

AOTC POLICY SHEET - APPROVED OCTOBER 14, 2014

BYLAWS

Article II Section 2 Dues

Dues are payable on or before the 1st day of July of each year. Applicants approved for membership after March 31 of any year will not owe additional dues on July 1 of the same year.

Section 3 Election to Membership

Application for membership must be made in person at a club meeting. Classes will be full price until the person or family is voted into the club. Members/applicants must take at least one class at the non-member rate (in the current or previous session) before the reduced rate takes effect.

Proof of rabies vaccination is required at registration for all dogs, including those of members.

Bitches in season will not be allowed in beginner classes. If one comes in heat before the last week of classes, it will be excused and will be given the next class session for free. Bitches in season may be allowed in advanced classes at the discretion of the instructor but must wear protective clothing.

The instructor in any class may excuse any handler who abuses his/her dog or any dog that the handler cannot control or a dog that shows aggression. It shall be the coordinator's responsibility to determine if any of the above restrictions have been violated. If a dog is asked to leave a class, the class fee will be refunded.

If a handler decides to drop out of a class for their own reasons, the class fee will not be refunded.

Teachers and assistants will receive a free class for each class they teach. These free classes may be transferred only to family members.

Only obedience committee approved classes and events may be held at the club training building. Only agility committee approved classes and events may be held at the agility training area. These restrictions include private lessons. Members abusing this policy are subject to revocation of membership.

It is the responsibility of the teacher to make sure all equipment used on class night is put away. Likewise, it is the responsibility of a member using equipment for training to put it away before leave the facility. Club equipment is not to be removed from the training areas except for a club function, such as an outdoor class or a remote match or trial.

Observe all signs in the training areas. Dogs should be free from parasites, ticks, & fleas. Be considerate and pick up after your dog. Do not leave treats/food in the training areas.

For safety reasons, only dogs and owners who have completed the beginners agility program may practice unsupervised at the agility training field. Also, the club must have a signed liability waiver on file for everyone using club facilities and equipment.

Resolution passed May 13, 2008: A prerequisite of participation by members' dogs in public outreach and educational programs organized by and/or held for the benefit of promoting The Amarillo Obedience Training Club, Inc. shall be, at minimum, completion of the Canine Good Citizen certification as offered by The American Kennel Club.

Draft minutes of the club and board meeting will be posted to the club's Yahoo group prior to the meeting in the following month.