

GDAC MEMBERSHIP POLICY

POLICY: Any person who subscribes to the mission statement and objectives of GDAC, is interested in the sport of dog agility, and has not had any discipline issues with GDAC or other animal organization is eligible to become a member.

PROCEDURE:

A. GDAC has three levels of membership:

1. **Basic Membership:** Basic membership shall be open to any person who is eligible for membership and has paid the current year's dues. Three categories of basic membership are available:
 - a. Individual: Open to persons eighteen (18) years of age or older.
 - b. Family: Open to all persons residing at the same address. Family membership is limited to two voting members per family and the voting members must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
 - c. Junior: Open to persons seventeen (17) years of age or less. Junior members may not vote or hold office.

➤ Basic membership includes:

- Use of Library
- Membership in Yahoo group
- Mentorship by experienced club members
- Camaraderie of other agility enthusiasts

➤ Basic Membership Fees:

- Individuals -\$40
- Family - \$50
- Junior - \$20

2. **Deluxe Membership:** Deluxe membership shall be open to any person who is eligible for membership, has paid the current year's dues, and has pledged to work a minimum number of 20 hours per year assisting the club with teaching, trials, seminars, and other necessary duties. An individual, family or junior membership, as described in the basic membership, is available to deluxe members.

➤ Deluxe members who have pledged but failed to fulfill the required number of hours during the previous year will not be considered for a deluxe membership the subsequent year. (See the Working Policy for further description).

➤ Exceptions may be made with Board approval if the work requirement cannot be met due to extenuating circumstances such as injury or illness, and will be handled on a case by case basis.

➤ In addition to the privileges of Basic Membership, Deluxe Membership also includes:

- Barn/Field Access
- Equipment Usage

- Open Practice Sessions
- Priority Admission to Club Sponsored Events
- Discounted entries to fun matches, seminars, and workshops

➤ Deluxe Membership Fees:

- Individuals -\$75
- Family - \$85
- Junior - \$35

3. **Non-Working Membership:** A non-working membership is available for those who do not want to commit to working a minimum of 20 hours per year. This membership offers the same privileges as the deluxe membership.

➤ Non-Working Membership Fees:

- Individuals -\$250
- Family - \$300
- Junior - \$150

- B. Membership dues are payable by January 31st of each year. After the 31st of January non-paying members will be considered in arrears. Members who join after the 1st of November will pay for the following year.
- C. Those applying for a new membership must fill out a membership application including a Gallatin County Fairgrounds Release. The application with payment will be submitted to the Membership Director for review.
- D. Current GDAC members who wish to renew their membership must fill out a membership renewal form including a Gallatin County Fairgrounds Release. The renewal form with payment will be submitted to the Membership Director for review.
- E. The Membership Director or any member of the club may bring any applications, renewals, or evidence to the board for discussion if there is any possibility of ineligibility.
1. Ineligibility may include, but is not limited to:
 - Suspension by any nationally recognized dog club
 - Animal abuse
 - Prior discipline issues with GDAC
 - Prior discipline issues with other animal organizations
 - Behaviors and attitudes that are not conducive to the mission, values, and philosophy of GDAC, or that hinder the progress and cohesiveness of GDAC and its members and the sport of dog agility.
 2. If the board cannot come to a unanimous decision on an applicant (new or renewal), the application will be brought to the full membership for a vote.