

British Mondioring Association (BMA)

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CONSTITUTION and RULES OF THE BMA



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1. Name

- 1.1 The association is named “British Mondioring Association “, in short “BMA”, (hereinafter referred to as the "**Association**").
- 1.2 The Association has the legal form of an Un-incorporated Association and is as per the provisions dictated by the UK Government and UK Law.

2. Head Office

- 2.1. The head office of the Association is presently situated at Blackwardine – HR6 or Oaklands – SY4 (hereinafter referred to as the "**Head Offices**").
- 2.2. Without prejudice to the application of the British legislation, the Head Offices may be transferred to any other location in the UK upon a decision taken by the General Assembly.

3. Aim and Activities

- 3.1. The Association is strictly not-for-profit making. It shall pursue the following aims nationally in accordance with the rules and legislation of the FCI:
- a) to be the representative and governing body of Mondioring in the UK and to promote the sport
 - b) encouraging and promoting the breeding, registration and use of pedigree dogs ensuring that their functional health and physical features meet the standard set for each respective breed, enabling them to work and to carry out the sport of Mondioring;
 - c) protecting the use, the keeping and the breeding of pedigree dogs in the UK; supporting the non-profit exchange of dogs and of information on cynology between the Members and initiating the organisation of shows, tests, trials, conferences, sport and educational events.
 - d) promoting and supporting dog welfare worldwide, within the scope of competence of each Member. In particular, all dogs are entitled to the following:
 - (i) Freedom from hunger, thirst and malnutrition;
 - (ii) Freedom from exposure to extreme heat and cold;
 - (iii) Freedom from fear;
 - (iv) Freedom from injury and illness;
 - (v) Freedom to exercise in adequate conditions.
- 3.2. In order to realize the aforementioned aims of national utility, the Association is developing in particular the following activities:
- a) to issue special regulations in particular:
 - (i) the establishment of new members decoys and training of judges;
 - (ii) the standardization – to all possible extent – of the BMA constitution by issuing regulations for international working championship selection criteria and keeping a list of dogs eligible for these championships;
 - (v) seeking to maintain high standards of competitors, decoys and judges appointed to represent the BMA;
 - b) to support Members, if necessary, in conjunction with other international organisations, by providing professional information, know-how and, where necessary, experts in Mondioring;
 - c) to support the organisation of international conferences and education seminars in Mondioring;
 - d) to serve as a resource and forum for education, information sharing and networking with the Members.
 - e) to provide a platform for the testing and certification of Decoys resident in the UK.

- 3.3. The Association may become a member of any other not-for-profit organisation provided that membership has been previously approved by the Committee of the BMA.
- 3.4. The Association may undertake any other activity or take any other actions that are directly or indirectly related to the aim of the Association, or that are necessary or useful to the realization of said aim.
- 3.5. The Association is authorised to collect any resources which are necessary to the realisation of its aim.

4. Non-discrimination and stance against racism

- 4.1. Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or groups of people on the grounds of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics, sexual orientation or any other reason is strictly prohibited within the Association and punishable by suspension or by exclusion.

5. Promoting friendly relations

- 5.1. The Association shall promote friendly relations:
 - a) between Members and external Contract Partners;
 - b) in society for humanitarian objectives.

6. Duration

- 6.1 The Association is constituted for an indefinite duration and can be dissolved at any time following a decision by the General Assembly.

7. General provisions

- 7.1. The Association has two (2) categories of members: The Full Members (hereinafter all referred to as the “**Members**”) and Junior Members (hereinafter all referred to as the “**Juniors**”)
 - a) Members are of 18yrs of age or older and have full rights as an individual within this constitution and rules.
 - b) Juniors are below 18yrs of age and are required to have written parent or guardian permission to attend any training, trial or committee events. The parent or guardian are also required to supervise the junior member during any events unless the responsibility is delegated to another full member of the association. Junior members are not eligible to vote.
- 7.2. Natural persons are not eligible for Membership or Partnership of the Association
- 7.3 Membership is open to all clubs and persons resident in the UK as long as they are not a member of another UK Mondioring Association.

