



INTERNATIONAL DOBERMANN CLUB

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The IDC (International Dobermann Club) is a voluntary association of Clubs for the Dobermann Breed with the aim of unifying the regulations pertaining to the breeding, the training and the ownership of this Breed. In addition, it fosters the exchange of views regarding the organisation of events and encourages closer contacts and the sharing of relevant information. IDC Member Countries undertake to recognise and implement in full the Breed Standard of the country of origin which is lodged with the FCI.
2. The IDC is domiciled at the Head Office of the DV (Dobermann Verein e.V.), Federal Republic of Germany.
3. All Clubs, representing the Dobermann Breed and affiliated to the relevant canine umbrella body of their own country, can and should join the IDC. The rules and regulations of the relevant umbrella body, which governs such Clubs, should not be infringed upon. Clubs, which are not yet affiliated to an FCI recognized umbrella body are encouraged to strive seriously for such affiliation.
4. Clubs, wishing to join the IDC after the founding members of this organization, can do so by submitting an application (in German) to the Head Office confirming their acceptance of this '*order of business*'. Their acceptance or otherwise is decided by verbal vote at the next Congress of delegates. The application is successful if a majority of $\frac{2}{3}$ or more vote in favour.
5. The IDC is guided by the Club of origin of the Breed, *The Dobermann Verein e.V.*, which nominates the President and as a rule also the Secretary. However, a delegate from a member country, can also be entrusted with the task of Secretary.
6. Meetings are advised by the Secretary on behalf of the President and are normally held in conjunction with the IDC Show Weekend but at least every two (2) years, or if demanded by $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Member Clubs. Such meetings are presided over by the President or by a representative (Vice-President) so charged and authorised by the President. The presidium consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Breed Warden, Working Trials Warden and Treasurer.
7. Proceedings are held in German, but with the exception of the application for membership, correspondence is also possible in English and French. Whenever possible, interpreters should be provided by the organizers for the IDC Congress.
8. Authorised delegates may be accompanied by an interpreter at the Congress.
9. Every Member Club has a right to submit proposals. Proposals are to be submitted in duplicate to the Secretary in one of the three (3) languages (German, English or French). Proposals can only be discussed at the Congress if they are placed on the Agenda. That means that they have to be submitted to the Head Office at least one (1) month prior to the Congress.
10. The minutes are prepared by the Secretary and have to be approved by the President or his representative prior to distribution to every Member Club.

11. At the Congress, two (2) representatives at the most, per Club are admissible, including the translator. Travel expenses and accommodation costs are to be met by the Member Club.
12. To cover the expenses of the IDC, an annual membership fee is levied. The fee is made up as follows: EUR 150.- (basic membership fee) + EUR 0.30.- (per Club member). The annual membership fee together with the submission of the number of Club members is due by 31st March of each year.
13. Every represented member country has two (2) votes. If a country is represented by more than one (1) Club, then the voting right is split. The IDC President has, in addition to his vote as representative of his country, a voting right in his capacity as President. All voting is decided by simple majority. If there is a tie in the vote, the President or his representative has a casting vote. At all times the open vote is valid. Credentials for representation are to be established by way of a voting card before the meeting.
14. The termination of the membership is possible at every year-end by observing a three (3) month notice period. Membership fees (in accordance with paragraph 12) are, however, due for the full year during which termination takes place.
15. A Member Club of the IDC can be dismissed from the organisation if guilty of serious misdemeanours which bring the IDC into disrepute or by gross transgressions of the IDC '*order of business*'. The elimination or resignation of an IDC Member Club from an FCI associated umbrella body or Kennel Club does not necessarily mean the loss of IDC Membership for such a Club. However, an FCI associated umbrella body or Kennel Club can apply to the IDC for the exclusion of a Club, provided that they can prove that the Club in question committed a serious breach with regard to Breed Regulations or FCI rules. In all such cases a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the IDC Congress shall decide. The same applies to countries which are not full FCI members but are only associated to the FCI.
16. The IDC can be dissolved if $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Member Clubs are in favour. Any liabilities arising from these previously mentioned decisions are to be met in accordance with paragraph 12. Any existing assets are to be treated likewise and to be returned.
17. For any alterations of and additions to the '*order of business*', a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority is required. All Member Clubs are obliged to observe majority decisions.

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