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**THE COURSING CONSERVANCY**



**Rules  
of Conduct**

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## **GLOSSARY of TERMS**

Blanket	A brightly colored cloth worn by hounds for the purpose of identification.
Bye-Dog	The last dog drawn when an odd number of hounds are present in brace coursing. In trio coursing it shall be the fourth hound in a course.
Competing	Each entered hound taking to the field after the roll call on the day of the completed hunt shall be considered as competing.
Course	This consists of one, two, three or four hounds pursuing game. It is also the term used to refer those hounds chosen to run together.
Draw	The process used to determine the order and combination in which the hounds will run.
Gallery	Consists of those handlers and hounds not participating in the course.
Ghost Judging	A previously licensed Judge, judging all the preliminary and final courses of a hunt with a licensed judged. A Ghost Judge may enter hounds in the hunt, but shall not have a hound on lead during the entire assignment.
Go-Bye	A hound starting a clear length behind another hound and passing him in a straight run to get a clear length ahead.
Hunt	A get-together of owners, handlers and hounds for the purpose of evaluating performance of the hounds on live game on its own ground.
Hunters	Those handlers walking ahead of the Gallery prepared to slip their hounds at the call of "Tally-Ho".
Meet	Same as Hunt.
Non-Regular Stake	A stake for which no TCC Championship points are awarded.
Preliminary Course	Except in elimination coursing this term is used to describe the first complete series of courses. In the Preliminary Course, each hound is given a score by the Judge(s) to determine which hounds compete in the Winners Course.
Pre-slip	Where a hound is slipped before the call of "Tally-Ho" by the Huntmaster. Also, any hunter positioning their hound to an advantageous position relative to the other hunters prior to the "Tally-Ho."
Run-up	The first part of a course where the hounds are evaluated on their ability to catch up with the game.
Stake	A designation for a specific series of courses within a hunt. For instance a Mixed stake and Breed stake would be run during a Hunt.
Take	Where the quarry is captured or killed by the-pursuing hound or hounds.
Touch	When the pursuing hound our hounds purposefully contacts the game but it is not taken.
Turn	Where the game is forced 90 degrees or more from its original path by the pursuing hound or hounds.
Winners Course	Except in elimination coursing, the series of courses from which the Judge(s) selects the placing hounds.
Wrench	Where the game is turned from its original path by less than 90 degrees by the pursuing hound or hounds.

## **APPENDIX**

### Recognized Kennel Club Listing

American Kennel Club  
Canadian Kennel Club  
Mexican Kennel Club  
Any breed registry affiliated with the Federation  
Cynologie International (FCI)  
Any breed registry affiliated with the Union Cynologie  
International (UCI)  
United Kennel Club  
Rare Breed Kennel Club  
Society for the Preservation of Desert Breeds Registry.

Additions to this listing should be submitted to the Registrar for the approval of the Board of Directors.

## **Rules and Regulations**

### **Section 1. Eligibility and Registration of Hounds**

a. Those hounds recognized as gazehounds or sighthounds are eligible to compete in scheduled TCC hunts. The following breeds are eligible to compete as purebred hounds: Afghan Hound, Azawakh, Borzoi, Galgo Espanol (*July 2004*), Greyhound, Ibizan, Irish Wolfhound, Pharaoh Hound, Saluki, Scottish Deerhound, Sloughi, Tazi (*July 2004*), and Whippet.

b. Mixed breed hounds are eligible to compete if they are the get of one of the above purebred hounds.

c. All competing hounds must be registered with TCC. The following procedures have been approved for registering hounds:

1. All registration applications must be submitted to the Registrar accompanied by a registration fee of \$6.00 per hound.

2. Owners of purebred hounds must provide a copy of the individual registration papers from recognized kennel clubs. See appendix for listing of recognized kennel clubs. Additions to the listing can be made at any time with the approval of the Board of Directors.

3. Non-purebred sighthounds or sighthounds without registration may be registered with TCC as such and will be eligible to compete as defined elsewhere in the rules and regulations. A registration form must be submitted showing sire and dam and actual owner.

4. The registration copy submitted must show the actual owner. If ownership is transferred TCC must be notified of the change.

### **Section 2. Hunts (*July 2004*)**

The hunt may be advertised as a mixed hunt, all-breed mixed hunt, or breed hunt and may be split to offer a breed hunt if the following conditions are met.

1. At least 5 entries of one breed are present.

2. A full mixed stake would still be able to be offered (i.e., 9 or more entries).

3. All owners to be run separately would be agreeable to the division of the hunt.

### **Section 3. Regular Stakes**

There must be enough hounds in the field to fill the placements before it can be constituted a legal hunt. At the option of the TCC, any of these Regular Stakes may be run in trios or braces.

a. Open Scored Stake, Breed: Shall consist of entries of one recognized purebred sighthound breed, dogs and bitches.

b. Open Scored Stake, Mixed: Shall consist of entries of recognized purebred sighthound breeds, dogs and bitches.

c. Open Scored Stake, Mixed, All-Breed: Shall consist of entries of purebred and/or non-purebred sighthound breeds, dogs and bitches.

d. Open Elimination Stake, Breed: Shall consist of entries of the one recognized sighthound breed, dogs and bitches.

e. Open Elimination Stakes, Mixed: Shall consist of recognized purebred sighthound breeds, dogs and bitches.

f. Open Elimination Stake, Mixed, All-Breed: Shall consist of entries of purebred and/or non-purebred sighthound breeds, dogs and bitches.

### **Section 4. Non-Regular Stakes**

At the option of the TCC the following Non-Regular Stakes may be offered.

a. Puppy Stake, Breed: Shall consist of puppies of the recognized purebred sighthound breed, whose ages on the date of the hunt are six months but less than one year.

b. Puppy Stake, Mixed: Shall consist of recognized purebred sighthound puppies, whose ages on the date of the hunt are six months but less than one year.

c. Puppy Stake, Mixed All Breed: Shall consist of purebred and/or non-purebred sighthound puppies whose ages on the date of the hunt are six months but less than one year.

e. Veteran Stake, Breed: All sighthounds, except Irish Wolfhounds, which have attained the age of six years; Irish Wolfhounds, which have attained the age of three years.

