



Kennel Union of Southern Africa

ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES AND SCHEDULES OF THE CONSTITUTION

The additions and amendments to the Articles and Schedules listed below were agreed to by the Federal Council at its virtual meeting of 05 December 2025. The Articles will become effective on **01 February 2026** (or as otherwise stated) and the Schedules on **01 March 2026** or as otherwise stated.

Clubs are reminded that in terms of Article 40 of the Constitution, Affiliated Clubs have the right to object to any proposed amendment or part thereof to the Articles, but this does not extend to the Schedules which are governed by Article 41 of the Constitution.

N.B.: The references refer to the Constitution and Schedules on the KUSA website (www.kusa.co.za).

AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES

Nil

AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 01 – DISCIPLINARY RULES

Regulation 9 – NOTIFICATION OF THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING

Insert NEW:

9.4 Transfer of Ownership Pending Hearing

9.4.1 From the date on which the Respondent is notified of a Disciplinary Sub-Committee (DSC) hearing in terms of Rule 9.1, no dog owned, co-owned, registered or recorded in the Respondent's name, whether solely, jointly, or in the name of a nominee, may be transferred, assigned or otherwise disposed of without the approval of the Executive Committee.

9.4.2 Any application for transfer during this period must be submitted to the Executive Committee through the Secretary and must include full written reasons and supporting documentation. The Executive Committee may grant or refuse approval at its discretion.

9.4.3 Any transfer of ownership effected in contravention of Rule 9.4.1 shall be deemed invalid for all purposes of proceedings under Schedule 01, and the dog concerned shall be treated as though it remains under the Respondent's ownership for the duration of the disciplinary process, including the imposition of any penalties.

9.4.4 This restriction remains in force until the conclusion of all disciplinary proceedings, including the expiration of the appeal period or the final determination of an appeal, if lodged.

SCHEDULE 02 – REGULATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION, REGISTRATION & TRANSFER OF REGISTERED OWNERSHIP OF DOGS

Delete:

Sub-regulation 3.1.6

10. Transfer of Registered Ownership of a Dog

Amend to read:

An application for the transfer of registered ownership for each individual puppy in a litter, may be submitted simultaneously to the application for registration of the litter, on the proviso that the breeder attaches to the application for registration of a complete litter, an official application for transfer of registered ownership at simultaneous time of registration of litter, signed by the breeder. The Certificates of Registration will be sent directly to the designated registered owners.

Alternatively, whenever the owner of a dog wishes the Kennel Union to record a transfer of the registered ownership of such dog, application shall be made on the reverse side of the Certificate of Registration for such dog, signed and dated by the transferor and the transferee and accompanied by the fee prescribed in terms of Schedule 07. Certificates which have been

separated, altered by Tippex or other means, mutilated or have had the format changed will not be acceptable to the KUSA. Upon receipt of an application for the transfer of a dog, such application shall be processed and a new Certificate of Registration sent to the designated Registered Owner, save where approval of the transfer of the dog in question has been refused by the Executive Committee under the provisions of, inter alia, Schedule 01 Rule 9.4.

SCHEDULE 03 – REGULATION FOR CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

Regulation 2 – Show Catalogue

Insert NEW:

2.1.1 Notwithstanding Regulation 2.1 above, if the Club is a standalone Specialist Breed Club (the sole Club for a particular breed affiliated to KUSA), it may apply to the Executive Committee, as contemplated in Article 29.2, to hold its annual Championship Show in a Centre other than that in which it is domiciled, or to hold an additional Championship Show in such other Centre in the same year. In adjudicating either application, the Executive Committee shall take into account the geographical distribution of exhibitors, logistical factors and the overall benefit for the breed concerned, on the strict understanding that no licence shall be granted to a Specialist Breed Club to hold its Annual Championship Show in another Centre for two or more consecutive years.

[Renumber remaining sections consecutively.]