8. Membership

8.1. Membership is open to any UK resident:

- a) Every person wishing to become a member shall submit an application form together with the full subscription for the remainder of the current year, which shall be refunded should the application not be accepted.
- b) upon application for membership, registration of all eligible dogs max. 5 dogs is required
- c) the applicant will submit copies of all pedigrees, behavioural test results and workbooks where applicable
- d) Acceptance of Membership of the Association shall constitute acceptance of the Rules and Regulations and Code of Ethics now or hereafter in force.
- e) will promote the aims of the Association and encourage new membership

8.2. Members have full Membership rights including the right to attend and to vote at the General Assembly. Amongst others, Members also have the right:

- a) to propose candidates eligible for election as Committee member
- b) to submit proposals to the Committee, including proposals for the amendment of the Statutes or of the Standing Orders;
- c) to apply for hosting a Section/World Sport or Working Championship;
- d) to use the Association as a source of information and as a platform of contact with other Members or Contract Partners;
- e) to use the BMA logo in compliance with these Statutes.

8.3. Members have the following Membership duties:

- a) to act in the interests of the Association to the best of their abilities and possibilities;
- b) to promote and support dogdom and dog welfare within the Members' scope of competence and to the extent that is possible;
- c) to comply fully with the FCI Governing Rules provided that they are not contrary to the domestic laws of the Member's country;
- d) to pay a Membership fee and any other fees due to the Association;
- e) comply with the BMA rules and code of conduct at all times;
- g) to recognize all of the FCI breeds (provisional or definitive);
- h) to respect the FCI breed standards and breed nomenclature;
- i) to exclude the persons who breed and/or sell dogs exclusively with economic purposes and/or who violate the code of breeding ethics
- j) to not offend the Association or any of its Members and Contract Partners maliciously, publicly and officially;

9. Committee

- 9.1 The Association shall be governed by the Committee, who shall be elected by postal Ballot, when necessary and who shall have power to take decisions on any matter whatsoever in any way affecting the Association.
- 9.2 The Officers of the Association shall consist of President, Vice president / Treasurer, Secretary, Decoy Officer, Competitor Officer and Judging Officer, who shall be considered to hold office permanently until resignation, removal or death.
- 9.3 The President, Vice president / Treasurer, Decoy Officer, Competitor Officer and Judging Officer shall form the Committee and discipline committee with power to partake in the proceedings and to register votes.
- 9.4 Any casual vacancy occurring amongst the Committee shall be filled /chosen by the Committee who shall appoint a person from any area to fill the vacancy.
- 9.5 The minimum term of office for a Committee member is four years
- 9.6 All candidates for membership for the Committee must have been a member of the association for a period of not less than two consecutive years and must be proposed and seconded by members. A postal ballot if necessary, will be taken annually to elect members.
- 9.7 The ballot papers shall be sent to each fully paid-up member of the Association and the votes be counted and the result certified by scrutineers appointed by the President.
- 9.8 Fourteen days' notice shall be given of the holding of any meetings of the Committee except in the case of an emergency.
- 9.9 Any member of the Committee who fails to attend meetings without satisfactory excuse for a period of 6 months shall forfeit their seat and shall be ineligible for re-election for 12 months.
- 9.10 The Committee shall have power to take a referendum of members by a postal ballot should they deem such a procedure desirable.
- 9.11 The Committee shall cause the Funds of the Association to be deposited with Bankers (or invest at suitable return) in the name of the Association into which all revenue of the Association shall be paid, and from which withdrawals shall only be made on the approval of two or more Officers, one of whom shall be the Treasurer.
- 9.12 The Committee shall cause account to be kept of the finances of the Association. The Books to be kept at the office of the organisation or at such other place as may from time to time be decided.

9.13 President

The President, shall when present, take the chair at all meetings of the Association, the Executive Committee and shall in addition to his/her vote as a member of the Association, have a casting vote.

