

# The Irish Red and White Setter Association of America, Inc.

## Standing Rules

The Board of Directors may, from time to time, adopt such rules and policies, and modifications thereof, governing the IRWSAA and its members as the Directors deem appropriate, provided that such rules, policies, and modifications are not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation of the Club, the Bylaws, or applicable law. Upon approval of the Directors, such rules and policies and modifications shall become the Standing Rules and Policies of the Club.

1. Geographic Areas shall be 3  
EAST: 18 states - ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI, NY, PA, NJ, DE, MD, WV, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, DC  
CENTRAL: 20 states – AR, LA, ND, SD, MN, WI, MI, NE, IA, KS, MO, IL, IN, OK, TX, OH, KY,  
TN, AL, MS  
WEST: 13 states – WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, CA, NV, UT, CO, AZ, NM, HI AK
2. July 1 of each year the board shall adopt a budget for the coming fiscal year. All bills or expenditures, unless previously authorized, must be approved by vote of the board or Membership with the exception of regular operating expenses (postage, secretarial, newsletter, printer costs, etc). All bills must be presented within 6 months or they shall be void.
3. The Irish Red and White Association of America, Inc. checking account shall have two signatures on the account , the Treasurer and the President, each may sign checks singly.
4. If feasible, the club shall hold a yearly National Specialty Show. In conjunction with the show, a Hunt Test, Obedience Trial, and Rally Trial shall be held, if feasible. When feasible, a Field Trial, Agility Trial, and Tracking Test should be considered.
5. Standing Committees and Duties of same:
  - A. **MEMBERSHIP** – Supervise and direct activities of the club in attracting new members, distribute materials to the membership as needed, to include a yearly Membership Directory. All new members shall receive a complete membership packet as approved by the Board of Directors.
  - B. **STATISTICIAN** – Accumulate and maintain information on the IRWS, to include, but not limited to, Pedigree Data Base, Eye Exams (CERF to Vet. Ophthalmologist), Hips (OFA – Penn-Hip), or other reports accumulated by the Health & Genetics and CHIC Committees.
  - C. **WAYS AND MEANS** – Shall provide and sponsor fundraising activities for the club.
  - D. **EVENTS ADVISOR** – Shall be the advisor to individuals chairing Shows, Matches, Field Trials, Hunt Tests, Obedience Trials, Rally Trials, and Agility Trials presented in the name of the IRWSAA to assure that the above are conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club. Will be responsible for maintaining a calendar of previous IRWSAA events including the names of the Chairpersons as well as the deadlines for AKC applications for the future for said previous events. The calendar shall be posted on the IRWSAA Website and published in the IRWSAA Forum.
  - E. **AWARDS** – Accumulate and tally information for Annual Awards and Achievement Awards following the IRWSAA Award Criteria as approved by the Board of Directors. Advise the BOD in regard to the IRWSAA Award Criteria.
  - F. **NEWSLETTER EDITOR** (Media Coordinator) – Shall publish a newsletter which shall be titled THE IRISH RED AND WHITE FORUM. It shall be published as per the Newsletter Policy approved by the Board of Directors.

G. **STANDING RULES** – At the discretion of the BOD the committee will oversee the Standing Rules and Policies and advise the BOD in regard to updating the Standing Rules and Policies if and when necessary.

H. **CODE OF ETHICS** – At the discretion of the BOD the committee will oversee the Code of Ethics and advise the BOD in regard to updating the Code of Ethics if and when necessary.

I. **JUDGES EDUCATION** - Will be in charge of arranging and overseeing Judges Education, updating educational materials, scheduling seminars, and recommending/approving presenters for seminars and show mentors.

J. **HEALTH** – Will oversee, update and advise on breed health and genetics issues. Will make recommendations in regard to health and genetics issues that may arise in the breed. Report and make recommendations on the availability of new health and genetics tests and the need for such. Will maintain communication with the CHIC Committee. The committee will furnish all collected data to the Statistician for the Data Base.

K. **RESCUE** – Oversee and coordinate all rescues and related issues in accordance with the IRWSAA Rescue Policy.

L. **WEBSITE** (Media Coordinator) – Maintain, oversee, update, promote the IRWSAA website and related issues in accordance with the IRWSAA Website Policy.

M. **PARTNER** – Promote and oversee in regard to IRWS Pet activities.

N. **FIELD** – Promote and oversee in regard to IRWS Hunting activities.

O. **PERFORMANCE** – Promote and oversee in regard to non-hunting related IRWS performance activities.

P. **CHIC** - Oversee in regard to the IRWSAA participation in the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC). Will maintain communication with the Health & Genetics Committee and report CHIC registrations to the Statistician.

Q. **NATIONAL GUIDELINES** – Oversee the development of a standard set of guidelines and policies for conducting an IRWSAA National and advise the BOD in regard to updating if and when necessary.

R. **PICTORIAL** – Oversee the development of the IRWSAA Historical Pictorial every 5 years. Previous pictorials published in 2002 2007.

S. **HISTORIAN/ARCHIVES** – Maintain the Historical Records of the IRWSAA and forward appropriate documents to the AKC.

T. **STANDARD REVIEW** – When deemed necessary by the BOD the committee will oversee the review of the AKC-IRWSAA Breed Standard and in conjunction with the Judges Education Committee advise the BOD.

6. Neither the IRWSAA or any member shall disclose the IRWSAA membership list for any commercial purpose.
7. The Board of Directors shall make full use of allowable electronic communications, in accordance with AKC Policy, to conduct business and meetings whenever possible. Individual Board Members shall avail themselves to access to such allowable electronic communications as to avoid board communication by Postal Service.
8. Board Meetings and Business shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws and Regulations of the State where the IRWSAA is incorporated and in accordance with AKC policies.
9. Committees are to submit monthly status reports as directed by the BOD.
10. The IRWSAA Policies will be maintained by the President and Board of Directors.

#### IRWSAA POLICIES and Guidelines

- A. IRWSAA Newsletter

- B. IRWSAA Website
- C. IRWSAA Rescue
- D. IRWSAA Awards Criteria
- E. IRWSAA National Guidelines
- F. IRWSAA Judges Education
- G. IRWSAA Code of Ethics

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