

Muncie Obedience Training Club, Inc.

Member Rules

Section 1 – Member Training

- A. Active and Honorary Lifetime Members may bring a puppy or dog on-leash onto the premises for socialization and individual training as long as it does not interfere with classes, events, or other training and activities in the building and it is otherwise in compliance with the Building Rules.
- B. Active and Honorary Lifetime Members may pay the fee and take the Canine Good Citizen test with the public class graduation as space is available. The Coordinator of Family Pet Training must be notified to verify space availability.
- C. Active and Honorary Lifetime Members may enroll a dog in any structured class at 60% the regular cost of the class.

Section 2 – Awards

- A. Awards will be presented to Active and Honorary Lifetime Members at the annual Awards Dinner for all AKC companion event titles.
- B. To receive an award, the Member must have been a Member in good standing at the time the title was earned, and have fulfilled all requirements of membership during the calendar year (January 1 - December 31) that the title was earned.
- C. Plaques will be awarded for the first AKC all-breed companion event title earned. Subsequent titles will have a plate made for that year with the year and titles earned.
- D. Awards will also be presented for other miscellaneous titles (e.g. Championship, Versatile Companion Dog, Herding, Courser, Hunter, Earthdog, Barn Hunt, etc.) as approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 - Code of Conduct and Member Expectations - General

- A. It is against Club policy to make disparaging remarks against any individual or breed of dog as to its intelligence or trainability, whether it is a purebred or a mixed breed.
- B. Club Members should be courteous to the public class participants, observers, and guests, as well as other Club Members.
- C. No Club Member may solicit business for outside enterprises. Information (brochures, business cards, etc) may be posted on the bulletin board designated for businesses and items for sale. Impartiality should be maintained to avoid any conflict of interest.
- D. Club Members are expected to abide by and follow the rules and regulations of the organizations they enter events under. This includes, but is not limited to the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows, and AKC Obedience Regulations/Rally Regulations when participating in events sponsored by the American Kennel Club. Copies of AKC Obedience Rules and Rules Applying to Dog Shows among other AKC rule

books are available to individuals from the AKC.

Section 4 - Code of Conduct and Member Expectations – Participation and Volunteering Requirements

- A. Active Membership allows full membership privileges such as weekly training, discounted class fees, and except for Junior Membership, the right to vote and hold office. To retain Active Membership, Active Members, including Junior Members, will be required to fulfill two requirements: Member Meeting Attendance and Minimum Volunteer Hours. For Household Memberships, these requirements apply only to such Members eligible to vote.
1. Member Meeting Attendance: Each Active Member, including Junior Members, must attend a minimum of 1 membership meeting per year. Members eligible to vote within Household Memberships may share this requirement (i.e. in a Household Membership with two Members eligible to vote, one Member may attend 2 meetings and the other may attend none, or any combination to equal 2 meeting attendances total). Members who experience a hardship which prevents them from meeting this requirement may appeal to the Board of Directors in writing for an exception.
 2. Volunteer Hour Requirement: In addition to the Membership Meeting Attendance, each Active Member must work at least 15 volunteer hours doing a Club activity. Members within a Household Membership may share the responsibility for completing these requirements any way they choose (e.g. in a Household Membership with two voting Members, one Member may volunteer 6 hours and the other may volunteer 24 hours, or any combination to equal 30 hours).
- B. Eligible Club activities satisfying the Active Membership Volunteer Hour Requirement include the following.
- Class Instructor or Assistant Instructor
 - Assisting with CGC and/or TDI testing
 - Participating in booth displays or demonstrations (at least 1 hour of active participation)
 - Copying and assembling class books, the Club newsletter or other Club mailings or publications
 - Contacting and distributing Club brochures to area businesses
 - Developing and implementing special programs and events
 - Trial activities such as premium list preparation, trial set-up, trial tear-down, stewarding
 - Class sign-up
 - Phone contact
 - Newsletter editor
 - Website maintenance
 - Inventorying supplies
 - Serving as a Committee member
 - Serving on the Board of Directors

- Building cleaning/maintenance
- Senior Members may use attending a Membership meeting to earn a credit of 1 volunteer hour toward the required 15 volunteer hours.
- Members who attend 3 membership meetings in a calendar year will earn a credit of 1 volunteer hour toward the required 15 volunteer hours. Members attending all 4 membership meetings will earn 2 volunteer worker hours toward the required 15 hours.

The Board of Directors may designate other activities that qualify and the Coordinator of Volunteer Hours/Events may approve activities not specified but which serve the interests of MOTC. Trial Secretaries for AKC events can opt to receive a free entry for each trial for which they serve as Trial Secretary that is good only for those trials. These entries will be non-transferable and can be used only for a dog owned or co-owned by the Trial Secretary.

- C. At the end of each year, with his/her membership renewal, each Member subject to the volunteer requirements who is short of the required hours has the option of “purchasing” up to 2 volunteer hours for \$50.00 per hour cash, in lieu of volunteering those hours. By way of clarification, a Household Membership with two voting Members may purchase up to 4 volunteer hours to apply toward the required 30 hours.
- D. If, at the end of a calendar year, an Active Member has not met the above membership requirements for that year, they may make up the shortfall in the following year. However, discounts and benefits will be suspended until the outstanding requirements are met. These “made up” requirements will be applied to the previous year and will not count toward the current year’s requirements.

Section 5 - Revision of Rules

- A. Member and Building Rules may be revised through the appointment of a Rules Committee by the Board of Directors. The Rules Committee will consist of both Board Members and non-Board Members. Recommendations by the Rules Committee will be made at a Board Meeting and must be approved by the Board of Directors except that editorial corrections or revisions necessitated by changes in By Laws or other Club governing documents may be made and finalized by the Rules Committee without Board of Director approval.
- B. Proposed rule changes suggested by the Rules Committee and approved by the Board of Directors must be published and distributed to Club Members for discussion at least ten (10) days prior to the next Membership Meeting. Club Members who have questions or comments about the Rule Changes may contact the President or a member of the Rules Committee prior to the Membership Meeting. Within thirty (30) days after said Membership Meeting, the Board will vote to approve and adopt a final version of the revised Member or Building Rules, as applicable, as proposed and previous approved by the Board or with further revision based on substantive Membership input.