9.14 Vice President and/or Treasurer

The Vice president shall on all occasions in the execution of their office act under the control and direction of the Executive Committee. They shall summon and attend meetings and take minutes of the proceedings and shall keep the documents and papers of the Association in such manner as the Executive Committee may from time to time decide.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies due to the Association and shall pay the debts of the Association as the Executive Committee may from time to time direct. They shall, whenever required to do so, render to the Executive Committee or a General Meeting of the Association, an account of the monies received and expended by him/her on behalf of the Association.

9.15 Decoy Officer

Current or held an FCI International decoy or extensive knowledge of decoy work nationally and internationally. Will be responsible for decoy selection in GB and a representative at FCI meetings when required.

9.16 Competitor Officer

Main point of contact for general queries, issues, information about the sport. Representative for competitors. Must be an active competitor or with experience in all 3 categories at competition level. Will be responsible for competitor selection in GB.

9.17 Judging Officer

FCI judge and representative for all judging related issues, queries, updates to rules and regulations. Must be an internationally recognised judge with experience in at least one FCI recognised sport. Ideally having competed with a dog to a high level in one of the sports.

10. General

- 10.1 The Membership Subscription (£17 for 2020/2021) for a fully paid-up member of the Association shall be defined at the AGM for the next calendar year, expiring on 31st December with a half year fee for new members joining from the 1st July, and this shall allow a member to Show at any Shows promoted by or in the name of the Association, and any of its Branches, and compete for all Prizes, Cups, Specials, etc., unless otherwise stated in the Schedule.
- 10.2 Junior Membership (free for 2020), children up to the age of 18 who will not have voting powers.
- 10.3 The Membership fee will be adjusted annually based on the Retail Price Index for October of the preceding year.
- 10.4 A member of the Association is not allowed to be a member of any other international Mondioring Associations.
- 10.5 In the event of a Member relocating / living in a different country then the Association will aid and assist that member in the transfer of licensing. If the new country does not have an Association, then the BMA will continue to act as the temporary representative and where appropriate allow them to continue competing.
- 10.6 A person can be a member of the British Mondioring Association if they are resident in the United Kingdom or hold Nationality. Residential status is as per UK government guidelines and can be found at www.gov.uk
- 10.7 The Annual Subscription is due on the 1st January and notification will be given on the association web site with the release of the updated membership form.
- 10.8 No member shall be allowed to vote or compete for any of the prizes of the Association or in any way whatsoever enjoy the privileges of membership until his current subscriptions and all other outstanding debts due by him to the Association shall have been paid to Headquarters.
- 10.9 The Association must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so, requested by the members of the Association or by the Kennel Club with due consideration to the data protection act.
- 10.10 The financial year shall commence January 1st and close December 31st. Members of the Committee shall be entitled to inspect the books and Accounts of the Association at any reasonable time.
- 10.11 The Accounts will be reviewed by an accountant appointed by the Committee.

- 10.12 The major rules of the Association may not be altered except at a General Meeting, and such alterations shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval of the alterations. Minor updates / clarification or spelling corrections excluded.
- 10.13 Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42j(4) and or disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j(8) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Association for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.
- 10.14 If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Association be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Association a General Meeting of the Committee shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her.
- 10.15 Notice of the General Meeting shall be sent to the accused Member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place date and hour of the Meeting that they may attend and offer an explanation. If at the Meeting, a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, their name shall forthwith be erased from the list of Members, and he/she shall thereupon cease or all purposes to be a Member of the Association except that he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of such Meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such condition as the Kennel Club may impose.
- 10.16 In the event of the expulsion of a member they are required to surrender their license to the Association (working or decoy license).
- 10.17 The minimum expulsion term is 12months. After this time, he/she will be free to re-apply for membership and re-instate their existing license.
- 10.18 Any member of the Association being in arrears with their subscription or with any monies or prizes payable or to be delivered to the Association for three months may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be announced in the publication of the Association as a defaulter and shall either without or in addition to such publication be liable to be expelled from the Association at any time after such default without prejudice to their liability for all monies payable to the Association by them. Provided however that such member shall be given at their last known address, 14 days' notice in writing of the intention of the Committee to deal with them under this article.
- 10.19 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at a place date and time to be decided by the Executive Committee, to receive accounts and return of new members of the Executive Committee.
- 10.20 The procedure to call a General Meeting shall require not less than 30% of the current membership's signatures placed before the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may choose to call a general meeting at any time
- 10.21 14 days' notice shall be given of any General Meeting.

