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Your Club's Route to Membership of the GCCF

The club will have an inaugural meeting to establish their committee and rules and decide to be affiliated to the GCCF by becoming a member of the GCCF.

Membership of the GCCF has 2 stages:

1. Provisional Membership. This is granted by the Board.
2. Full membership after successful application to the Council via the Board. Clubs need to provide a minimum of 3 years accounts and membership returns to qualify.

Provisional Membership

So to be able to apply for Provisional Membership you must have the following:

1. Held an inaugural meeting of the Club
2. Set up a committee of minimum, Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer. Note GCCF correspondence goes to the secretary
3. Have at least a draft set of rules. Guidelines for these are available. Note the guidelines are not a model set of rules i.e. they are not a set of rules to use as such

To apply for Provisional Membership

1. Download the application form from the website and complete all sections, ensuring the form is signed by both officers listed.
2. Send the application and the fee (currently £30) to the GCCF office
3. then either email an electronic copy of the Club's Rules or include 21 hard copies of the Club rules in your application to the GCCF office

The Board will then consider the application.

1. The Board may make comment on the Club name. The names of the member clubs need to be different and reflect the club's intentions but also other factors may be considered
2. The Board will review the rules and reserve the right to comment and require changes prior to accepting the rules.
3. Please note if there are comments on the application and depending on the Board's workload and meeting schedule this process can take some time however the date of receipt of the completed application is normally the date of provisional membership and the date will be advised upon approval.
4. Once the Board is satisfied that the name and rules are suitable, the Club will be approved.

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5. A certificate of membership will be provided and the earliest date of application for Full Membership will be given.
6. Provisional Member Clubs can attend Council meetings as a visitor which means they do not have voting rights.
7. Note Provisional Member Clubs are bound by the GCCF byelaws and rules and the sanction system then in place.

The Club should then spend the remaining time until they can apply for full membership doing at least the following:

1. The Club must complete returns each year to the GCCF. Details of what is required in the return are given in the Byelaws. This demonstrates the Club's ability to operate in a proper manner.
2. The club should build up its membership as a club must have at least 50 members to be able to apply for Full Membership.
3. If the Club intends to run a show it should familiarise itself with showing and the requirements thereof and look for a qualified show manager

Full Membership

Once the Club has been in existence for 3 years and has completed 3 club returns to the GCCF and had these approved, and has over 50 members, the Club can apply for Full Membership as follows:

1. Complete the application form and pay the fee
2. Submit a copy of the Club's rules, if they have changed

The process is slightly different to Provisional Membership, and so quicker, as follows:

1. The Board will consider the application to see that all due processes have been completed properly by the Club.
2. If not they will advise the Club what is needed.
3. If the Board accepts the application it will be recommended to the Council for acceptance and should go forward to the next available Council agenda.
4. The Council will then decide whether to accept the application for Full Membership. The Council has absolute right in this respect.
5. If approved by Council a full membership certificate will be issued.
6. The Club then has the right to apply for a show license to run a GCCF show subject to the current rules and byelaws.
7. Subject to the criteria in the Byelaws in force at the time, the Club will have a right to a delegate to vote at Council from the next Council meeting.

Welcome to the GCCF!



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