph 3 above.

4.2 The applicant will be treated as a new member.

5. Dues

Association year runs from July 1st to June 30th of the next year

5.1 Membership dues shall be payable at the time of membership application.

5.2 Dues are collected and recorded by the Managing Director, and payable to the bank account of the South African Dog Dancing Association.

5.3 The Managing Director will notify members about renewal of membership during the month of June each year.

AREAS OF OPERATION WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA

SADDA may be divided into various Regions within South Africa, and have an appointed Regional Director for each Region.

Regions are in alignment with the geographical Regions of the country.

Each Region will have an appointed Regional Director, who will be responsible for maintaining the Goals and Mission of SADDA within that Region, as well as organize 2 x SADDA Live Titling Events per year within their specific Region.

MANAGEMENT BOARD

The SADDA Board shall consist of :

A Managing Director

The Regional Directors of each Region

Additional members of SADDA who are invited to act as Board Members, and will have the best interests of the Association at heart.

Membership as a Board Member is effective upon invitation from the Managing Director, together with the other current members of the Board.

CURRENT MANAGEMENT BOARD

Delene Martins Western Province - Managing Director
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Yvonne Zwiegelaar Western Province – member and advisor
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Micaela Collins Gauteng – member and Regional Director
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Lisa Robinson Kwazulu Natal – member and Regional Director
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Duties of the Board include the following, but are not limited to the following :-

- Assisting with the organising of the SADDA National Titling Event within their relevant Region
- Assistance within the smooth running of the Association
- Contribution to any alterations within the current Rules and Guidelines of SADDA
- Guidance with regards to any protocol issues which may arise
- To oversee any further activities which are relevant to the fruitful functioning of SADDA

DISCIPLINARY (and misconduct) PROCEDURES AND PROCESS

In order to uphold the standards of SADDA, and in order to protect the goals and mission of the association, SADDA has the right to take disciplinary action against members or clubs contravening the Constitutions, Rules and Guidelines.

A complaint may be lodged by any member (or Board Member) of SADDA. Complaints are to be addressed in writing to the Managing Director of SADDA, and will be dealt with within a 7 working day period.

Because complaints are to be addressed to the Managing Director, it is the responsibility of the MD to communicate same complaint to the other members of the SADDA Board with immediate effect. Transparent and open communication is paramount, especially with regards to any complaints which may arise.

Disciplinary action may or may not be carried out, depending on the democratic consensus received from all members of the SADDA Board, pertaining to the specific complaint.

Should any disciplinary action be required, then this needs to be addressed at a meeting where at least 3 of the Board Members are present, including the Regional Manager of the province within which the action is necessary. Because it could be a challenge to get everyone together for a Disciplinary meeting, a telephone conference is acceptable.

Misconduct includes the following actions : (1) disrespect for the judge (2) cruelty towards the dogs, which includes physical and verbal abuse (3) cheating in any way, shape, manner or form (4) failure to adhere to the SADDA Rules and Guidelines (5) disrespect towards fellow freestylers (6) a blatant display of bad sportsmanship during any SADDA Titling Event (7) entering a (false) dog under a (false) name for any SADDA Titling Event.

Any SADDA member or any SADDA Board Member accused of misconduct will receive a written warning from the Managing Director, and should the misconduct persist, the member will be asked to leave (resign from) SADDA.

CLUBS AFFILIATING TO SADDA

Any canine club, or any group of dog trainers, may become affiliated with SADDA, provided that they respect and uphold the Goals and Mission of SADDA and they pay their annual Club Dues to SADDA.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An AGM whereby all Board Members are present should be held once a year.

It is furthermore, the responsibility of the Managing Director to ensure open ended and transparent communication to all Board Members throughout the year.

All Board Members are to communicate any problems, ideas or suggestions to the other members of the Board, should such arise.

Where any decisions need to be made and put into effect, a democratic vote will move the decision forward.

INDEMNITY

The SADDA shall not be held responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any of its' members during the running of any Titling Event.

SADDA cannot be sued for damages or injuries caused by any equipment or other person during the running of any affiliated club Titling Events.

QUERIES

Any queries or concerns pertaining to the South African Dog Dancing Association can be directed to the Managing Director : Delene Martins, who is contactable on : camerilla@kingsley.co.za

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