### **Section 5. Non-Regular Classes**

At the option of the TCC, the following Non-Regular Classes may be offered as an extra class. All hounds entered in extra classes must also be entered in a Regular Stake.

a. Kennel Class: Each entry shall consist of two or more hounds owned and kenneled by the same person or persons.

b. Breeder Class: Each entry shall consist of two or more hounds where the breeder of record is the same person or persons.

c. Veteran Class: All sighthounds, except Irish Wolfhounds, which have attained the age of six years. Irish Wolfhounds which have attained the age of three years.

d. Champion Class: All sighthounds, which have received their CBC or CMC titles.

e. Show Champion Class: All sighthounds, which have received a conformation, show championship from any recognized kennel club.

f. Novice Class: All sighthounds who are competing in their first coursing season.

TCC Championship points shall be awarded in the Regular Stakes only.

### **Section 6. Eligibility to Compete**

a. Hounds entered in Open Stakes must have attained the age of one year.

b. No hound may be entered in more than one Regular Stake at a hunt.

c. An owner or agent entering hounds in coursing meet does so at their own risk.

d. The owner or agent agrees to abide by the rules and Code of Ethics of TCC.

e. Upon presentation of suitable proof before the draw, entry fees shall be refunded or substitutions may be made for one or more of the following reasons. The same person or an immediate family member must own all substitutions.

1. Bitches in season, which have come in season after the bitch was entered.

2. Hounds, which have become lame, sick, or deceased after having been entered.

3. If the Judge listed in the premium list is changed.

f. No hound owned by a Judge, an immediate family member of the Judge or kenneled at the Judge's residence may be entered in any stake where that Judge is officiating.

g. All hounds must be entered in a hunt under the name of the legal owner.

h. Bitches in season may not be entered in any Regular Stake.

i. All entry fees must be paid before the draw.

### **Section 7. Game**

Hounds shall be tested and judged on jackrabbits or any other game approved by TCC for the area in which the hunt is held.

### **Section 8. The Draw**

A random draw will be held to determine the order in which the hounds will run. The draw will not be secretive, but open to all interested parties. A roll call will be made before the draw; hounds of owners or owner's agents not present will be scratched.

a. Upon presentation of suitable proof before the draw, entry fees shall be refunded for reasons as stated in Section 6e.

b. All hounds entered in a given stake must be divided into braces and/or trios by the draw. Each brace and/or trio is called a course.

c. When running trios and one extra hound is present, the last two courses shall be run in braces. At the option of the Huntmaster and Judge(s), four hounds may be run in the last course.

d. Hounds in a course shall be designated by colors according to the order in which they are drawn. Coursing blanket colors are to be bright pink, bright yellow and bright blue. Hounds' owners or owner's agents shall be responsible for furnishing their own coursing blankets.

e. If there is a fourth hound in the course, it shall run without a blanket or another color to be determined by the Judge and Huntmaster.

f. The Board of Directors shall determine the order of the colors for the draw.

g. Where sufficient hounds are present, no owner may have their hounds competing against each other in preliminary courses of scored stakes. In elimination stakes, no owner may have their hounds competing against each other in the first two go-rounds when sufficient hounds are present. In the event co-owned hounds are entered, this section shall not apply to co-owned hounds of a different residence. If a stake is offered where each hound competes in two separate courses, no owner may have their hounds competing against each other in either course.

h. Persons who are acting as agents for other owners must enter such hounds under the owners' names and such hounds will be placed in the preliminary courses as separate from any hounds that the agent might enter. The hounds of the agent may be drawn to run against the hounds of those persons for whom they are acting as agent.

i. Where the hounds are divided into braces for elimination coursing and one extra hound is present, the last hound drawn shall be called a bye-dog and shall run by itself or with any unentered or eliminated hound of the owner's choosing, and shall compete in the next go-round. No hound shall run more than once as a bye-dog in any stake.

j. In scored braces, no dog may be run in a trio, but shall run in a brace with an extra hound.

k. Where hounds from the same handler are drawn for the same course, the handler may arrange for another person to slip the second and/or third hound.

l. The order of running in the finals will be determined by a random draw or shall be seeded in the following manner. The hounds shall be placed into trios according to their scores in the preliminary courses in descending order from highest to lowest score. Those hounds with the highest score shall run in the first course. In the event that the finals are not completed, the scores may be used to determine placements if the highest scoring six (6) hounds have competed. If this has not occurred, the preliminary scores will be used to determine the final placements.

## **Section 9. Officials and Their Duties**

Any official or entrant may not consume alcohol during the running of the hunt. The Huntmaster and/or the Field Committee will have authority to excuse them from the field. Any person observed free coursing without permission of the Huntmaster will pay a fine of \$50.00 to TCC. Persons able to determine such offenses are the Huntmaster or any official of a hunt. Offenders have the right to appeal to the TCC Board. Future entries from persons owing fines will not be accepted for competition.

### **Hunt Secretary**

Duties: The Superintendent or Hunt Secretary will be responsible for conducting their assigned hunt including processing the necessary paperwork, collecting all monies before the draw, ensuring ribbons are present at the appropriate hunts, arranging for Judges and Huntmaster and providing suitable fields. The Hunt Secretary will also be responsible for determining the time of Official Sunset.

The Hunt Secretary will submit the results of the hunt to the Registrar within 48 hours via telephone, fax or e-mail. The Hunt Secretary will then follow-up these results with all forms, properly prepared, to the Registrar within 10 days.

### **Huntmaster**

a. The Huntmaster will be in complete charge of all hounds, handlers and spectators in the field.

b. The Huntmaster may call for a Field Committee decision to dismiss any person from the field for unsportsmanlike behavior.

1. If the owner or handler of a hound entered in the hunt is dismissed, the hound may continue in the hunt if a suitable handler is obtained.

2. If the Field Committee decision is to dismiss the individual, the Field Committee may also recommend a fine (not to exceed \$50.00) to be levied with the approval of the Board of Directors.

3. Any individual who is dismissed from the field shall leave the field immediately when notified by the Huntmaster. If the individual fails to leave the field as directed, the Huntmaster shall immediately suspend the individual. TCC will withhold all championship points earned by the individual's dogs for that year, and will bar that entrant from entering any further hunts until the Field Committee dismissal and suspension is reviewed by the Board of Directors.

4. The Huntmaster shall notify the Hunt Secretary of the dismissal and/or suspension, including the reason for the dismissal and/or suspension, and the amount of the fine recommended by the Committee.

