

## Canterbury Canine Obedience Club (CCOC) rules for members

### On becoming a member, you agree to these rules that are for the safety and consideration of all members and their dogs:

1. All dogs must be registered with an appropriate local authority.
2. CCOC requires all members, including those participating in club activities that involve dogs, to ensure that dogs are vaccinated to an acceptable standard as prescribed by the participant's vet (including complementary therapies). The vaccination certificate must be brought to the first class. CCOC reserves the right to sight vaccination certificates and/or evidence of local authority registration.
3. If your dog is unwell, please leave him/her at home.
4. Bitches in season are not allowed to attend classes or be on club grounds.
5. Dogs must be on a lead at all times, unless otherwise directed by your instructor and must be under your direct supervision at all times in the dog park. Dogs must **not** be running free during the setting up or breakdown of equipment.
6. Dogs must be at least 4 months old to begin Pet Training or Obedience classes and 12 months old to begin Foundation Agility classes (dogs may only begin jumping full height obstacles from 16 months of age).
7. Where a dog has a medical condition or permanent disability, a vet's certificate will be required to state that the dog is fit to participate in obedience, Rally-O and/or agility activities.
8. Please clean up after your dog.
9. The Club neither accepts nor condones harsh handling both physical and/or verbal where such behaviour has a detrimental effect on the dog.
10. Should a dog exhibit inappropriate behaviour, the Committee reserves the right to either refuse the dog to participate in a training class or insist a muzzle be worn. Any dog that is "wholly or predominantly" a breed or type listed in Schedule 4 of the Dog Control Act 2003 (breed: Brazilian Fila, Dogo Argentino, Japanese Tosa, Type American Pit Bull Terrier) is classified as menacing (Section 33c of Dog Control Act) and must wear a muzzle when in public, including any club training sessions or shows/events.
11. If your dog is placed on report through Dogs New Zealand, you must advise both the CCOC secretary and your instructor as soon as possible.
12. We support respectful and positive communication between club members. Canterbury Canine Obedience Club does not tolerate any form of abuse either verbal or physical, directed towards a person whether they are a club member, instructor, official or member of the public. Nor does the club tolerate any discrimination towards any dog breed.
13. CCOC encourages young handlers but children under 14 years must be accompanied by an adult. Instructor committees are empowered to vary the age policy to meet individual circumstances.
14. As a club member, you are expected to help with club activities.