

PORTLAND MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB
Membership Application



Date Submitted _____
Date of 1st Reading _____
Vote Date and Results _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Reason for joining: _____

How many breeds of dogs do you own now? _____ How long: _____

Are you a breeder? _____ If yes, how many litters have you bred in the past 2 years? _____

Current number of dogs you now own: Female _____ Male _____

Experience as an owner: _____

What activities are you interested in? Conformation: _____ Agility: _____ Rescue: _____ Obedience: _____

Companion: _____ Coursing: _____ Barnhunt: _____ Nosework _____ Rally _____ Other: _____

What dog clubs are you now/or in the past been a member of and the dates: _____

Have you ever been disciplined/suspended by the AKC, UKC, or any club? _____

Have you ever been associated with or sold dogs to a wholesale or retail operation? _____

Have you ever been cited by the SPCA, any humane society or animal control organization? _____

If you answered yes to any of the above three questions, please explain: _____

Eligibility and Election to Membership: There are currently 5 types of membership open to all persons 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with the AKC and who subscribe to the purposes of this club. While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area. The membership types are as follows:

1. **Regular (Individual):** Enjoys all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.
2. **Household:** Two (2) adult members residing in the same household, each eligible to vote and hold office.

All prospective members applying for Regular or Household memberships will be required to attend at least two meetings as a guest prior to receiving a membership application. After their application is received the applicant can attend the next meeting where their application is read. At the next scheduled membership meeting the application will be voted on by the membership present at that meeting and it is requested that the applicant not attend that meeting. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws and Code of Ethics of the Club and the rules of The American Kennel Club. Each applicant must have two sponsors sign their application. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within six months after such rejection. Any regular member who does not attend any meetings during an annual year shall be moved to Associate status. Those members will need to reapply to change back to regular status.

3. **Associate:** For those individuals who are unable to attend meetings but wish to support the club. Associate members are not eligible to vote or hold office or chair committees and must pay dues set by the Board of Directors not to exceed 80% of the amount paid by regular members.
Prospective members applying for Associate Individual shall apply on the same form as regular members. Applicants need not attend meetings to apply or maintain membership. The application shall be read at the first meeting after it is received and voted on at that first meeting, and it is requested that the applicant not be present at that meeting. Each applicant must have two sponsors sign their application. If any Associate member desires to move to Regular status, they must reapply under the Regular rules for membership.
4. **Life Membership:** This is for individuals who have been PMSC members for at least 25 years. Life members pay no dues but are eligible to vote and hold office.
5. **Honorary Membership:** An individual who has made significant contributions to the Sport, Breed or the Club. Honorary members pay no dues and are not eligible to vote, but can maintain regular or regular household membership if they pay dues.
6. **Junior Membership:** This one is open to children under 18 years of age. It is a non-voting/non-office holding membership which may automatically convert to regular membership at age 18.

To be accepted all eligible applicants must be elected with affirmative votes of 75% of the members present who have voting rights at the election meeting.

I hereby apply for _____ Membership in the Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club. If accepted, I agree to abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club, including the Code of Ethics and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club. I hereby state that I am in good standing with the American Kennel Club. Applications and dues must be submitted in person by the applicant at any regularly scheduled PMSC meeting to the Membership Chairperson or to the Treasurer if the Membership Chairperson is not present. Dues are \$25.00 annually per person for Regular (Individual) Membership or \$35.00 annually for Household Membership. Associate members dues are \$20.00 annually. Junior Membership and Lifetime Membership are free. By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the information on this membership application, and that I certify that the information I provided on and in connection with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



 Applicant's Signature and Date



 Co-Applicant's Signature and Date

Comments by sponsors: *(How do you feel the applicant(s) will be an asset to the club?)*



 Sponsor's Signature and Date



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Applicant to sign and attach a copy of the PMSC Code of Ethics