

UPPER BUCKS SCHUTZHUND CLUB

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- A) Prospective members will go through the following evaluation process.
1. Application form must be submitted.
 2. If applicant is new to the sport of schutzhund, he/she attends at least 2 weeks without dog. A mentor will be appointed to spend time with the applicant introducing schutzhund rules, safety, and handling procedures.
 3. All applicants attend eight (8) weeks with the dog. A non-refundable \$100 application fee (\$150 fam. memb.) will be required before the dog is worked. The training director will determine the suitability of the dog/handler team for the sport, making 1 of 3 conclusions:
 1. Not suitable.
 2. Suitable, at which time the applicant will either be invited to continue to attend training sessions or if membership is full, be put on a waiting list.
 3. Suitability undetermined due to the age of the dog. Training director will advise as to the time frame to re-evaluate the dog at no additional fee. The evaluation will continue until the training director reaches either conclusion 1 or 2 above.

If the applicant is put on the waiting list, or conclusion 3 above is reached, Upper Bucks Schutzhund Club encourages applicants to attend training sessions without the dog as a means of increasing their knowledge of schutzhund.

After the completion of eight (8) weeks of active training sessions, a special meeting will be held to vote on the prospective member's status. The prospective member will be informed if they have been accepted as a full member.

B) Obtaining Membership

1. During the evaluation process, voting members will decide the qualities of the prospective members as follows:
 - a. Attendance – It is preferable that the prospect attend a minimum of 70% of the training sessions.
 - b. Prospect must pay dues in FULL when due as stated.
 - c. Prospect must show initiative and willingness to work.
 - d. Prospect will be given a copy of the by-laws and sign the last page.

- e. Prospects will be allowed to work one (1) dog unless additional dog is authorized by Training Directors. This holds for both Individual and Family Memberships.
2. Voting on prospective members will take place at the end of the eight (8) week evaluation period. If accepted after evaluation period, handler and dog will have earned full membership for the rest of the year or the ensuing year. He/She will then pay prorated dues for the remainder of the current year beginning with the first full month after acceptance into the club as a full active member. New members must have a current USA membership card.
3. U.B.S.C. has a limited membership. If the club has decided membership is closed, applications will be placed on a waiting list.

Special Provision:

Any person wishing to join the club that can not meet the above rules, can apply for temporary training with the following rules:

1. Pay a fee per session as determined by the club. Special fee must be paid on or before each training session to the club treasurer.
2. Their dog will be worked last unless otherwise scheduled by the training director.
3. Will have no club privileges.

ANNUAL DUES, NOT INCLUDING USA MEMBERSHIP, ARE CURRENTLY:

- \$225 Individual membership
- \$335 Family membership
- \$50 Associate membership
- \$10 Individual Training Fee (this is a per session fee)