

SCHEDULE 04 – REGULATIONS FOR NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

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1. Licensing of Non-Championship Shows and Match Meetings

The Executive Committee shall have authority delegated by the Federal Council, to grant, withhold or cancel permission to hold any show and to issue licences therefor in accordance with the Regulations relating hereto.

- 2.1 Every application for a licence to hold a Non-Championship Show or Match Meeting shall be made not less than three (3) calendar months before the proposed date, on an official Kennel Union form, signed on behalf of the applicant by the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, who shall give their full addresses, setting out the information required therein, and such application shall be accompanied by a draft schedule of the show, signed contracts from each prospective Judge and the fee prescribed in terms of Schedule 7.
- 2.2 Unless dispensation is granted by the Executive Committee, no Non-Championship Show shall exceed two (2) days duration, and no Non-Championship show shall be held on the same day as a Championship Show for the same Group, Breed, Discipline, or an All Breeds Club unless the venue is more than 160 kilometres from the venue of the Championship Show.
- 2.3 No Club shall be permitted to hold more than two (2) Non-Championship shows in any one calendar year, unless dispensation is granted by the Executive Committee.
- 2.4 No Club shall be permitted to hold a Non-Championship show without having obtained a Kennel Union Licence therefor.
- 3.1 The Show Licence application, signed by the officers of the applicant Club, shall constitute an undertaking given by each of them, binding themselves jointly and severally to hold and conduct the Show under and in accordance with the Regulations of the Kennel Union, to guarantee the payment of all prize monies and to submit to and adopt any decision of the Federal Council or any committee or Provincial Council, Breed, or Liaison Council to whom the Federal Council may delegate its powers.
- 3.2 Such application referred to in Sub-Regulation 2.1 shall also constitute an agreement by such officers and each of them that any decision given against them or any of them under Rule 2, Disciplinary Rules (Schedule 1) may be communicated by the Secretary to the Secretaries of all Affiliated Clubs, local, National and International Canine Control Bodies in reciprocity with or recognised by the Kennel Union and may also be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal, together with a report of the proceedings of the matter, including names, addresses and descriptions.
- 3.3 Any notice sent by email to any of such officers sent to the email addresses given in the application shall be deemed full and sufficient notice to them or any of them of any proceedings, matter, or decisions of the Federal Council or Executive Committee, or

relating to the conduct of the Show, or in respect of any other matter whatsoever arising out of or in connection with such Show.

- 3.4 Notwithstanding and in addition to the provisions of the Disciplinary Rules in Schedule 1, the Executive Committee shall have power to impose a fine upon any Club, the officers or members of which have in the course of conducting a show breached these Regulations.
- 3.5 The applicant Club may make a decision to lend a licence to the organisers of the event, in which case that organising committee will be held responsible under Regulation 3 and Sub-Regulations 3.1 and including 3.4 above. An Agreement between the two parties must be submitted, together with the application for the licence from the applicant Club on a form specified by the Kennel Union Office.
 - 3.5.1 All Licences shall be signed as approved by the issuing authority.
 - 3.5.2 All Licences issued shall include *inter alia* the date/s upon which each event for which the licence is issued is to be held and the venue of such event.
 - 3.5.3.1 Where a licence issued to an Affiliated Club is for a show or event to be held on one (1) day only, such show or event shall be considered to be closed and concluded one (1) hour after the completion of the last event for which licence was issued.
 - 3.5.3.2 Where a licence issued to an Affiliated Club applies to events held on more than one date each event listed on such composite licence shall be considered closed and concluded one (1) hour after the completion of the judging or completion of the event, as the case may be, on the particular date/s as indicated on the licence.
- 3.6 Where any club applies to the Executive Committee for dispensation to hold an event outside its area of domicile and such dispensation is granted a separate licence shall be issued therefor.
- 3.7 The management of a Non-Championship Breed Show shall be the responsibility of the Show Manager who shall be a member in good standing of the Kennel Union and appointed by the Committee of the Show holding club.
- 3.8 Every Show shall be deemed to have started two (2) hours before the time judging commences, as advertised on the show schedule. Every Show shall be deemed to have closed one (1) hour after completion of the judging or of the event as the case may be.

4. Exhibits at Show:

- 4.1 The Show Committees shall be permitted to take gate entries for a Non-Championship Show, but in so doing it shall not advertise for nor encourage the entry of non-pedigree dogs to which entry for competition shall not be given if the fact of non-pedigree in any case is disclosed to the Show Committee.
- 4.2 Notwithstanding the lenience of these Regulations, the Show Committee shall so far as is possible observe the principles of Kennel Union Championship Show Regulations and endeavour to restrict all entries to registered dogs.
- 4.3 The Provisions of Championship Show Regulations for Height and Weight Classes

shall apply to all Non-Championship Shows.