5. The Board of Directors shall review each dismissal and/or suspension action taken under this section within 30 days of the hunt. The Board may levy the fine recommended by the Field Committee, may levy a fine of a different amount not to exceed \$50.00, or may waive the fine in its entirety. If the individual was suspended, the Board shall determine which TCC privileges, i.e., entry in TCC hunts, registration of dogs, etc., to suspend, for what period of time the suspension shall be in effect, and what action is required by the individual in order to lift the imposed suspension.

c. The Huntmaster will give the signal "Tally Ho" to start each course and the signal "Call in your hounds" to end each course.

d. The Huntmaster may declare a no-course if a loose hound, which was not slipped in a course, interferes with the course.

e. The Huntmaster will levy a fine of \$5.00 against the owner of any loose hound who interferes with the stake. Determinations of such interference shall be the responsibility of the Huntmaster and/or Judge(s) with the opinion of the Judge(s) being final.

f. The Huntmaster will levy a fine of \$2.50 for each five minutes over fifteen minutes against any owner whose hound delays a course.

g. The Huntmaster will make a note on the Field Record Sheet of all fines levied.

h. In elimination stakes, the Huntmaster will keep the Field Record Sheet.

i. The Huntmaster shall notify the Judge(s) of all pre-slips. The Huntmaster will have final authority to determine if the handler was running to gain advantageous position or was moving in order to sight the hound.

j. On any pre-slip called, the Huntmaster shall inform the handler and Judge(s) immediately after the completion of the course.

k. In the event the stake encounters a hazard, which, in the opinion of the Huntmaster, constitutes a potential danger to the hounds, the Huntmaster shall order a "Time Out" until the danger is passed.

1. Permission to handle two hounds at a time on the line, whether both are to be slipped or not, shall be required from the Huntmaster.

m. The Huntmaster may excuse a course from the line and allow it to be called back to the line to run later if:

1. The hounds have been on the line an extended period of time.

2. The weather conditions are so severe as to endanger the hounds' health should they continue on the line or be released on Tally-Ho.

n. At a TCC hunt, the Huntmaster shall receive one free entry.

o. Provisional Huntmasters may be used for hunts provided no qualified Huntmaster is available. The Hunt Secretary will assign the Huntmaster for the day.

p. When a hound is disqualified in the field, the Huntmaster shall notify the handler of the action taken and, if unable to do so, shall note this on the Field Record Sheet.

q. Hounds may be excused by the Judge(s) or Huntmaster from further competition and may be excused from the field for the following reasons:

1. Diseased or lame hounds

2. Hounds playfully interfering with the course of another hound

3. Hounds needing or receiving medical attention

r. Hounds may be disqualified by the Judge(s) and/or Huntmaster for:

1. Fighting (the aggressor in fighting in the field)

2. Aggressive interference in a course

### 3. Attacking another hound or person

If, while coursing, one hound interferes with another hound to the point of being disqualified, the course may be called a no-course and the remaining hounds in the course may be rerun. The decision on this point shall be left to the Judge(s).

q. The Huntmaster or Judge shall excuse bitches in season or bitches with a discharge characteristic of being in season, from the field.

r. The Huntmaster and/or the Judge(s) are the only ones who may call a pre-slip, with the Huntmaster having the final authority to determine a pre-slip. In elimination courses, the Judge(s) will take the pre-slips into account when selecting a winner.

s. In any course where a hound is not slipped, the Judge and/or Huntmaster shall determine whether the hound will continue to compete.

### Field Clerk

Except in elimination braces, where the office of Field Clerk is eliminated, the duties shall consist of the following:

a. The Field Clerk will assist the Huntmaster in calling up the hounds to hunt.

b. The Field Clerk will keep the Field Record Sheet.

c. The Field Clerk will assist the Judge(s) in adding scores and it will be the Field Clerks responsibility to see that no errors of addition occur.

d. The Field Clerk must call a roll of the hounds in the field before the commencement of the first course.

e. The Field Clerk and the Huntmaster are the only persons in the field that will be allowed to communicate with the Judge during the hunt.

f. The Field Clerk shall call an end of the hunt at sunset.

g. The Field Clerk shall be responsible for carrying a rulebook in the field during the running of the hunt.

h. In no case shall a hound be required to run within 20 minutes of the end of the last course in which it participated. The person in charge of the Field Record Sheets shall be responsible for seeing that this much time for recovery is allowed.

i. Scores for Preliminary runs will not be given to the Field Clerk until the Preliminaries are over.

### Field Committee

a. The Field Committee shall consist of three people knowledgeable of the rules.

b. They shall handle all disputes arising in the field.

c. The names of the individuals of the Field Committee shall be announced at the time of the roll call in the field.

d. Any member the Field Committee who is involved in a situation or dispute requiring a vote or decision by the Field Committee, or who owns a hound that will be directly affected by a vote or decision of the Field Committee, shall remove himself from the Committee and a substitute shall be appointed by the Huntmaster. An appointee of the Huntmaster shall substitute for any Field Committee member who leaves the field before the end of the hunt.

e. A hunt may be finished on Preliminaries (and TCC points awarded) if: (1) the Judge(s) agree and: (2) the majority of the Field Committee agree. No more than one course may be scratched for the purpose of finishing a hunt.

f. The decision of the Field Committee shall be final, conclusive and binding on all parties in all matters arising at a hunt, subject to the rules of TCC.