- 10.22 15 members shall be a quorum at a General Meeting of the Association.
- 10.23 The Kennel Club shall be the final Court of Appeal in all matters in dispute between the Association and its members concerning the Association affairs and/or management, no matter in what manner arising.
- 10.24 In the event the Association being dissolved for any reason or otherwise ceasing to exist all Challenge Cups and Trophies and other property of the Association shall become vested in the Kennel Club to be applied by the governing body of that Club in their discretion, following in the case of Cups and Trophies the wishes of the Donors as far as reasonably possible.
- 10.25 Provided always that for the purposes of this rule any property belonging to any of the Clubs shall continue to belong to such Clubs notwithstanding the dissolution of the Association and in particular any funds belonging to a Club and deposited with Bankers in accordance with Rule 50 shall be managed by that Club and is the property of the Association.
- 10.26 No member of the Association, other than the persons duly authorised in this behalf, shall communicate in any way with the press as representing the Association, nor any of its Branches.
- 10.27 The Association shall not join any federation of Societies or Clubs without the approval of the Kennel Club.

11. Clubs

- 11.1 Any members can form a Mondioring training group /unofficial club.
- 11.2 It is not required for a Member of the BMA to be a member of a Mondioring club in order to practice the sport or compete in National or International competitions.
- 11.3 In order to be an official recognised Mondioring Club by the Association the club must have one or more of the following:
- a) A current Category 3 competing dog and handler resident to that club
 - b) A certified International decoy with an active license that is resident to the club.
 - c) A member of the club that is deemed to have sufficient experience of the sport and be in good standing with the committee. This will be approved in writing by the BMA committee.
- 11.4 Any Member of the Association shall be a member of the Club of their choice, and shall be entitled to receive notice of meetings, etc., and to partake in all the activities of the Branch.
- 11.5 A Member of the Association is only allowed to be a registered member of one Mondioring Club however they are free to visit and train at whatever clubs they wish.
- 11.6 Clubs shall abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Association and shall in all matters be subject to the ruling of the Executive Committee.
- 11.7 Each Club will maintain an up to date risk assessment covering all of their activities and update the Executive Committee as soon as possible after an accident occurs.
- 11.8 The Secretary and Treasurer of a Club shall be nominated and elected by the members at a Club AGM. Period of three years before seeking re-election. The Club Secretary and Treasurer are duly responsible to the Executive Committee of the Association and shall be subject to their approval.
- 11.9 Any Member, or Club Officer or Committee Member, found (after full investigation by the Executive Committee, where the member concerned has had an opportunity to represent him or herself), to be acting against the interests of the Club and/or Association, may be removed from their position by the Executive Committee (subject to a two-thirds majority of those present and voting), and may at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be prevented from holding future Office within the Association and its Clubs.
- 11.10 Clubs shall form their own Committees and generally conduct their own domestic affairs, but they must not pledge the credit of the Association in any way whatsoever, nor arrange Shows without the written consent of the Executive Committee. Notice must be provided to the EC (at least 28 days prior to) along with a risk assessment for any Branch event or competition.