- 4.4 All notices of forthcoming “Non-Championship” Shows which are published by affiliated clubs shall contain a statement that all exhibitors/handlers are personally responsible for the control of their dogs at all times and shall be personally liable for any claims which may be made in respect of injuries which may arise or be caused by their dogs. Such notice shall be prominently displayed at the venue on the day of the show, in such a manner and in such places, so as to ensure that any person entering the venue will see the said notice.

Furthermore, all exhibitors/handlers shall sign a declaration as printed on the Official KUSA Show Entry Forms.

5. Classes:

The Show Committee may arrange and hold such classes and offer such prizes as it thinks fit, subject to the condition that:

- 5.1 no classification shall be contrary to those classifications set out in Appendix 1 to Championship Show Regulations (Schedule 3) and Appendix ‘B’ of this Schedule;
- 5.2 no classes or prizes shall be offered for progeny sired by a specified dog.

6. Show Schedule:

It shall be obligatory to provide a Show Schedule, which shall display the KUSA logo in a format, version and size specified by the Kennel Union Office for any Licensed Non-Championship Show.

6.1 Show Schedules shall contain *inter alia*:

- 6.1.1 Date of the Event
- 6.1.2 Venue
- 6.1.3 Starting time
- 6.1.4 Times when entries will be accepted
- 6.1.5 The names of the Judges for each breed or group/s and variety classes, Handler Classes,
- 6.1.6 Best In Show, Best Puppy in Show or discipline (OB, WT, FCI-IGP, TT, DJ, CA, AG, FL, FT)
- 6.1.7 The entry fees
- 6.1.8 Club enquiries telephone number
- 6.1.9 Right of Admission Reserved
- 6.1.10 a statement that all exhibitors/handlers are personally responsible for the control of their dogs at all times and shall be personally liable for any claims which may be made in respect of injuries which may arise or be caused by their dogs. (Refer Reg. 4.4)
- 6.1.11 Name of Show Manager

6.2 The following notices to Exhibitors are optional

- 6.2.1 puppies under four (4) months are not eligible for competition
- 6.2.2 the mating of bitches within the precincts of the Show is forbidden
- 6.2.3 whether or not bitches in season are admitted for exhibition.

6.3 Where Draft Schedules submitted by Clubs in terms of Regulation 2.1 and Regulation 6 of this Schedule are received by the KUSA Office later than three (3) months before the

first day of the show, for any reason whatsoever, such Clubs shall pay Penalty Fees as specified for:

6.3.1 each week or part thereof the Draft Schedule is received late, and/or

6.3.2 each Judge who is not qualified to judge the Breeds/Groups/Events for which he has contracted himself.

6.4 Where a Club, for any reason whatsoever, has been unable to finalise its Draft Schedule four (4) weeks before the first day of the Show, no licence shall be issued for that event. If a licence has already been paid for, Licence Fees will be refunded to the Club, subject to the deduction of Penalty Fees incurred up to four (4) weeks and, should the Penalty Fees be in excess of the Licence Fees, the Club shall be responsible for payment of the shortfall.

6.5 When a Club fails to pay a penalty within sixty (60) days of the date of imposition, the next application for a Licence for any Non-Championship Show or Event submitted by that Club shall be refused until all outstanding Penalty Fees have been paid, provided that such payment is received not less than four (4) weeks prior to its Non-Championship Show date.

7. Veterinary Examination:

It shall not be necessary to engage the services of a qualified Veterinary Surgeon to attend any Non-Championship show or Match Meeting and dogs may be admitted to the Show without first being examined, but the Show Committee shall not admit any dog which appears to be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease.

8. Disinfection and Sanitation:

The Show Manager and Show Committee shall ensure that the Code of Ethics, Regulation 2.7 (Schedule 9) is complied with.

8.1 Any person leaving a benching, grooming or ringside area in a dirty or unsanitary condition may be dealt with in terms of Show Regulations, Regulation 37.3 (Schedule 3).

9. Exclusion of Dogs

A Show Committee will have the power to exclude, refuse or remove any dog which is, owing to disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, not in a fit state for exhibition at a specific Show. Once a dog has been excluded or refused admission or has been removed from the precincts of a Show because of disease, savage disposition or any other cause, it will not be brought into the Show at any time or under any circumstances. The Show Secretary, on behalf of the Show Committee, shall submit to the Secretary within seven (7) days of the close of the Show a written report supported by sworn statements of any witnesses and all other evidence available to the Show Committee at the time of the incident following the procedures as set out in the Temporary Exclusion Order Manual and Annexure A thereof published from time to time by the Federal Council.

