



## **HOW TO BECOME AN AFFILIATED GSDL-WDG BRANCH CLUB**

Before applying to become an affiliated GSDL-WDG Branch Club, you must consider the following:

1. To form a new branch club, you need a minimum of 4 individuals.
2. You need to appoint a separate person to be the chairperson, the treasurer and the secretary.
3. You need to appoint at least one club trainer to be responsible and oversee the training activities conducted by that branch and they need to have sufficient experience in the training of at least two disciplines within IPO / IGP (this person may also be named as one of the officers above).
4. Choose a name for your club, this must be unique, the same name must not be used if affiliated to another IGP organisation.
5. Set up a bank account in the name of your club.
6. You must have a suitable training venue, preferably on private property where the general public can reasonably be denied access.
7. You must have suitable training equipment, the items below are recommended but are not limited to:
  - a. a scaling wall [a frame] (consisting of 2 sides joined at the top and must be 150cm wide and 190cm high. At the bottom both sides stand apart so that there is a peak height of 180cm the entire area of the scaling wall must be covered with anti-skid material. At the upper part of the sides 3 cleats 24/48mm must be fixed.
  - b. a 100cm hurdle
  - c. 6 blinds
  - d. set of competition dumbbells or training dumbbells (650grammes, 1kg and 2kg)
  - e. Protective clothing for the helper (usually helpers will have their own)
  - f. Protection Sleeves
  - g. Leads, harnesses etc

Prior to completing the relevant form, you must read and abide by the following rules:

## **A. GSDL-WDG Branch Club Affiliation**

### **A1. New Branch Club Affiliation Proposals**

**A1(a)** If four or more individuals wish to form a GSDL-WDG Branch Club, they must seek approval from the GSDL-WDG Committee. Initial application shall be in writing using the appropriate club affiliation form to the GSDL-WDG General Secretary, in order that it may be included on the next GSDL-WDG Committee meeting agenda. The application MUST include:

- The proposed name of the club, which must be unique, the same club name must not be used if affiliated to another IGP organisation.

- The details of the officers (chairman, secretary, treasurer and club trainer)

NOTE: The proposed club trainer should be sufficiently experienced in the training of at least two disciplines within IPO / IGP.

- The location of the training ground, training times and any equipment.

- Give an undertaking to abide by the Rules of the GSDL-WDG, GSDL, as well as Kennel Club regulations.

- Provide contact details (i.e. Telephone number, address and e-mail address)

**A1(b)** Upon approval by the GSDL-WDG Committee, the new Club will be subject to a 3 month probationary period. The Affiliation Fee must be paid immediately, together with the Affiliation application form. Following a 12 month period the club shall be reviewed to assess its growth and its general performance.

**A1(c)** During the probationary period the Branch Club will be visited by a GSDL-WDG judge or apprentice judge / committee member, and a report submitted to the GSDL-WDG Committee from which the decision will be made regarding final acceptance of the Branch Club. The visiting judge / apprentice judge / committee member shall claim reasonable expenses from the club for the visit.

**A1(d)** New clubs will not be permitted to hold trials during their probationary period.

**A1(e)** The first trial that the new Branch Club holds MUST be judged by a GSDL-WDG judge.

## A2. GSDL-WDG Branch Club Affiliation – General

**A2(a)** It is strongly recommended that each GSDL-WDG Branch Club should hold at least one event / trial per annum with a GSDL-WDG judge.

**A2(b)** Renewal of Affiliation is on an annual basis. The Affiliation application and required fees MUST be tendered by 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year. The amount of the affiliation fee to be decided at the previous AGM.

Please delete as appropriate		NEW / RENEWAL
Date of Application		
Club Name ( <i>Club Name MUST be exclusive to GSDL, please refer to rules</i> )		
Club Training Ground Address		
Club Website address (if applicable)		
Training Days / Times		

  

Club Officers	Contact Details
Chairman	Name:
	Address:
Secretary	Name:
	Address:
	Email:
Treasurer	Name:
	Address:
Trainer	Name:
	Address:
<i>If this is a new application, please provide a brief resume of the trainer.</i>	

**Branch Affiliation is £50.00 and all cheques MUST be payable to "GSD LEAGUE WORKING DOG BRANCH"**  
*On behalf of the club, I confirm the details above to be correct and the affiliation fee is enclosed with this application.*

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use only	
GSDL WB – Approval (if no, provide brief reason for refusal, below).	Y / N
Fee of £40.00 received	Y / N
Signature of GSDL WB Chairman	
Dated	

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM ALONG WITH THE CORRECT FEE TO THE BRANCH MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:  
 DOROTHY S BANNERMAN, 'FLORISTON' 2 MILL ROAD, NEWMILNS AYRSHIRE, KA16 9BQ