## AKC Delegates Report- March 2024

### The following Article change will eliminate the current term limits

*PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER AND BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC. – ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1 The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to Article VII, Section 1, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc., proposed by the Greater Clark County Kennel Club. This will be voted on at the June 11, 2024 Delegate Meeting. ARTICLE VII SECTION 1. The AKC shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of thirteen (13) voting members, all of whom must be Delegates, except as provided for in Section 3 of this Article. The Board shall be elected as follows: At each annual meeting the Delegates shall elect Directors from the list of candidates nominated as provided in Article VIII of these Bylaws. The thirteen voting Directors shall be divided into four classes of three (3), three (3), three (3), and four (4) members. Such Directors to hold office for four (4) years or until their successors are elected. At each annual meeting the Delegates shall elect such other Director or Directors as shall be required to fill the place of any Director who has died or resigned before the expiration of the term for which he or she was elected. Excluding the President, who serves as a non-voting member, no members of the Board of Directors may be employed by the AKC nor may they receive remuneration from the AKC on a consulting or contract basis. Excluding the President, no members of the Board of Directors are eligible for employment by the AKC or any AKC division or subsidiary for a period of twelve months from the date when they last served on the Board, nor may they receive remuneration from the AKC on a contract or consulting basis for a period of twelve months from the date when they last served on the Board. The President shall serve on the Board as an ex officio non-voting member during his/her tenure as President.*

## AKC EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS POLICY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

As an additional step in creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all, the AKC Board of Directors approved the following educational requirements policy and recommendations. Effective immediately:

- AKC Board of Directors, Inspectors, Field Staff across all sports, AKC Registered Handlers, and additional AKC Staff that regularly attend events, will be required to successfully complete the *Stewards of Children*® training from the non-profit organization Darkness to Light once every three years.
- All current and future Junior Showmanship judges will be required to successfully complete the *Stewards of Children*® training. The initial course will be offered by AKC on a complimentary basis and must be refreshed every three (3) years. All current Junior Showmanship judges must fulfill this requirement in 2024.
- All current and future Club Junior Coordinators will be required to successfully complete the *Stewards of Children*® training. The initial course will be offered by AKC on a complimentary basis and must be refreshed every three (3) years.
- Junior participants and their parents will be recommended to take the following complimentary courses as applicable from SafeSport:
- SafeSport® for Youth Athletes (ages 13-17)
- SafeSport® for Kids (5-12)
- SafeSport® Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sports Core.
- All Superintendents, AKC approved Show Secretaries, and AKC approved Agility Trial Secretaries will be strongly advised to take the *Stewards of Children*® course.
- All current and future Judges across all sports are required to complete the *Stewards of Children*® training. The initial training will be provided on a complimentary basis by AKC. This requirement will be phased in.

**Additional details will be communicated by the AKC to those impacted by this policy concerning fulfillment of this requirement.**

**Questions concerning this notice should be directed to the department which manages the sport one is approved to judge.**