9.1 In all cases of exclusion, witness statements gathered by the Show Secretary shall include sworn statements from either the Judge or the Ring Steward, if either had witnessed the incident which had caused the exclusion, or if details of the incident had come to their knowledge, irrespective of whether it had taken place inside the ring, or outside the ring.

- 9.2 On the receipt of a written report from a Show Committee, which has refused or excluded or removed any dog from the precincts of a Show, the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall, at his discretion, be entitled to temporarily order the exclusion of such dog from further entry to or exhibition at any Show held under Kennel Union Regulations, such temporary order to continue in force until the next meeting of the Executive Committee who shall, at such meeting, deal with the matter in accordance with the provisions of 9.4 hereunder.
- 9.3 The Secretary shall on the making of an order by the Chairman of the Executive Committee as provided for in Regulation 9.2 above, forward to the owner of the dog and all Provincial Councils, a copy of the temporary exclusion order and further inform such owner that he is entitled to submit a written representation supported by sworn statement/s of any witness/es and any other applicable evidence in this regard to reach the Secretary on a date which shall be not less than three (3) days before the date of the proposed next meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 9.4 The Executive Committee shall consider the report and supporting evidence of the Show Secretary as well as the written representation and supporting evidence of the owner of the dog, if any, and may order a further investigation into the incident before making a determination, or proceed and confirm the temporary exclusion of the dog and determine at its discretion any appropriate procedure to be complied with and/or tests to be taken in order to have the exclusion withdrawn, or withdraw the imposed temporary exclusion or, after due consideration, recommend to the Federal Council that the dog is not fit for exhibition and request that the dog be permanently excluded from exhibition. The determination of the Executive Committee of what constitutes appropriate procedures to be complied with and/or tests to be taken as well as the timeframes set therefor, for the purpose of these Regulations, shall be final and binding.
- 9.5 The Secretary shall, on the making of any decision, determination and/or recommendation by the Executive Committee as provided for in Regulation 9.4 above, forward to the owner of the dog a notice informing him thereof and, if applicable, of the timeframes set for the appropriate procedures to be complied with and/or tests to be taken. Upon receipt by the Secretary of sufficient proof of compliance with the conditions set by the Executive Committee, or in the absence of any proof provided within the allotted timeframe, the matter must be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration and final determination to either withdraw the temporary exclusion, or to make a recommendation to the Federal Council as provided for in Regulation 9.6 hereunder.
- 9.6 If, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, a dog is not fit for exhibition, the Federal Council shall be empowered to permanently exclude such dog from entry to, or exhibition at, any Show held under Kennel Union Regulations.
- 9.7 In consequence of any decision reached under the provisions of Regulation 9, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to publish, on the Kennel Union's official website and Facebook pages, full details thereof and shall have the power to circulate this information to Affiliated Clubs and Provincial Councils.

10. Exhibition of Dogs Suffering from Contagious or infectious Disease:

If any dog is exhibited which has been knowingly exposed to the risk of any contagious or infectious disease during the period of six (6) weeks prior to exhibition; or if any dog at a Show should be found to be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease, including any reaction to immunization, or is found to be unfit for exhibition from any other cause, the

exhibitor thereof shall be liable to be dealt with under Rule 2 Disciplinary Rules (Schedule 1).