### Judges

Field Committee paragraph g. also applies to Judges.

a. At the option of the TCC, there may be one or two Judges per stake.

b. All Judges must be listed in the current TCC approved list of Judges.

c. The Judge shall determine the placement of the hounds.

d. In elimination braces, the Judge shall announce the winner of each course before the next course begins.

e. In scored trios the Judge may announce the winner of each preliminary course by waving the jacket color of the winner.

f. A Judge shall not converse with another Judge or anyone else in the field, during the running or the scoring of the hounds.

g. A Judge may discuss scores with the apprentice once they are written down.

h. The Judge shall notify the Huntmaster upon completion of scoring the course.

i. Judges are to be paid a minimum of \$50.00 for each assignment regardless of the amount of the entries.

j. The Huntmaster will levy a fine of \$5.00 against the owner of any loose hound who interferes with the stake. Determinations of such interference shall be the responsibility of the Huntmaster and/or Judge(s) with the opinion of the Judge(s) being final.

k. A hunt may be finished on preliminaries (and TCC points awarded) if: (1) the Judge(s) agree and; (2) the majority of the Field Committee agree. No more than one course may be scratched for the purpose of finishing a hunt.

l. A Judge alone can call a hunt only when conditions preclude any further judging on that day.

m. After two no-courses are called for the same trio or brace, the hounds may be excused from further competition, this being the responsibility of the Judge(s).

n. Hounds may be excused by the Judge(s) or Huntmaster from further competition and may be excused from the field for the following reasons:

1. Diseased or lame hounds

2. Hounds playfully interfering with the course of another hound

3. Hounds needing or receiving medical attention

o. The Judge(s) and/or Huntmaster for may disqualify hounds:

1. Fighting (the aggressor in fighting in the field)

2. Aggressive interference in a course

3. Attacking another hound or person

If, while coursing, one hound interferes with another hound to the point of being disqualified, the course may be called a no-course and the remaining hounds in the course may be rerun. The decision on this point shall be left to the Judge(s).

p. The Huntmaster or Judge shall excuse bitches in season or bitches with a discharge characteristic of being in season, from the field.

q. A Judge may appoint a provisional Huntmaster.

r. No Judge shall handle a hound in a field where he is officiating.

s. No Judge shall judge a stake which contains hounds kenneled at that Judge's residence.

t. In any course where a hound is not slipped, the Judge and/or Huntmaster shall determine whether the hound will continue to compete.

## **Section 10. Field Procedures**

a. The Field Clerk must call a roll of the hounds before the commencement of the first course. Absent hounds shall be scratched. Non-entered hounds may be allowed on the field with the approval of the Huntmaster.

b. The gallery shall walk slowly abreast through the fields to help raise the quarry, keeping a proper distance from the hunters and a straight line where possible. Hounds in the gallery must be kept on lead at all times.

c. Permission to handle two hounds at a time on the line, whether both are to be slipped or not, shall be required from the Huntmaster.

d. All hounds and handlers entering the field on the day of the hunt shall remain in the gallery until all courses are completed, unless permission to excuse the hound or handler from the gallery has been granted by the Huntmaster.

e. Any hound removed from the gallery that was not excused by the Huntmaster as lame or otherwise unfit to compete, and so recorded in the records, shall forfeit its placing in that hunt. If a hound is required for further judging, it must be in the gallery at the time it is called up or its win shall be forfeited. Any hound

excused by the Huntmaster as lame or otherwise unfit to compete shall not forfeit a placement based on courses already judged.

f. A fine of \$5.00 will be levied against the owner of any hound who interferes with the stake. If the same hound escapes a second time, this hound will be dismissed from the field. Unentered dogs escaping and interfering with a course may be fined and/or removed from the field. For subsequent occurrences by hounds handled by the same owner, TCC shall impose a \$10.00 fine per occurrence in addition to the \$5.00 fine charged in the field. All fines must be paid to the Registrar within 30 days. If said fine is not paid within the 30-day period, the Registrar will notify the Superintendent and Board that said owner is no longer eligible to compete in TCC events until all such fines have been paid in full. All field fines collected by the Registrar will be forwarded to the TCC Treasurer.

g. Hounds in a no-course may be excused by the Huntmaster to rest until called up again after all other courses have been run, but must rerun before the next go-round. After two no-courses are called for the same trio or brace, the hounds may be excused from further competition, this being the responsibility of the Judge(s). In no case shall a hound be required to run within 20 minutes of the end of the last course in which it participated. The person in charge of the Field Record Sheets shall be responsible for seeing that this much time for recovery is allowed.

h. Hounds may be excused by the Judge(s) or Huntmaster from further competition and may be excused from the field for the following reasons:

1. Diseased or lame hounds
2. Hounds playfully interfering with the course of another hound
3. Hounds needing or receiving medical attention

i. The Judge(s) and/or Huntmaster may disqualify hounds:

1. Fighting (the aggressor in fighting in the field)
2. Aggressive interference in a course
3. Attacking another hound or person

If, while coursing, one hound interferes with another hound to the point of being disqualified, the course may be called a no-course and the remaining hounds in the course may be rerun. The decision on this point shall be left to the Judge(s)

The Official that excused or disqualified the hound shall note the hound's name and registration number and the reason for the action taken on the back of the Field Record Sheet. The Huntmaster shall notify the handler of the action taken and, if unable to do so, shall note this on the Field Record Sheet. If the handler was not notified in the field, the Registrar shall notify the owner of record upon receipt of the hunt packet.

j. If any hound has been disqualified two times, that hound shall be immediately suspended from all coursing meets. The suspension shall remain in effect until the review of the case by the TCC Board, which shall rule if the hound shall be permanently disqualified. The review by the Board shall take place within 15 days. Any hound which competes in a hunt while suspended or disqualified shall lose any points and placements awarded in the hunt. The points and placements shall be awarded to the next highest scoring hound(s) in the hunt.

k. The decision of the Field Committee shall be final, conclusive and binding on all parties in all matters arising at a hunt, subject to the rules of TCC.

l. Hunts that do not finish on the day scheduled will not be rerun.

m. If a dog does not return after the running of a course, the following procedures apply:

1. The handler may request to be excused from the hunt so that he can search for the missing dog.
2. If after searching diligently for the missing dog and not finding it, the handler may return to the gallery and request that the Huntmaster stop the hunt to acquire assistance in his search for the dog.
3. If two-thirds (2/3) of the entrants in the field agree, the hunt may be stopped for a maximum of two hours while available persons assist in the search. The hunt will resume no later than two hours after it is stopped at a place designated by the Huntmaster.

n. The Huntmaster or Judge shall excuse bitches in season or bitches with a discharge characteristic of being in season, from the field.

o. Any course may be called a no-course by the Judge(s).

p. In the event of two consecutive no-courses by the same trio or brace, the Judge(s) may judge the hounds on the basis of both courses.

q. A Slip Steward may be used instead of a Huntmaster. The Slipper will be named in the hunt announcement. Duties of the Slipper are:

1. To make sure the right hounds are in the courses, and that they are wearing the right colors.
2. To release the hounds when sighted. The owners of the hounds may walk with the Slipper.

