



Membership Benefits and Expectations Policy October 2024

The expectations and responsibilities of Capital Comets membership are best defined as “equal effort by all members for the maximum benefit to all members.”

Benefits of Full and Active Membership

1. Discounted prices on runs at Capital Comets Trials within the limits of the Club Financial Policy.
2. Guaranteed Capital Comets trial entry in the first 72 hours.
3. A highly subsidized weekly practice time in a trial location with high quality, safe equipment.
4. Subsidized seminars, clothing and social events.
5. Engaging and socializing with like-minded individuals to pursue dog sports and improve skills in a supportive environment.
6. Right to vote and help shape the future of the Club and its’ policies.

Expectations of Full and Active Members

1. Payment of annual membership fees by the stated deadline.
2. Adherence to the Capital Comets Code of Conduct for Members and their Dogs.
3. Full participation in Club Governance including:
 - i) Stand for nomination for a Board position and/or take on a Club role as outlined on the Club organizational chart found in the members’ area of the website along with job descriptions for each role. Members can indicate their areas of interest on the membership form each year and the Board can help members take a role at the GM and/or AGM. The club will provide mentorship, training and support for each role.
 - ii) Attend Club meetings. This includes attending the General Meeting held in October each year and attending the Annual General Meeting held in January each year.
4. Robust participation in running Club events including trials, fun trials and demonstrations. A member is expected to:
 - i) Volunteer a minimum of three times per day of attendance at Capital Comets trials and be available for either set-up, take-down or both.
 - ii) Assist with the annual equipment clean usually held in July. Assist with the annual unpacking (August) and repacking (September) of the Club’s equipment locker at the Saanich Fairgrounds.

iii) Mentor, guide and support new and existing members. The New Member Package is available on the members' section of the website. For the first year of membership, each new member will be assigned a club Point Person by the New Member Support Coordinator.

iv) Participation in Capital Comets Club demonstrations, practice nights and Club social events is optional but encouraged.

If a member fails to meet the expectations of full and active membership, notice will be provided by the Board in writing. The member will have an opportunity to respond to the Board.

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Capital Comets Dog Sports Club (2023), upon second notice by the Board, a member will be given six months to participate before a special resolution will be made to members accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons for the proposed expulsion. The member subject to proposed expulsion will be given an opportunity to be heard at a General Meeting before the special resolution is put to a vote of members.

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