



# CHIHUAHUA CLUB VICTORIA INC.

## BYLAWS

1. Annual Subscription and Joining fee.

The annual subscription and/or joining fee shall be determined in accordance with the Victorian Canine Association (VCA) Rules. Subscriptions and fees to be reviewed at annually at the General Meeting (GM) to address changes to levy's and fees imposed on the Chihuahua Club of Victoria Inc. by VCA.

2. Classification of Members.

The Chihuahua Club of Victoria Inc. Membership may consist of the following categories:

- a. Ordinary Membership.
- b. Duel Membership.
- c. Junior Membership – Any person(s) under the age of 16 years may be a Junior Member of the Club but shall cease to be so at the end of the financial year in which he/she attains their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- d. Honorary Membership – Any person may be nominated on an individual basis and to be determined by the Committee who may stipulate a time based on their services rendered towards the Club.
- e. Life Member – Any person may be nominated as a Life Member of the Club in recognition of services rendered to the club. Nominations must be ratified by the Committee. Life Membership has no stipulated time. A maximum of twelve active Life Members at any one time.

3. Chihuahua Club of Victoria Inc. Office Bearers and Committee.

The Chihuahua Club of Victoria Inc. Office Bearers and Committee shall consist of:

- a. President.
- b. Vice President x 3.
- c. Secretary.
- d. Assistant Secretary.
- e. Treasurer.
- f. Public Officer.
- g. Committee Members (maximum of 10).

Stand for Office Bearer, person(s) must be a financial member for a period of 12 months from date of joining.

Stand for Committee Member, person(s) must be a financial member for a period of three (3) months from date of joining.

4. The Quorums

The quorum required to conduct meetings shall be for:

- a. Committee Meeting – five (5) members present.

- b. General Meeting – five (5) members present.
- c. Annual General Meeting – five (5) members present.

5. Chihuahua Club of Victoria Inc. Meetings

All Chihuahua Club of Victoria Inc. meetings are conducted by the Club Secretary and or delegate on behalf of the President, Office Bearers, Committee and all Members.

6. The Granting of Prizes

The granting of prizes at Shows and Exhibitions shall be in accordance with VCA Rules with other prizes and ribbons accepted when donated.

7. Granting of Australian Champion Title Plaques

Champion Title Plaques will be awarded to financial members as follows:

- a. The members First Chihuahua to be awarded the title of Australian Champion,
- b. All Chihuahuas to be awarded the title of Australian Grand Champion, and
- c. All Chihuahuas to be awarded the title of Australian Supreme Champion.

To be awarded a Title Plaque, members have 12 months to provide the Club Secretary with the copy of the Title Certificate provided by Dogs Victoria. Submissions after the 12month period must to be addressed and approved the Chihuahua Club of Victoria Inc. Committee.

8. Chihuahua of the Year

The Chihuahua of the Year competition will be conducted annually between January and December. The competition shall be conducted over Ten (10) shows consisting of:

- a. Seven (7) Championship Shows selected by the committee.
- b. Two (2) Chihuahua Club Championship Shows.
- c. The Royal Melbourne Show.

Points will be awarded to determine Chihuahua of the year for the:

- a. Long Coat,
- b. Long Coat Puppy,
- c. Smooth Coat,
- d. Smooth Coat Puppy,
- e. Neuter Long Coat, and
- f. Neuter Smooth Coat.

Points will be awarded at each show as follows:

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| a. Class Win               | 1 point  |
| b. Class of Breed          | 2 points |
| c. Reserve Challenge       | 3 points |
| d. Challenge               | 4 points |
| e. Runner Up Best of Breed | 5 points |
| f. Best of Breed           | 6 points |

Points are non-accumulative at any one show, only the highest points are counted at each show.

To be awarded points:

- a. Dogs must be registered and/or co-registered in a Victorian resident's name.
- b. The resident and co-owner(s) must be a current financial member of the Chihuahua Club of Victoria.

Interstate exhibitors participating in Chihuahua of the Year nominated shows will be illegible and shall not be awarded any points.

Chihuahua of the Year presentation shall be conducted at the Chihuahua Club of Victoria Inc. annual March Championship Show.

The Committee reserves the right to nominate another show if a cancellation occurs with any of the nominated point score shows for that year.

9. Chihuahua Club of Victoria Inc. Newsletter Publication

The Chihuahua Club of Victoria Inc. Newsletter, Chihuahua Chatter, shall be published and distributed to all members four (4) times each calendar year. The Newsletter editor is responsible to Club President to ensure the Newsletter is distributed each March, June, September and December.

These BYLAWS supersede all previous issued Chihuahua Club of Victoria Inc. BYLAWS.

BYLAWS ratified at the Special General Meeting Held at KCC Park, in the Classic Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

President: Mrs Karen McCabe

Secretary: Mrs Cathy Stirling