### **Section 11. Judging Procedures**

Except in elimination stakes, Judges will score the hounds according to the following point schedule:

	Max. Points
Desire	10
Speed	25
Agility	25
Endurance	25
Touch/ Take	15
TOTAL	100
Pre-Slip Penalty	-1 to -10 (Dependent upon advantage gained)

Except in elimination stakes, Judges may fill out score sheets completely for each course. Only the total score on the bottom of the Judges' score sheets will go on the Field Record Sheet.

There will be no score in elimination stakes; however, Judges will be guided by the point schedule to determine a winner.

a. When a hound is pre-slipped, the Judge(s) shall determine the number of points to be deducted from that hound's score, depending upon how much advantage the hound gained from the pre-slip. 1 to 10 points may be deducted by each Judge from the total score of the hound.

b. The Huntmaster and/or the Judge(s) are the only ones who may call a pre-slip, with the Huntmaster having the final authority to determine a pre-slip. In elimination courses, the Judge(s) will take the pre-slips into account when selecting a winner.

c. Any course may be called a no-course by the Judge(s).

d. In the event of two consecutive no-courses by the same trio or brace, the Judge(s) may judge the hounds on the basis of both courses.

e. The Judge(s) may change his scores until the scores at the end of the Preliminaries are tallied.

f. Scores for Preliminary runs will not be given to the Field Clerk until the Preliminaries are over.

g. In the event a hunt does not finish, or finished on preliminary scores only, kill credits will be given for all courses judged.

h. If a hound is slipped and is unsighted, the Judge may have the option of running the hound in another course.

### **Section 12. Placements and Awards**

a. The Judges shall select from each Preliminary Course at least one hound to run in the Winners Course of that stake as follows:

1. Winners of all Preliminary Courses shall compete in the Winners Course.
2. At the discretion of the Judge(s), other hounds may compete in the Winners Course.
3. Either Judge's selection for winner of all Preliminary Courses shall compete in the Winners Course in cases involving two Judges.

b. In Regular Open Elimination Braces, all winners will continue to compete in successive go-rounds until only one hound is left undefeated.

c. From each Regular scored stake run in a meet, the Judge(s) shall select a hound for first, second, third, fourth, and fifth places. These placements shall be awarded to the top five scoring hounds in the stake. Scores used in determining placements shall be the total of scores earned in both the Preliminary Courses and the Winners Course. In elimination stakes, where no scores are earned, placements will be awarded in the following manner:

1. First will be awarded to the winner of the last course.

2. Second will be awarded to the loser of the last course.
  3. Third and fourth will be determined by a runoff between the last two hounds eliminated by the first and second place hounds.
  4. Fifth will be awarded to the last hound eliminated by the first-place hound not named in parts 2 or 3.
- d. Ribbons will be awarded to stake winners 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place. Tokens may also be offered.
  - e. Tie scores shall be governed by the following rules:
    1. Points shall be split between the tying hounds.
    2. Ribbon awards shall be determined by the toss of a coin.
    3. When a hunt trophy is to be awarded, stake winners or tying hounds may compete in a runoff course for the award. The runoff is to be conducted under TCC rules.
  - f. Judges responsible for scores shall check the addition of preliminary and final scores before signing the Field Record Sheet. Any score that is entered in the Field Record Sheet shall stand as official after the Judge has checked and signed the sheet.
  - g. The Judge's decision as to the placements will be final.
  - h. If listed in the hunt announcement, the Hunt Secretary has the option of replacing the Winners Course with a Final Course consisting of all hounds entered in the Preliminaries. The draw for both sets of courses will be done prior to entering the field.

### **Section 13. Optional Rules for Brace Elimination**

- a. Brace elimination stakes may be run in breed or mixed stakes.
- b. The maximum number of hounds in a stake will be eight.
- c. Only first and second placements will be awarded in each stake. Points given will be: First place = 4 times the number of hounds competing; second place = 3 times the number of hounds competing; making only 56 points awarded.
- d. Only one Judge is necessary for all stakes.
- e. A Slip Steward will be used instead of a Huntmaster. The Slipper will be named in the hunt announcement. Duties of the Slipper are:
  1. To make sure the right hounds are in the courses, and that they are wearing the right colors.
  2. To release both hounds when sighted. The owners of the hounds may walk with the Slipper.
- f. Stakes will be divided by random draw on the morning of the hunt.
- g. If possible, hounds of the same owner will not run against each other in the first go-round.
- h. When there is an odd number of entries, a natural bye shall be given to the last hound drawn in the first go-round, and to the first hound in the second go-round.
- i. The bye-dog shall run by itself or with any unentered or eliminated hound of the owner's choosing.
- j. The Judge must watch this run to decide if enough has been done to constitute a course, or if it must be rerun.
- k. All winners will continue to compete in successive go-rounds until only one hound is left undefeated.
  1. If, during the running of courses, hounds which appear to be winning, or, in the opinion of the Judge, are capable of winning, encounter a fence or other obstacle which they cannot overcome, the hound will compete in the next go-round only if there is a bye-dog present.
- m. Points of the course shall be as follows: Speed 1, 2, or 3 points, according to the degree of superiority shown; go-bye - 2 points or, if gained on the outside turn, 3 points; turn - 1 point; wrench - 1/2 point; touch - 1 point; take - no value to 2 points.

### **Section 14. Coursing Titles**

Championship points shall be awarded to hounds placing in Regular Stakes according to the following schedule:

1. First Place: Four times the number of hounds, which are slipped in the preliminary courses, with a maximum of 40 points.

2. Second Place: Three times the number of hounds, which are slipped in the preliminary courses, with a maximum of 30 points.

3. Third Place: Two times the number of hounds, which are slipped in the preliminary courses, with a maximum of 20 points.

4. Fourth Place: Points equal to the number of hounds, which are slipped in the preliminary courses, with a maximum of 10 points.