Regulation 7 – Entry for Exhibition

Insert NEW:

7.10.3 A 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.

SCHEDULE 03 APPENDIX 3 – OFFICIAL SHOW ENTRY FORM

Confirmation of the amendment to the Official Show Entry Form – Field Trials to allow a tick box for Not For Competition Entries.

Clause 14

Amend to read:

14. Field trial competitions might be dangerous, and I hereby indemnify KUSA, the affiliated Club conducting the Field Trial and the Officers of the Club and the landowners against any and all claims of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising that may be levelled against them jointly and severally.

SCHEDULE 04 – REGULATIONS FOR NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

Regulation 11 – Exhibition of Dogs

Insert NEW:

11.10 A 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.

SCHEDULE 04A – REGULATIONS FOR QUALIFYING & RE-QUALIFYING SHOWS

Regulation 9 – Exhibition of Dogs

Insert NEW:

9.14 A 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.

[Renumber remaining sections consecutively.]

SCHEDULE 05B(03) – REGULATIONS FOR TRACKING TRIALS

Regulation 7.4 - General Procedure, laying and running the track

Amend to read:

After placing the third article, the Tracklayer must continue for several more paces in the same direction as the last leg.....

SCHEDULE 05C(1) – REGULATIONS FOR RETRIEVER FIELD TRIALS

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A.3 DEFINITIONS

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A.3.4 NOT FOR COMPETITION (NFC)

Preamble: NFC is to allow a dog that has qualified out of a stake to compete in NFC for experience, before moving to the next Class.

A.3.4.1 Not for Competition (NFC) entries may only be accepted in stakes not carrying eligibility towards the title of Champion, i.e. Maiden and Novice Stakes.

A.3.4.2 Schedule 05C(1) Rules to be strictly adhered to by all entrants at all times.

A.3.4.3 NFC Entries will not be eligible for prizes or qualifications, and may not be awarded any "Club Certificate". NFC entrants attaining 70% or more are not awarded SAHR points.

A.3.4.4 NFC Entries will be included in the catalogue, clearly marked NFC.

A.3.4.5 NFC Entrants will be permitted to enter a stake until such time as the dog has attained the standard of 70% or more three (3) times before moving on to the next higher stake.

SCHEDULE 05D – REGULATIONS FOR DOG JUMPING GRADES

Regulation 1.5 Registering and Eligibility of Dogs for Competition

Amend to read:

1.5.13 NFC Entries (Not for Competition Entries)

Handlers shall be able to enter their dogs into Dog Jumping Grades as "Not for Competition" NFC at any KUSA Show. The dog entered as NFC should be clearly marked as such on the Entry Form and Score Sheet prior to the commencement of the Show and may not be changed to a competitive entry on the day.

Any NFC dogs will run last in their respective Class. The Handler will be allowed in the ring for the maximum course time.

No dispensation in respect of Regulation 3.7, Disciplining of Dogs shall be permitted.

Dispensations in respect of Regulations 3.9 and 7.17 are allowed. The dog may not be rewarded with food in the ring.

Dispensation allowing a competitor to compete in a lower height than eligible is permitted, but not to compete in a higher height than eligible.

No dispensation in respect of Regulation 2.11 shall be permitted even if another Handler is entered to handle the dog.

NFC entries shall be identified by the Judge/Scribe to the other competitors when the Handler enters the ring and shall not be marked or be eligible for prizes or be able to qualify.

SCHEDULE 05E(11) – REGULATIONS FOR THE KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA NATIONAL AWARDS

Regulation 4 – Venue and Date for Future Years

Amend to read:

The venue shall be such venue as the Federal Council shall determine from time to time and the event shall be held over weekend twenty-two (22), unless otherwise decided by the Federal Council.

Regulation 6 – Holding of Events

Insert NEW:

6.2 The Federal Council shall include a list of all events which will be held in any year in the Show Schedule, together with the names of the Judges.

