



RULES OF THE CLUB

1. Title: The name of the club shall be The Southern British Shorthair Cat Club.
 - a. The Club will be a member of the GCCF and shall be represented at the GCCF Meetings by Delegates.
 - b. Delegates to the GCCF shall be members of the Committee or co-opted onto the Committee to fill this role.
 - c. Except without permission of the GCCF no Delegate should be an Officer or serving committee member of any Club of any registering body or act as an Official of another Registering body.
 - d. The SBSHCC shall be bound by the rules of the Council of the GCCF and the Council of the GCCF shall have disciplinary powers, according to its Constitution over the Club and members of the Club thereof.
 - e. Membership of the SBSHCC shall be deemed to constitute acceptance of the Constitution & Rules of the GCCF.
2. Objectives:
 - a. To promote the welfare and appreciation of the Club's breeds catered for and to support its members.
 - b. To support shows for the exhibition of the Clubs breeds and to hold our own Championship shows held under GCCF Licence.
 - c. To encourage an active interest in the protection and welfare of all cats.
 - d. To promote and recommend guidelines for the breeding of British Section cats including Selkirk Rex and Manx.
 - e. To support and work in partnership with all relevant BAC's in particular the British Shorthair Group BAC in the selection and promotion of Stewards and Judges, encourage new entrants as Stewards, review and make recommendations on matters relating to the Breeding Policy, Standard of Points, new colours of the breeds catered for by the club, and any other aspects relating to the British Section.
3. Membership: The Club shall consist of honorary members, life members, ordinary members, joint members, and junior

members. All members shall be accepted by majority vote of the current committee.

- a. Honorary Members shall be such a person as may be deemed and invited by the Committee to become an Honorary Member because they have given special service to the Club or the cat fancy as a whole.
- b. Life Members: Life membership shall be granted to ordinary members who apply. Life membership fee will be ten times the current annual membership fee at the time of application.
- c. Ordinary Membership: Ordinary membership shall be all persons who, having been accepted by the Committee shall have paid their subscriptions for the year in which they become a member and for subsequent years thereafter.
- d. Joint Membership: Joint membership shall be granted to two members from the same household at the time of joining the club.
- e. Junior Membership: Junior membership shall be granted at a reduced rate to all those under 16 years old. Junior membership will cease the year following the members 16th. Birthday.
- f. All Life and Ordinary members including Join Members shall be entitled to attend the AGM and have full voting rights and

are eligible to stand for election as Officers or Committee Members positions as available. Honorary members and junior members shall not have voting rights.

- g. All members suspended under the GCCF Constitution (Article 12) and wishing to rejoin the Club need to apply to the Honorary Secretary in the first instance.

4. Fees: Fees comprise

Single Ordinary Membership

Joint Ordinary Membership

Junior Membership

Life Membership = current annual fee x 10

Joint Life Membership = current annual fee x 10

5. Officers & Committee: The management of the Club shall be the responsibility of the elected representatives of the membership in the form of a committee. The Committee shall consist of

- a. Chair
- b. Vice Chair
- c. Honorary Secretary

- d. Honorary Treasurer
 - e. Honorary Membership Secretary
 - f. 10 x Ordinary Committee Members
 - g. Any vacancy caused shall be filled by co-opting a member of the Club to fill the vacant position. Other persons may be appointed for specific duties or roles where appropriate as the Committee sees fit.
 - h. The Committee shall appoint the Show Manager & Assistant Show Manager. The Committee shall appoint a Show Committee if required.
6. Duties of Officers & Committee Members: The Chair or Vice Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Club. The Honorary Secretary shall record the minutes of all Club meetings and conduct all correspondence for the Club. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep records of all financial dealing of the Club and produce a set of accounts for the AGM or as and when required by the Committee. Accounts for the AGM will be independently examined and a signed copy available for those present at the AGM. The Honorary Membership Secretary shall be appointed to maintain a current membership list, to inform and encourage new members, and to supply a notice of conformation of their acceptance to the Club and a copy of the rules of the Club. All Officers, Committee members, members of the Club who have

custody of books, documents (hard copy or virtual), monies or any other property belonging to the Club shall surrender these as requested by the Committee.