5. Fifth Place: Points equal to half the number of hounds, which are slipped in the preliminary courses, with a maximum of 5 points.

a. A permanent title of Coursing Mixed Champion (CMC) shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound who has fulfilled the following Championship qualifications:

1. Received 100 Championship points in Mixed or All Breed Mixed Stakes.

2. Received First Place, or two Second Placements, in a Regular Stake

3. Received official credit for at least one unassisted take or two assisted takes in any Regular Stake.

b. A permanent Coursing Breed Champion (CBC) shall be assigned as a suffix to the registered name of any hound that has fulfilled the following qualifications:

1. Received 100 Championship points in Regular Breed Stakes

2. Received First Place, or two Second Placements, in a Regular Breed Stake.

3. Received official credit for at least one unassisted take or two assisted takes in Regular Stake.

c. Any hound earning a total of 500 Championship points shall receive a special TCC 500 Point Award. An additional award shall be given for each successive 500 Championship points (i.e., 1000 Point Plaque: 1500 Point Plaque, etc.).

d. Each year, TCC shall award a Good Sportsman Award. The Board of Directors shall determine this award.

e. Any hound, which has received championship points from NOFCA or NACA prior to July 1, 2000, shall have those points recognized by TCC.

An owner may request that up to 25 points awarded to their dog by the North American Coursing Association (NACA) be recognized towards a TCC championship title. If the points are Breed points, they may be recognized towards the requirements for a TCC Coursing Breed Champion (CBC). If the points are Mixed points, they may be recognized towards the requirements for a TCC Coursing Mixed Champion. The 25 points may consist of Breed and Mixed points and would be applied towards the applicable title. The points will be authenticated in writing from the NACA Recorder to the TCC Registrar and such recognition of points may occur one time only per dog. *(July 2004)*

An owner may request that one (1) kill credit, either AK or UK, awarded to their dog by the North American Coursing Association (NACA) be recognized towards the requirements of a TCC championship title. The kill credit will be authenticated in writing from the NACA Recorder to the TCC Registrar and such recognition of kill credit may occur one time only per dog. *(July 2004)*

## **Section 15. Huntmaster and Judge Requirements**

### **Huntmaster**

a. All Judges and Huntmasters must have a hunting license.

b. To become a Huntmaster one should be a participant in at least eight hunts and have had one year of experience in organized open field coursing events.

c. A Huntmaster should apprentice at two hunts and call the rabbits at one. This may be done during the eight hunts.

d. The Judging Committee will make certification at the end of the first year.

### **Judge**

a. Must be a participant in organized open field coursing events for 2 years.

b. Must be a licensed Huntmaster.

- c. Must be in good standing with TCC.
- d. Apprentice judge 2 mixed hunts, and 1 breed hunt under two different Judges, without a dog on lead (Exception: out of California applicants will not have to meet the number of judges requirements).
- e. The applicant shall judge all courses in the stake.
- f. The applicant shall maintain apprentice judges sheets until all judging assignments are complete. The applicant shall turn apprentice judges sheets over to Judging Committee Chairman or the TCC President for Board consideration. The Board of Directors shall vote on all judging applications. This can be done at a Board Meeting, by phone or by a mail vote. The Registrar will maintain a copy of the approved judge's application and apprentice judging material.
- g. All Judges should notify the Superintendent at the beginning of each season whether or not they are able to judge for that season. A Judge's resume is not required from any Judge.
- h. The Judging Committee may, at its discretion, recommend individuals who, in their opinion, are qualified to be a Judge or Huntmaster for consideration by the Board of Directors.

## **Section 17**

### **Fines and Discipline**

The following summarizes all the potential fines that may be imposed by TCC. They are also listed in various sections of this rulebook.

All fines must be paid to the Registrar within 30 days. If said fine is not paid within the 30 day period, the Registrar will notify the Superintendent and Board that said owner is no longer eligible to compete in TCC events until all such fines have been paid in full. All field fines collected by the Registrar will be forwarded to the TCC Treasurer.

- a. Any person observed free coursing without permission from the Huntmaster will pay a fine of \$50.00.
- b. A fine of \$5.00 will be levied against the owner of any hound who interferes with the stake. If the same hound escapes a second time, this hound will be dismissed from the field. Unentered dogs escaping and interfering with a course will be fined \$5.00 and/or may removed from the field. For subsequent occurrences by hounds handled by the same owner, TCC shall impose a \$10.00 fine per occurrence in addition to the \$5.00 fine charged in the field.
- c. A fine of \$2.50 for each five minutes over 15 minutes will be levied against any owner whose hound delays a course from starting.
- d. In the event that TCC has been unable to collect entry fees from an entrant, TCC will withhold all championship points earned by the entrant's dogs for that year, and will bar that entrant from entering any hunts in upcoming years until the entry fees and any other fees or charges incurred are paid in full.
- e. Any person observed coursing in any field in any area used by TCC must be accompanied by the person that has permission from the rancher/owner. This will be implemented twelve months per year with a minimum fine of \$50.00, but can be increased by the TCC Board.
- f. In the event of a violation of the Code of Ethics or unsportsmanlike behavior, the TCC Board of Directors may, by majority vote, censure, suspend or determine other appropriate penalties for any participant in TCC events.
- g. In the case of a dismissed handler:
  1. If the owner or handler of a hound entered in a hunt is dismissed, the hound may continue in the hunt if a suitable handler is obtained.
  2. If the Field Committee decision is to dismiss the individual, the field committee may also recommend a fine (not to exceed \$50.00) to be levied with the approval of the Board of Directors.
  3. Any individual who is dismissed from the field shall leave the field immediately when notified by the Huntmaster. If the individual fails to leave the field as directed, the Huntmaster shall immediately suspend the individual. TCC will withhold all championship points earned by the individual's dogs for that year, and will bar that entrant from entering any further hunts until the Field Committee dismissal and suspension is reviewed by the Board of Directors.
  4. The Huntmaster shall notify the Hunt Secretary of the dismissal and/or suspension, including the reason for the dismissal and/or suspension, and the amount of the fine recommended by the Committee.
  5. The Board of Directors shall review each dismissal and/or suspension action taken under this section within 30 days of the hunt. The Board may levy the fine recommended by the Field Committee, may levy a fine of a different amount not to exceed \$50.00, or may waive the fine in its entirety. If the individual was suspended, the Board shall determine which TCC privileges, i.e., entry in TCC hunts, registration of

dogs, etc., to suspend, for what period of time the suspension shall be in effect, and what action is required by the individual in order to lift the imposed suspension.

## **Constitution and By-Laws**

### ***Article I. Purpose***

The Coursing Conservancy is dedicated to making the sport of open field coursing an enjoyable experience. To this end we will provide a venue where sighthounds may be tested fairly against the standard of their breed, the game, and each other. We will raise money to acquire land, either by lease or purchase, to conserve as an arena for the sport of open field coursing. This club exists at the pleasure of its membership. All who run with us do so in the spirit of good sportsmanship, with the understanding that our primary purpose is to test our dogs in a respectful, courteous setting and to celebrate this most ancient sport.

