

## **AMCA AFFILIATE CLUB POLICIES [July 2012]**

### **Section 1. Eligibility**

- a. Affiliate membership shall be open to those local Malamute clubs whose purposes and practices are consistent with the best interests of the breed and with the Constitution of the Alaskan Malamute Club of America (AMCA).
- b. A local Malamute club must demonstrate at least two (2) years of activity preceding its application for affiliation.
- c. The membership of any affiliate club shall include two (2) members in good standing with AMCA.

### **Section 2. Application for Membership**

- a. Application for affiliation shall be made on the official application form, which shall be supplied upon request, accompanied by two (2) copies of the applicant club's constitution and by-laws, membership list (including addresses and indicating officers and members in good standing with the AMCA), insurance policy, application fee, and annual dues, all of which shall be sent to the AMCA Vice President. The application fee and annual dues shall be determined by the AMCA Board of Directors.
- b. An applicant club must be able to substantiate that the appropriate interests of its members cannot be fully satisfied by an existing affiliate club. Therefore, each applicant must indicate on its application both the geographic area that it serves and the area of Malamute interest (e.g., show, sledding, obedience, weight pull, or a combination thereof) that it provides.
- c. The Vice President shall forward all applications with recommendation to the Corresponding Secretary of the AMCA for acceptance or rejection. Applications under consideration shall be publicized and voted upon as with individual applicants. Each applicant club shall be notified in writing by the Corresponding Secretary of its acceptance or rejection.
- d. In the event that a local club's application for membership is rejected, only the annual dues shall be returned.

### **Section 3. Requirements for Membership**

- a. Any amendments to the constitution or by-laws of the affiliate club shall be filed with AMCA.
- b. A current affiliate club membership list, (including addresses and indication of AMCA membership) and the names of officers and members of the Board of Directors shall be filed with the Corresponding Secretary each dues renewal.
- c. No individual non-AMCA member of an affiliate club shall be permitted to declare his/her affiliation with the AMCA. Such declaration of affiliation shall be a privilege reserved to the affiliate club itself.

### **Section 4. Nature of Affiliation and Termination of Same**

- a. An affiliate club shall have no AMCA vote. Each affiliate club shall remain an autonomous club and govern itself without AMCA interference. Any changes in the affiliate club's constitution and by-laws, however, must be filed with the Affiliated Clubs Chairperson.
- b. Any affiliate club may unilaterally terminate affiliation upon written notification to the AMCA Corresponding Secretary. Any affiliate club whose dues remain unpaid at the end of the normal grace period shall automatically have their affiliation terminated.
- c. Affiliation may be terminated by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the AMCA Board of Directors when it has been determined to the Board's satisfaction that the affiliate's purpose and/or practices are no longer consistent with the purpose and Constitution of the AMCA or with the policies covering club affiliation. Such charges and their adjudication shall be handled under the same procedures as apply to individual members. The threat of such termination shall not be construed as "interference" with an affiliate's autonomy.

### **Section 5. Sanctioned Specialty Shows**

- a. An affiliate club shall be entitled to hold local specialty shows, deriving American Kennel Club (AKC) sanction in the name of and under the authority of AMCA at the sole discretion of the AMCA Board of Directors or its' designee. AMCA will donate a Best of Breed plaque.
- b. The affiliate club shall assume all financial and legal liability for the event.
- c. The affiliate club membership shall not choose a judge who has been selected to judge an AMCA Area Specialty within 500 miles of the affiliate club's show site or an AMCA National Specialty within twelve (12) months of the affiliate sponsored show.
- d. The affiliate club is responsible for all fees required by AKC to hold an event. The affiliate club will include a check for the appropriate amount when it sends the Event Application to the AMCA Vice-President to be approved and forwarded to AKC.
- e. The affiliate club will provide AMCA with a rebate in the amount of \$1 per entry.
- f. The affiliate club shall reimburse AMCA for any expenses incurred, including any fines levied by AKC, in the execution of a specialty show hosted by an affiliate club.
- g. AMCA may suspend the privilege of any affiliate clubs to hold specialties when the actions of any affiliate club impair or denigrate the good standing of AMCA with AKC.

### **Section 7. Other AMCA Sanctioned Events**

- a. Applications for all AMCA Sanctioned Events shall be made on the official forms, available from the VP.
- b. The hosting affiliate club shall be permitted to use the AMCA emblem at AMCA-sanctioned events only.
- c. In order to qualify for AMCA sanction and certification, all weight pulls must have AMCA Board approved rules. Any weight pulls held as part of an affiliate club hosted event must be so approved.

### **Section 8. Retroactivity**

- a. Any changes made in the Affiliate Club Policies must be adhered to by the affiliate club in order to continue membership as an AMCA affiliate club.
- b. Affiliate clubs shall be notified when any changes are considered in the Policies, and their input shall be considered by the AMCA Board.