SCHEDULE 05E(16) REGULATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL DOG JUMPING LEAGUE

Regulation 5.1 - Qualification:

Amend to read:

Entry shall be open to all dogs that are registered with KUSA in terms of Regulation 3.1 above and have qualified to compete in Grade 1 or the Veterans Class as provided for in Schedule 05D.

Regulation 6 – Judging / Course Design

Insert NEW:

- 6.10 All events forming part of the League shall be judged in accordance with Table A, except for the Veterans Class that will be judged under Table B.
- 6.11 All height categories in the Veterans Class will run first on the day.
- 6.12 The Tyre and Spread Hurdle may not be used in the Veterans Class.
- 6.13 Time allowed will be set at 3.5m/s for Grade 1, including the jump-off, and at 2.5m/s for the Veterans Class.

Regulation 7 – The Competition

Insert NEW:

7.5 Substitutions of a dog's Handler is permissible during the course of the KUSA NDJL Competition without having an effect on the dog's score/points, provided the substitute Handler(s) have not competed in any other Centre where the same course was used.

7.6 The scoring system shall be as follows:

Insert NEW:

7.6.1 In the first round (including Veterans Class)

7.6.2 Jump-off (excluding Veterans Class)

Over a shortened course, but no obstacles are allowed to be moved. Sequence and jump direction may be changed and obstacles may be removed. The jump-off to be set with a running length of between 70m and 100m and requires at least one change of direction, and the inclusion of least one Grade 1 skill.

7.6.2.1 Dogs with clear rounds in the jump-off shall be awarded five (5) points

7.6.2.3 Bonus Points

Amend to read:

7.6.2.3.1 Only Grade 1 dogs going clear in the jump-off will be eligible for bonus points and bonus points will be awarded for beating the Time Allowed by the exact number of seconds to the hundredth of a second under the Time Allowed. These points are then corrected by being multiplied by 100 and divided by the jump-off course length. Bonus points = (Time Allowed – dog's time) x 100/(course length).

SCHEDULE 05(L) APPENDIX D – REGULATIONS FOR KUSA SOUTH AFRICAN AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Regulation 6 – SHOW ENTRIES

Amend to read:

6.6 NOT FOR COMPETITION (NFC)

6.6.1 Handlers may enter their dogs as 'Not for Competition' (NFC) at any KUSA Show (refer to Regulations 6.1 and 6.6.4).

6.6.2 A dog may be entered as 'NFC' on the day of the event, provided it is done prior to the course being built for each respective Grade and must be clearly marked on the score sheet. The Handler and dog will run last in the relevant Class.

6.6.3 A dog entered for 'NFC' may be changed to 'for competition' on the day provided it is done prior to the course being built and the dog must run first in its relevant Class.

6.6.4 No dispensation in respect of Regulation 10.10 shall be permitted. Dispensations in respect of Regulation 9.3 is allowed. A toy will be allowed without any restriction, however, food/treats will not be allowed in the ring whether concealed on the Handler or in his hand, or in the toy (refer to Regulation 9.5).

6.6.5 Dispensation allowing a Handler to compete in a lower height category than eligible may be permitted but not to compete in a higher height category than eligible. Dispensation allowing a Handler to compete in a lower Grade than eligible may be permitted but not to compete in a higher Grade than eligible.

6.6.6 'NFC' entries shall be identified by the Judge/Scribe to the other competitors when the Handler enters the ring and shall be observed throughout by the Judge but not marked and shall not be eligible for prizes or Qualifications. The Handler and dog will be allowed in the ring for the maximum course time (MCT).

6.6.7 No dispensation in respect of Regulation 6.8 shall be permitted even if another Handler is entered to handle the dog.

9.5 REWARDING DOGS

Amend to read:

9.5.1 Food/treats will not be allowed in the ring, whether concealed on the Handler or in his hand. Anyone carrying food/treats into the ring will be eliminated.