### ***Article II. Members***

#### ***Section 1. Classification of Members***

There shall be one class of members of TCC, to wit: Coursing Club members.

#### ***Section 2. Eligibility for Membership***

Eligibility for membership is limited to those members elected by the members.

#### ***Section 3. Admission of Members.***

Application for membership shall be made to the Board of Directors of TCC. It shall include the following:

- a. A petition signed by the applicant, stating their willingness to abide by the rules of TCC and their understanding of, and agreement with, the objectives of TCC. Three TCC members, of separate households, will sign the petition sponsoring the applicant.
- b. A check in the amount of \$25.00 will accompany the application.

Applicants will be voted upon by the entire membership at such time as the Board of Directors directs and must receive a 2/3 majority of those voting to be accepted into membership.

#### ***Section 4. Responsibilities of Membership***

All members will be eligible to participate in the activities of TCC and will assume those duties as directed by the President, Vice-President or Superintendent.

#### ***Section 5. Termination of Membership***

A membership shall terminate upon the termination or resignation of the member or upon expulsion by a 2/3-majority vote of the general membership. The Board of Directors may expel a member for nonpayment of dues or for conduct that the Board of Directors shall deem inimical to the best interests of TCC. A member may not transfer his membership, or any right arising therefrom, and any attempted transfer of a membership shall cause such membership to terminate automatically. All rights of a member in TCC or its property shall cease upon termination of his membership.

#### ***Section 6. Dues***

Dues shall be \$10.00 per fiscal year and shall be payable for the first year upon admission to membership and annually thereafter at such time or times as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

#### ***Section 7. Meetings.***

There will be two types of meetings: General and Board.

a. The President may call a General Meeting. A member of the Board may call a General Meeting with a two-thirds written approval of the Board of Directors. The President or Vice-President must be present to preside. The President must call a General Meeting upon receipt of a petition for it signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the members of TCC.

b. Biannual meetings of the members may be held at such time that the Board of Directors shall determine, and special meetings of the Members may be called and held as may be ordered by the Directors or by Club Members. Notice of meetings of Club Members shall be given to each Club Member not less than thirty days before such meeting by mailing a copy of such notice to the address of such Members as it appears on the membership Register of TCC.

c. The Secretary shall mail written notice for each general meeting to each member at the given address at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.

d. Written or electronic notice for each Board Meeting, shall be sent by the Secretary to each member of the Board at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting

e. A simple majority of Board Members at the Board Meeting will constitute a quorum.

f. Any action by the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a majority of all members of the Board respond in writing in favor of said action. Such written responses shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board.

### ***Section 8. Voting***

All Club Members shall have equal voting and other rights.

Voting for Directors shall be by cumulative voting.

### ***Section 9. Proxy Voting***

a. The presence in person or by proxy, of a simple majority of the Members of the Club shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of members.

b. Written proxies carried by anyone other than those previously authorized will not be accepted by TCC unless the Secretary or President certifies them.

## ***Article III. Directors***

### ***Section 1. Number and Qualifications***

The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Superintendent and Past President shall comprise the Board of Directors. No person shall hold more than one office. In the event that there is no retiring President, a member will be elected to fill the position of Past President.

### ***Section 2. Election and Term of Office***

Directors shall be elected at Biannual meetings of members, but if such Biannual meeting is not held or Directors are not elected there at, the Directors may be elected at any special election by members held for that purpose. All Directors shall hold office until their respective successors are elected. The term of office for all Directors shall be two (2) years.

### ***Section 3. Vacancies***

Any vacancy in the Board of Directors caused by death, resignation, or termination of membership, shall be filled by a majority of the remaining Directors or by the sole remaining Director.

### ***Section 4. Quorum***

A majority of the authorized number of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present, shall be regarded as the act of the Board of Directors.

### ***Section 5. Responsibilities***

The Board of Directors shall conduct all necessary business of TCC, which the Board decides, by majority vote, does not require a General Meeting of TCC to resolve. The Board shall be made aware of, and approve or disapprove, all bills presented to TCC for payment; approve all designs and have printed all official TCC forms and agreements; approve the coursing season schedule and approve all rescheduling; promote and encourage open field coursing.

### ***Section 6. Approval of Minutes***

The transactions of any meeting of the Board of Directors, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though it were at a meeting duly held, if each of the Directors not present approved, in writing, the minutes of such a meeting. All such approvals shall be filed with the records of TCC or made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

### ***Section 7. Fees and Compensation***

Directors shall receive no compensation for their services, but may receive such reimbursement for expenses as may be fixed by the resolution of the Board.

## **Article IV. Officers**

### **Section 1. Officers**

The officers of TCC shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Superintendent, the Secretary, Treasurer, the Registrar and Past President. These elected officers shall compose the Board of Directors of TCC. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to conduct the routine business of TCC and shall recommend to the Members such actions as are outside the scope of their authority.

### **Section 2. Duties**

a. **President.** The President shall preside over all General Meetings of TCC and all Board Meetings. The President shall choose dates for meetings, which cause the least amount of conflict with other dog activities as long as they are consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of TCC. It shall be the President's responsibility to see that the aims and objectives of TCC, as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws, are accomplished

b. **Vice-President.** The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President. The Vice-President will serve on committees if directed by the President, and shall keep the membership informed of legislation pertaining to TCC.

c. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to TCC. He shall deposit the same in a bank satisfactory to the Board, in the name of TCC. His books shall, at all times, be open to inspection by the Board, and to individuals by request through the Board. He shall report to the Board, at every meeting, the condition of TCC finances and every item or receipt of a payment not previously reported. At the General Meeting he shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the fiscal year. The fiscal year of TCC shall be 1 July to 30 June. The charter Treasurer shall set up a bookkeeping system that shall be continued by ensuing Treasurers.

d. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of TCC and the Board of Directors, of all votes by mail, and any other matter that a record shall be ordered by TCC. All Board Members shall receive a copy of all minutes within twenty-one (21) days after a meeting has been adjourned.