11. Exhibition of Dogs:

- 11.1 No dog shall be allowed in the judging ring unless it is being judged or the exhibitor has been instructed to retain the dog in the ring pending judging of a subsequent class.
- 11.2 No dog shall be allowed to be off a lead or benching chain unless required by the Judge.
- 11.3 No handler of a dog shall exhibit on his person or upon the dog any prize, card or rosette, which may be displayed save as permitted in Regulation 35.2 Championship Show Regulations (Schedule 3).
- 11.4 No Exhibitor shall allow the dog he is exhibiting to be deliberately and improperly attracted from outside the ring whilst such dog is within the ring to be judged.
- 11.5 No dog shall be allowed into the Judging ring after having been called three (3) times by the Ring Steward and marked absent.
- 11.6 No dogs born or imported into the KUSA area of jurisdiction that have had their ears cropped after birth or importation, shall be eligible to compete in any Show or event licensed by the Kennel Union.
- 11.7 No dogs of which the ears were cropped prior to their importation into the Kennel Union area of jurisdiction shall be eligible to compete in any Show or event licensed by the Kennel Union, despite being eligible for registration by the Kennel Union in terms of Schedule 2 Regulation 7.2.
- 11.8 A Judge may not enter and compete with a dog in his Registered Ownership in the same discipline at a Non-championship Show held under the same licence as the Show for which he is officiating. Conversely, an officiating Judge is entitled to enter and compete with such dog in the same discipline at a Non-championship Show, provided such Show is held under a different licence. Automatic disqualification of any dog(s) entered and competed with contrary to this Regulation will apply and the Judge will be liable for disciplinary action under Schedule 01.
- 11.9 A Judge may not handle a dog in his Registered Ownership in the same discipline at a Non-championship Show held under the same licence as the Show for which he is officiating. Conversely, an officiating Judge is entitled to handle such dog in the same discipline at a Non-championship Show, provided such Show is held under a different licence. Automatic disqualification of any dog(s) handled contrary to this Regulation will apply and the Judge will be liable for disciplinary action under Schedule 01.
- 11.10A Judge, appointed to judge Junior Showmanship only, may enter a dog registered in his ownership in Breed and Dogsport, and may handle any dog in Breed and Dogsport, on the same day at the same venue, under the same or different licence, as he is officiating.

12. Withdrawal from Competition

After admission to a Show, a dog shall be exhibited in all the classes in which it is entered and failure to do so or failure to enter the ring when required shall render such dog liable to disqualification at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Withdrawal from competition is permissible in the following circumstances:

- 12.1 when the Judge announced is changed;
- 12.2 if it is desired to withdraw a dog from competition because of its illness;
- 12.3 whenever the Judge permits a dog to be withdrawn from further classes after exhibition in its first class;
- 12.4 when permission has been granted by the Show Manager.

13. Use of Sound Amplifiers and Fire Arms

- 13.1 The use of unauthorised sound amplifiers or radios is forbidden at a Show save and except by the Show Committee for administrative purposes.
- 13.2 The use of fire arms or any noise and exercise at a Show that may be injurious or alarming to dogs is forbidden.
- 13.3 At any Show where a gunshot test is held such test must not interfere with any Breed Class or other Disciplines.

14. Judging Requirements and Regulations:

- 14.1 All dogs exhibited shall be judged in suitable rings and all judging shall take place in public.
- 14.2 The Show Committee shall provide each Judge with Judge's sheets in which only the breed, class and exhibits' numbers are entered.
- 14.3 Every Ring Steward and Ring Clerk shall be provided with stewards sheets similar in content to the judge's sheets and no Show Catalogue shall be permitted within any judging ring.
- 14.4 After the judge has made his/her awards sequentially in order of merit 1 to 4, the Ring Steward will note the awards and announce them.
- 14.5 Any alteration made and initialled by the Judge in the judge's sheets shall be carried on to the office together with other copies of the judge's sheets.
- 14.6 In the event of a Judge making a report on any exhibit that has been improperly tampered with, is blind, deaf or suffering from contagious or infectious disease, the Show Secretary shall cause such exhibit to be examined by the Veterinary Surgeon and submit the facts of the case to the Show committee, which shall then act in terms of Schedule 3, Reg. 31.
- 14.7 Save and except from the necessary entry by any official of the show and persons assisting disabled or wheelchair bound handlers, the only persons permitted in the ring during judging shall be the Officiating Judge(s), the Learner Judge(s), Steward(s), Ring Clerk/Secretary, and the handlers of exhibits being judged.
- 14.8 If a dog attacks a Judge or shows aggression towards a Judge, it must be immediately excused from the Ring and the Judge must immediately report the occurrence to the Show Manager. The Show Manager will then cause the dog to be withdrawn from all further competition in the Show. The Show Secretary shall then send a written report of the incident to the Secretary of KUSA in accordance with Regulation 9.