9.5.2 A concealed toy will be allowed, but must be concealed prior to entering the ring. It must remain concealed while the Handler is under Judge's orders (before the start) until the dog has completed the round (exited the ring). Any visible toy on the Handler, or if it is dropped on the ground, will result in an elimination. This includes partially visible toys sticking or bulging out of Handler's clothing.

9.5.3 No audible toys will be allowed. Any audible toys (squeak, bell, etc.) carried by the Handler will result in an elimination.

9.5.4 However, words of praise and encouragement are permitted by the Handler whilst in the ring.

SCHEDULE 05(L) APPENDIX C – REGULATIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF KUSA DOGS TO COMPETE AT THE FCI AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Regulation 3.1 - COMPOSITION OF THE AWCWG

Amend to read:

3.1.1 The AWCWG shall be composed of two (2) to three (3) selected members regardless of Province, who shall be in good standing with KUSA and shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years. If more than three (3) names are received, the NAgSC will select the three most experienced nominations.

3.1.1.1 The Agility Treasurer shall be a member of the AWCWG.

3.1.1.2 The KUSA Representative on the FCI Agility Non-Mandatory Commission shall be a member of the AWCWG.

3.1.2 The AWCWG shall elect a Chairman who will be responsible to liaise with and report to the NAgSC within the terms of reference issued by the NAgSC (refer to Regulation 3.2.1) and supplemented by the terms of reference as per Schedule 05(L) Appendices A, C and D.

3.1.3 The AWCWG shall serve for a period of one (1) year following appointment. Should a member resign during their term of office, the NAgSC may appoint another member of the Agility community to replace him. The new member will serve out the remainder of the resigning member's term of office. Members may stand for re-election the following year.

3.1.4 The Agility Treasurer, as appointed by the NAgSC, shall keep a true record of all proceedings and shall be responsible and have the authority to submit invoices received from the AWCWG to KUSA for payment out of the SA Agility Control Account administered on behalf of the NAgSC by KUSA.

3.1.5 The AWCWG shall be at liberty to [fill casual vacancies and] co-opt additional resources to assist the Working Group, provided that all those co-opted to supplement the Working Group's resources, shall be members in good standing with KUSA.

Regulation 4.4 - ORGANISATION

4.4.5 If the KUSA AWC Trials are run on their own, the AWCWG will select two (2) Judges from applicants to officiate at the KUSA AWC Trials. Eligibility, application process and criteria for the selection of the Judges can be found in Schedule 05(L) Appendix E Regulation 4.

4.4.6 If the KUSA AWC Trials are held at the same time and venue as the KUSA SAAC, the AWCWG will select the two (2) Judges who receive the most votes from Provincial Agility Sub-Committees and the selected Judges should judge both Events, if possible, (refer to Schedule 05(L) Appendix D Regulation 4.3.3).

Insert NEW:

4.10 AWARDS

4.10.1 If the KUSA AWC Trials are held at the same time and venue as the KUSA SAAC Event, dogs entered only for the KUSA AWC Trials are not eligible for awards in the KUSA SAAC Trial rounds.

SCHEDULE 05(L) APPENDIX D – REGULATIONS FOR THE KUSA SOUTH AFRICAN AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Regulation 3.4 – COURSES

Amend to read:

3.4.2.1 Each Trial of the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials must have a Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility Grade 3 course that must be jumped on the same day. Each round must cater for each height category and the running order must be interchanged so that each height category has a turn to start a round first and finish last. This must be different for the Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility rounds jumped on the same day. The running order must be published prior to the start of the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials. The National Trials Co-ordinator will determine the order and, after obtaining approval from the AWCWG, publish it prior to the start of the first Trial.

3.7 QUALIFICATIONS

3.7.2 If the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials are held under an Agility League Licence, the Judge on the day will determine the SCT for Grade 1 and Grade 2 as per Regulation 3.7.1.

4.4 COURSES

4.4.2.1 For each KUSA SAAC round, the SCT (in seconds) will be determined by the time of the fastest dog, in each height category, with the fewest course faults + 20%, rounded up to the nearest second.