He shall keep a list of current members of TCC with their addresses and shall call the roll when required. He shall send out notices of Board Meetings and General Membership Meetings and conduct the correspondence of TCC.

e. **Superintendent.** The Superintendent shall be responsible for all TCC hunts. The Superintendent, with assistance from the President, shall appoint hunt secretaries for each TCC hunt. He shall be responsible for securing judges for each TCC hunt. He shall prepare the coursing season schedule as scheduled by the Board of Directors.

f. **Registrar.** The Registrar shall keep permanent records of all sanctioned coursing meets. It shall be his responsibility to see that all proper forms are forwarded to the Superintendent. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to register and keep permanent records of all gazehounds approved by TCC whose owners request such registration and comply with all rules of TCC. He will keep an ample supply of the necessary forms to facilitate an orderly and speedy process of registering approved gazehounds. The Registrar shall also be responsible to send a postcard to owners of gazehounds who have completed the requirements for Coursing Mixed Championship and Coursing Breed Champion and will be responsible to provide plaques for all titles earned during the year. In those cases where field fines are not paid within 30 days, the Registrar is responsible to notify all Members that said owner is no longer eligible to compete in TCC events until all such fines have been paid in full.

The following positions shall serve as appointive and at the direction of the President:

g. **Newsletter Editor.** The duty of the Newsletter Editor will be to publish the TCC News. This newsletter will contain the minutes of all TCC General Meetings, all committee meetings, all Executive Board Meetings, and the results of all sanctioned coursing meets. It may also contain such paid advertisements and informative, educational or amusing articles or stories, as the Newsletter Editor deems appropriate.

h. **Rules Committee Chairman.** The Rules Committee Chairman shall appoint a knowledgeable representative from each gazehound breed registered with TCC to serve on the Rules Committee. He shall publish an up-to-date rulebook, approved by the membership of TCC. He shall present to the membership those rule changes or additions approved by the Rules Committee with recommendation for acceptance or rejection by the Members. Rules proposals shall be presented to the Rules Committee prior to the Biannual Meeting for inclusion in the rules change proposal agenda. The Rules Committee chairman shall chair a protest committee.

i. **Judging Committee Chairman.** The Judging Committee Chairman shall have the direct responsibility to see that at all TCC coursing meets the coursing ability of the hounds is appraised in a fair

and impartial manner. The Judging Committee shall implement an apprentice-judging program approved by the TCC Board of Directors. The Judging Committee shall approve or disapprove applicants for judging credentials who have completed the judging apprentice program. The Judging Committee Chairman shall file a formal protest with the Board of any judge whom the committee determines, beyond a reasonable doubt has, because of unethical or incompetent performance, failed to give a true appraisal of the coursing ability of a hound or hounds competing in sanctioned TCC coursing meets. The committee shall consist of five (5) qualified judges, including the chairman.

j. **Field Chairman.** The Field Chairman will be responsible to find and obtain permission to hold hunts as scheduled by the Board of Directors. He shall assist the Superintendent in the administration of the hunts.

k. **Webmaster.** The Webmaster will be responsible for installing and maintaining the club website. He shall post the hunt schedule, results, hound records and any other information as directed by the President, Superintendent, or Registrar.

l. **Hospitality Chairman.** The Hospitality Chairman shall be responsible for obtaining awards for each hunt and forwarding them to the proper Hunt Secretary. He will be responsible for coordinating social events held at hunts. He will be responsible for coordinating fund raising events held by TCC. He will be responsible for presenting any perpetual trophies proposed by the members to the Board of Directors for approval.

### **Section 3. Election of Officers**

a. All officers shall be elected for a term of two years with the right to succeed themselves.

b. Nominations for all officers shall be taken prior to the Biannual meeting, either by verbal nomination by a Member or by written nomination from a member submitted to the current Secretary prior to the meeting.

c. The Secretary shall obtain written acceptance of each nomination from the candidate nominated. A finalized list of candidates shall be published in the official minutes of the Biannual meeting.

d. The election of officers shall be conducted at the Biannual meeting. Any member not able to attend this meeting may submit a written ballot to the Secretary prior to the date of the Biannual meeting, or may designate a proxy in writing.

### **Section 4. Removal and Resignation**

Any officer may resign, or may be removed with or without cause by the Board of Directors at any time.

### **Article V. Discipline**

Any member in good standing may prefer charges against any individual, group of individuals or Member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of TCC. Written charges with specifications must be filed by certified mail in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$100.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained. The Secretary shall, within five (5) days, acknowledge receipt of the charges to the complainant and defendant. The Secretary shall promptly notify the President who shall schedule a date of hearing by the Board of Directors, not less than three (3) weeks or more than six (6) weeks, from the date when the President received the protest. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused by certified mail together with a notice of hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if wished. The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in this regard. Should the charges be sustained, by a majority vote of the Board, the Board may take such disciplinary action, as it deems appropriate.

### **Article VI. Miscellaneous**

#### **Section 1. Execution of Documents.**

The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of TCC. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances; and, unless so authorized by the Board of Directors, no officer, agent or other person shall have any power or authority to bind TCC by any contract, engagement, pledge its credit or render it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

### ***Section 2 Inspection of By-Laws***

TCC shall keep the original or a copy of these By-Laws, as amended or otherwise altered to date, certified by the Secretary, which shall be open to inspection by the Members at all reasonable times during office hours.

### ***Section 3. Construction and Definitions***

Unless the context otherwise requires, the general provisions, rules of construction and definitions contained in the California General Nonprofit Corporation Law shall govern the construction of these By-Laws.

### ***Section 4. Rules of Order***

The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order, revised, shall govern all Members meetings and Directors meetings of TCC, except in instances of conflict between said Rules of Order and the Articles or By-Laws of TCC or provisions of law.

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Except, as provided in Section 2 of Article VI, new By-Laws may be adopted, amended or repealed, or these By-Laws may be amended or repealed, by the written consent of the Members entitled to exercise a majority of the voting power or by a majority of a quorum at a meeting duly called for the purpose of amending the Articles of By-Laws, or by the Board of Directors given the power of the Members to change or repeal the By-Laws.

### ***Section 2***

No amendments to these By-Laws which shall increase or change the amount of dues for active Members as provided for herein shall be made unless such amendment is ratified at a Regular Meeting of such members, duly called for the purpose of making such an amendment, by a vote of not less than sixty (60) percent of a quorum of the members present at such a meeting.

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