15. Appointment and Approval of Judges

- 15.1 An Affiliated Club shall have unrestricted discretion to appoint its Judges who shall, if permanently domiciled in the KUSA area of jurisdiction, be members in good standing of the Kennel Union and shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years at the time when formal studies or activities towards a judging qualification commence, and/or any judging is undertaken.
- 15.1.1 have passed the initial examination for the relevant breed/group of the KUSA Breed Judges Learning Programme, or
- 15.1.2 is approved by the Executive Committee to judge the relevant breed/group at Championship Show level.
- 15.2 The Executive Committee's approval for every Judge elect shall be obtained in writing not less than three (3) months before the date of the show at which time the Secretary may notify the club of any restriction imposed upon such Judge elect and any disqualification or suspension affecting the Federal Council's approval of appointment.
- 15.3 Notwithstanding the provision of Sub-Regulation 14.2, the Executive Committee may give special dispensation in cases of emergency, such as illness or a Judge's inability to travel and the approval required under Sub-Regulation 14.2 thereof, may be applied for within the periods stipulated.
- 15.4 In the event of a Judge, having accepted an appointment, not fulfilling such engagement to judge, he shall be required to give reasons in writing within 7 days to the Club Committee with whom he has been contracted and if such reason is considered to be unsatisfactory or if no such reason is submitted, the Club Committee shall request the Club Secretary or any other appointed member of the Club who is a member of the KUSA to submit a complaint with the KUSA in terms of Schedule 1 of the KUSA Constitution.
- 15.5 Unless dispensation is granted by Exco, at a Non-Championship Show, clubs must select a judge with a minimum qualification of three groups at Level 4 to officiate at the Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show challenges. Should there be no suitably qualified Learner Judge on the panel, the club would need to appoint a suitably qualified Judge specifically for the Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show challenges. In the dispensation areas, Eastern Cape and Free State, the minimum qualification for a BIS and/or BPIS judge may be a licensed judge for a minimum of one group.
- 15.6 As far as possible, preference should be given to Learner Judges to fill appointments at Non-Championship shows rather than Licensed Judges. Invitations should also (as far as possible) be extended to Learner Judges in other Provinces.

16. Competition for Group Winners, Best Puppy and Best in Show

The Show Committee shall have unrestricted discretion to arrange its form of competition, to obtain winners of each group, or breed, as the case may be, from which the Best Puppy in Show award shall be made.

17. Age Restriction

No dogs under the age of four (4) months on the day of the Show may be entered or

exhibited.

18. Kennel Union Constitution and Show Regulations

A copy of the Kennel Union Constitution and Regulations currently in force shall be made available by the Show Committee and accessible to any exhibitor at a Show.

19. Public Liability Insurance

The provisions of Championship Show Regulation 28 (Schedule 3) shall apply to Non-Championship Shows, *mutatis mutandis*.

20. Prizes

All prizes may be distributed to winners at the Show.

21. Objection to Dogs

The provisions of Championship Show Regulation 31(Schedule 3) shall apply to Non-Championship Shows, *mutatis mutandis*.

22. Disqualification and Forfeiture of Prizes

The provisions of Championship Show Regulation 32 (Schedule 3) shall apply to Non-Championship shows, *mutatis mutandis*.

23. Fines and Penalties

The provisions of Championship Show Regulations 33.1 and 33.3 (Schedule 3) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

24. Ring Numbers

The provisions of Championship Show Regulation 35 (Schedule 3) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

25. Fraudulent or Discreditable Conduct

The provisions of Championship Show Regulation 37 (Schedule 3) shall apply to Non-Championship Shows, *mutatis mutandis*.

26. Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition

The provisions of Championship Show Regulation 38 (Schedule 3) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

27. Obedience Classes, Working Trials and Field Trials

Obedience Classes, Working Trials and Field Trials or any other licensed event may be held at or in conjunction with any Non-Championship show subject to the conduct thereof being in accordance with the Kennel Union Regulations for such Class, Trial or event.

28. Children's Handler Class

The provisions of Championship Show Regulations 8 and 40 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

29. **Optional Classes (Baby Puppy and Neuter Class)**

The provisions of Championship Show Regulation 24 (Schedule 3) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

30. Within fifteen (15) working days after the completion of a Show, the Show Secretary shall forward to the Secretary a form showing the number of dogs entered and the total entries, including the breakdown of breeds and numbers judged by each Judge, together with the fees as specified in Subscription and Fees Document issued pursuant to Schedule 07. Any submissions after four (4) weeks from completion of the Show will attract Penalties as stipulated in the Subscription and Fees Document issued pursuant to Schedule 07.

APPENDIX “B”

DEFINITION OF CLASSES

Emerging Breed Classes to be held only for those breeds listed in the Emerging Breed Register (Schedule 2, Appendix "D").

Emerging Baby Puppy	(EBP)	for dogs of four (4) and under six (6) months of age on the day of the Show.
Emerging Minor Puppy	(EMP)	for dogs of six (6) and under nine (9) months of age on the first day of the Show.
Emerging Puppy	(EPU)	for dogs of nine (9) and under twelve (12) months of age on the first day of the Show.
Emerging Junior	(EJU)	for dogs of twelve (12) and under eighteen (18) months of age on the first day of the Show.
Emerging Graduate	(EGR)	for dogs of eighteen (18) and under twenty-four (24) months of age on the first day of the Show.
Emerging Open	(EOP)	for dogs of any age in the particular Emerging Breed Register.



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