- 11.11 Junior Members between the age of 14 and 18 inclusive, are permitted to serve on Club Committees without voting powers.
- 11.12 The Club Committee shall annually elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from among their number.
- 11.13 The Club Secretary must advise the General Secretary of any significant matters arising within the Club.
- 11.14 Each Club shall be entitled to send one member of the Committee to meetings of any Conference of Clubs and they represent the Club absolutely and record votes in accordance with their wishes and instructions.
- 11.15 An Agenda shall be sent to all Clubs 14 days in advance of a Delegates Conference so that the above may be carried into effect.
- 11.16 All Club Funds, however obtained, shall be deposited with Bankers in the name of the Club and the Association as defined by the Executive Committee and should the Club be dissolved (or any reason or otherwise cease to exist as a Club, all Cups, Trophies, Monies and other property of the Branch shall become the property of the Association absolutely.
- 11.17 The Club Committee shall cause account to be kept of the finances of the Club and such accounts together with all records and papers of the Club, shall be produced at any reasonable time for inspection by the Executive Committee or any duly authorised representative thereof. A copy of the previous year's balance sheet and corroborating bank statement must be provided to the Executive Committee before the 1st February each year. (Note: Financial years run from 1st January to 31st December) along with a copy of the up to date risk assessment.
- 11.18 The Executive Committee shall require at least two signatures on all Cheques drawn on Club Accounts, and these must not be members of the same family.
- 11.19 All Branch Secretaries must notify the General Secretary by giving 21 days' notice of their Club General Meeting, together with Agenda and must also provide after the said meeting a copy of their Club's Balance Sheet.
- 11.20 All breeds of dogs are accepted to train Mondioring however only those that meet the requirements to compete will be allowed to do so.

12. Championship Selection Criteria (FMBB & FCI World Championship)

- 12.1 Any competitor who wishes to compete in a Championship competition will present their scores no later than 14 days before the end of the registration closing date. The competitor is to present to the Competitor Officer the best three (3) scores from the current season. The scores can be from any official club, international or Championship competition. Once all of the competitors have submitted their points for consideration the player(s) with the best average will go forward and represent the United Kingdom.
- 12.2 The competitor is also required to be a member of the Belgium Shepherd Dog Association of GB in order to compete at FMBB Championships.
- 12.3 As the popularity in the sport grows and in the event of large numbers of competitors submitting scores for consideration, the Committee may consider and vote on the creation of a National Championship. In the event of the championships taking place, the points from this championship **must** count towards the players average and counts as one competition submission.
- 12.4 If in the event that average points are equal from competitors then the dog with the highest average biting points should be selected.
- 12.5 The number of competitors representing Great Britain per category is as follows*:
Category 1 – One competitor
Category 2 – One competitor
Category 3 – Four competitors (+ One reserve)
*subject to changes from the FMBB or FCI organisations.
- 12.6 The season runs October to October as per the international Mondioring norm.

13. Competition eligibility

- 13.1 In order to compete and represent Great Britain, the handler must have a score book issued by the Association. Any breed of dog is admitted. The dog must hold a pedigree issued by a canine society recognized by the International Cynological Federation (F.C.I.) and a copy held by the Association.
- 13.2 To begin competing, a dog must also be at least 12 months old. All dogs must have completed a recognized sociability test which in Great Britain is the Kennel Club Good Citizen Bronze Award or BH and a health record.
- 13.3 Before being able to compete in Level III, a dog must pass the following stages:
 - qualify in Level I by twice obtaining at least 160 points out of 200, and
 - qualify in Level II by twice obtaining at least 240 points out of 300.
- 13.4 If the handler wishes, he may remain in his level as long as he desires. Also, a handler is allowed to compete in Level II as often as he deems it useful as long as the competing dog has not achieved 300 points at level III.
- 13.5 Following the rules of the FCI, male dogs which participate in Mondioring trials must have two testicles that appear normal and completely descended into the scrotum. At some stage during the first competition the judge will check that the competing male is entire.
- 13.6 In order to compete with a male without testicles, the member is required to personally gain approval from the FCI making them eligible.
- 13.7 If a competitor competes at the FMBB or FCI Championships and places on the podium (1st, 2nd or 3rd place) then the competitor is obligated to proceed to the next level at the start of the new season.
- 13.8 If a competitor competes at a National Championship and places on the podium, they are not eligible to compete again in a National Championship at the same level.