



Kennel Union of Southern Africa

SCHEDULE 10: APPENDIX 2

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP COURSE KUSA BREED JUDGES' LEARNING PROGRAMME

(Effective 01-03-2026)

1. REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1. Any KUSA Member in good standing, who has a genuine interest in nurturing and guiding tomorrow's Handlers through the activity of judging Junior Showmanship, must meet the qualifying criteria listed below.
- 1.2. A Licensed, or Senior Judge may study the Junior Showmanship Course simultaneously with one other Level 2 Group or a Breed Specialisation Course. A Learner, Licensed, or Senior Judge may take on the Junior Showmanship Course, to supplement his chosen Qualification Path, provided that the Group(s) which he is studying are not regulated by the FCI as one of the Key Groups.

2. QUALIFYING CRITERIA

- 2.1. An Applicant wishing to apply to join the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme (KBJLP) must meet the following criteria:
 - 2.1.1. must be at least 18 years of age
 - 2.1.2. must be a permanent resident of South Africa or Namibia
 - 2.1.3. must be a member in good standing of KUSA for a continuous period of five (5) years as at date of application.
 - 2.1.4. must have a minimum of seven (7) years' demonstrated involvement which must include experience in as many of the following as possible:
 - 2.1.4.1. participation in Child, Junior, or Adult Showmanship competition
 - 2.1.4.2. ownership of a KUSA-registered dog
 - 2.1.4.3. exhibition of a KUSA-registered dog to Breed Championship status
 - 2.1.4.4. recorded as the breeder of a KUSA-registered litter
 - 2.1.4.5. ring stewardship at Championship and/or Non-championship Shows
 - 2.1.4.6. Club administration, committee work, show organisation or any other KUSA-approved canine activity.

3. APPLICATION

- 3.1. The Applicant must gather the following material in support of his application to begin the KUSA Junior Showmanship Course:
 - 3.1.1. a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae recording the following:
 - 3.1.1.1. motivation for wanting to judge.
 - 3.1.1.2. a summary of involvement in canine and/or handling activities and achievements (*See Reg.2 above*).
 - 3.1.2. This application, together with all supporting documents, must be forwarded to the KUSA Office.
 - 3.1.3. The JEC shall be entitled to convene an interview or discussion with the Applicant, at its sole discretion, for the purpose of satisfying itself of the Applicant's eligibility and/or to address any concerns relating to the chosen Path of Qualification. The KUSA Office will notify the Applicant of the JEC's decision on the application and, if successful, will advise the Applicant to make payment of the registration fee. The Applicant will, after approval by the JEC, be referred to as a 'Candidate Judge'.

- 3.1.4. Once payment of the registration fee has been processed, the KUSA Office will advise the Candidate Judge that access has been granted to the Study Guides, which may be downloaded through the Judge's Membership Portal.
- 3.1.5. Should the application be unsuccessful, the KUSA Office will provide the JEC's reasons why the Applicant's application to commence studying the Junior Showmanship Course was unsuccessful. The Applicant may reapply once all the qualifying criteria have been met.

4. SUPPORT MATERIAL

- 4.1. The Learner Judge will receive access to comprehensive support material which covers the material to be examined, explains how to work through the Learning Programme and explains the structure of the examination and how to prepare for it.

5. MENTORSHIP AND ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. The Learner Judge will be assigned a qualified Junior Showmanship Licensed Judge, who will mentor and assess the Learner Judge's performance for the duration of the Junior Showmanship Course.
- 5.2. The Learner Judge will be required to liaise with the assigned Junior Showmanship Licensed Judge, on a suitable occasion to conduct an observation and assessment.
- 5.3. An assigned Junior Showmanship Licensed Judge will be required to attend and observe the judging of at least one (1) of the Learner Judge's judging appointments at Non-championship Shows and provide feedback on the Learner's judging procedure, consistency, technical knowledge, attitude, and behaviour towards the Handler exhibitors – encouraging and advising best practices where applicable.

6. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

6.1. SEMINAR

- 6.1.1. The Learner Judge must attend at least one JEC-approved Seminar on Judging Junior Showmanship, which will include applicable KUSA Regulations.
- 6.1.2. The Learner Judge must record full details of place, presenter, date, and proof of attendance on the standardised form which is to be stored in the Portfolio.

6.2. JUDGING APPOINTMENTS

The Learner Judge is required to judge:

- 6.2.1. a minimum of three (3) Child Handler Classes and three (3) Junior Handler Classes at Non-championship show level.
- 6.2.2. a minimum of twelve (12) Handlers in total, distributed as at least six (6) Child Handlers and at least six (6) Junior Handlers.

6.3. CRITIQUES

- 6.3.1. The Learner Judge completes the standardised Critique Form during his judging, in which details and numbers of all the Handler exhibitors judged are entered, as well as a brief Critique on each Child and/or Junior Handler first-prize winner.
- 6.3.2. On completion of the judging appointment, the Learner Judge must request the Show Secretary to endorse the Learner Judge's Critique Form. The Show Secretary will acknowledge having signed off on said Critique Form in the normal Return of Show Levies form, which is required to be forwarded to the KUSA Office as per normal procedure.
- 6.3.3. On receipt of the Return of Show Levies form from the Show Secretary, the KUSA Office and the JEC Assessment Officer will record and update the Learner Judge's progress and grant clearance for future judging appointments. No clearance for future judging appointments shall be granted without this procedure having been completed correctly.
- 6.3.4. At the observed appointment, the Junior Showmanship Licensed Judge will make a formative assessment of the Learner Judge's judging skills and ring management on the official Judging Skills Assessment form and provide verbal feedback and guidance immediately on completion of the judging appointment.
- 6.3.5. The Learner Judge must store all judging reports in the Portfolio.

6.4. PORTFOLIO

- 6.4.1. Once the Learner Judge has completed all the requirements of the Junior Showmanship Course, the Portfolio is submitted to the KUSA Judges' Department for a summative assessment.
- 6.4.2. The contents of the Portfolio must include:
 - 6.4.2.1. details and proof of attendance of the Junior Showmanship Seminar
 - 6.4.2.2. the Learner Judge's Judging Critique Forms prescribed in Reg. 6.3 above
 - 6.4.2.3. Judging Skills Assessment Form
- 6.4.3. If found to have met all requirements satisfactorily, the KUSA Judges' Department will approve and sign off the Portfolio and notify the JEC Fedco Representatives of such successful completion.
- 6.4.4. If certain requirements are incomplete, or of insufficient standard, the KUSA Judges' Department will advise the Learner Judge and guide remedial procedures in order to facilitate successful completion.

7. EXAMINATION: JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

- 7.1. On the approval of the Portfolio, Learner Judge may apply to sit the Junior Showmanship examination, held quarterly. A Learner Judge may write only one (1) paper per quarter.
- 7.2. The content of the examination shall be based on the Junior Showmanship Study Guide.
- 7.3. The format of the examination shall be multiple choice, labelling, and short questions.
- 7.4. The Junior Showmanship script shall carry 100 marks with a minimum requirement of 80%.
- 7.5. The duration of the examination shall be no longer than 1 hour.
- 7.6. Examination papers will be marked by either the online examination platform or the JEC Examination Officer. Results will be confirmed after having been moderated by at least one qualified Moderator.
- 7.7. Examination Candidates will be notified by the KUSA Office of their success or failure in the examination and a percentage mark shall be given. If the Candidate is unsuccessful, he may register to rewrite the examination at any future examination opportunity.
- 7.8. On the successful completion of the examination, the KUSA Office will acknowledge the Learner Judge as a Licensed Junior Showmanship Judge



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