The Committee will have the power to make a decision on matters where no rule is provided.

- 7. Honorary President, Vice Presidents: These positions will be recommended by the Committee for election at the AGM. President and Vice Presidents may attend Committee meetings but are not eligible to vote at Committee meeting but may vote at the AGM if they are also fully paid up members of the Club.
- 8. Meetings: The Committee shall meet as required for the business of the Club. Meetings of the Club shall be “virtual – conference calls” or “face to face”. Group decisions on Club business will be acceptable by the use of email. The Committee shall have at least one face to face meeting prior to the AGM. It is the responsibility of the Honorary Secretary to call meetings as seen fit for the smooth running of Club business.
 - a. All meetings, including the AGM, will require a quorum of one Officer and five Members.
 - b. The AGM: Quorum rules apply. The AGM will be held in the first quarter of the year. Members will be circulated details by email unless otherwise requested. The Agenda for the AGM will be published on the Club website. Items for the Agenda

should be with the Honorary Secretary by February 1st of each year. All items for the agenda should have a proposer and a seconder.

- c. A “SPECIAL” meeting shall be convened as and when the Committee feel it is needed. This may be a “virtual – conference calls” or “face to face” meeting. Members may also call a “SPECIAL” meeting if needed. In such circumstances the members calling this meeting will be responsible for all costs incurred. 21 days notice of any such “SPECIAL” meeting will need to be given to all members of the Club.
9. Voting: At all committee meeting and the AGM matters shall be decided by a simple majority vote; in the event of a tied vote the Chair will have the casting vote. On points of order the Chair’s decision is final. At the AGM this vote will be by a show of hands.
 - a. Changes to The Rules: Changes to the Rules or Amendments to the Rules must be passed by 2/3rds of those present at the AGM or “SPECIAL” meeting.
 10. Finance: The financial year of the Club will be January 1st. to 31st. December. All expenses incurred by Officers, GCCF Delegates , BAC Representatives and Committee members should be submitted, supported by receipts prior to the 31st December. All payments on behalf of the Club via cheques need to be signed by

any two of the following Officers –Chair or Vice Chair, the Honorary Treasurer, or the Honorary Secretary.

11. Discipline: The Club shall have the power to withdraw membership from any member who, in its opinion, has behaved in a manner, contrary to the aims and objectives of the Club. Members will have the right to appeal and be heard before the Committee if this rule is evoked. A secondary appeal would be before a “Special” meeting of the Club with associated costs incurred.
12. Breed Advisory Committee (BAC): The Club will be represented at the relevant BAC meetings. BAC Representatives will be elected at the AGM. The Committee will have the power to send a substitute delegate where needed.
13. Shows: The Committee will appoint a Show Manager, Assistant Show Manager and Show Committee where needed.
14. Trophies: All cups and trophies donated to the Club shall become the outright property of the Club. All cups and trophies will be accepted at the discretion of the Committee. The Club will maintain a list of all cups and trophies and shall reclaim these at the end of the 12 months from members having been awarded these.
15. Dissolution of the Club: 14 days notice of any proposal to wind up the Club shall be given in writing to the members and a

“SPECIAL” meeting shall be called to consider this proposal. The motion to dissolve the club needs to be passed by 2/3rd majority vote or by ballot or proxy vote. The liabilities of the Club will be discharged and any balance of funds held will be divided equally to fully paid-up ordinary (including Joint) members. Cups and Trophies will be distributed to other Clubs by the Committee. At this “SPECIAL” meeting (but at no other meeting) members will be allowed to vote by proxy.

Any enquiries regarding these Rules should be addressed the Honorary Membership Secretary – current address and contact details are available via the SBSHCC website: <http://www.british-shorthairs.co.uk/>