4.4.2.2 To ensure the minimum speed for Grade 3 is still achieved in Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility, the course must be measured and the time of the fastest dog with fewest course faults will be used to check if the minimum speed stated in the table as per Schedule 05(L) Regulation 12.1.1.1 has been attained. If the minimum speed is not attained, no Qualifications may be issued to Grade 1 or Grade 2 dogs (refer to Regulation 4.7.2).

4.5 KUSA SAAC COMPETITION

4.5.1 All dogs will jump the same courses, with the obstacles set at the heights/specifications prescribed for each height category (refer to Regulation 3.4.2.3). For each SAAC round, the running order must be interchanged so that all height categories, in rotation, have the opportunity to start the round first and finish last.

Insert NEW:

4.8 AWARDS

4.8.1 Only dogs that have qualified for the SAAC will be eligible for prizes in the four KUSA SAAC rounds as well as the overall prizes and title. Dogs entered for the KUSA AWC Trials only are not eligible for SAAC awards.

SCHEDULE 05(L) APPENDIX D – REGULATIONS FOR THE KUSA SOUTH AFRICAN AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

8. JUDGING

Amend to read:

8.1 The Judge for each round/competition must be a current/active KUSA Championship Show Agility Judge and in good standing with KUSA. He must be appointed or approved by the relevant Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee.

8.2 The appointed Judge may enter his dog(s) and take part on the day for the sole purpose of obtaining NAL points. On application for the Show or Trial Licence, the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee must appoint an alternate Judge, who is a KUSA-licensed Championship Show Agility Judge, to judge the rounds of the appointed Judge. Neither Judge may see the course ahead of time.

8.3 Should the appointed Judge have entered dog(s), he will be required to run all his dog(s), regardless of height category, prior to the commencement of the Event.

8.4 The Judge's dog(s) may not receive qualifications or prizes and the criteria as per Schedule 05(L) Regulation 6.8.2 are adhered to.

8.5 All rounds shall be judged as laid down in Schedule 5(L) Regulations 10 and 13 as well as the FCI Agility Judging Guidelines (Schedule 5(L) Appendix H).

SCHEDULE 05M – REGULATIONS FOR FLYBALL

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that amendments to the abovenamed Schedule will become effective 01.03.2026.

SCHEDULE 07 – SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES (PRICE LIST) 2023/2024

Insert NEW:

13 AFFILIATION FEES

13.2.7	Namibian All-breeds Club	R1,600.00
13.2.8	Namibian Group Club	R1,200.00
13.2.9	Namibian Specialist Breed Club & Specialist Multi-breed Club	R 800.00

14 LICENCE FEES

14.1 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

14.1.7	Namibian All-breeds Club	R1,000.00
14.1.8	Namibian Group Club	R 650.00
14.1.9	Namibian Specialist Breed Club & Specialist Multi-breed Club	R 300.00

14.2 QUALIFYING SHOWS

14.2.5	Namibian All-breeds Club	R1,000.00
14.2.6	Namibian Group Club	R 650.00
14.2.7	Namibian Specialist Breed Club & Specialist Multi-breed Club	R 300.00

14.3 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

14.3.1	All-breeds Club	R 384.00
14.3.2	Group, Specialist and Specialist Multi-breed Clubs	R 226.00
14.3.3	Namibian All-breeds Club	R 250.00
14.3.4	Namibian Group, Specialist and Specialist Multi-breed Club	R 180.00
14.3.5	Breed Working Test (held on a separate Licence)	R 423.00
14.3.6	Breed Assessment, Aptitude Tests, etc. (Schedule 05F)	R 385.00
14.3.7	Shooting Ratings, Gundog Hunting Tests, Natural Agility Tests	

	& Versatile Tests for Pointing Breeds	R 385.00
14.3.8	Demonstration Events (i.e. "Fun Event" Charity Show, Demonstration for educational or charity purposes)	Free on app
14.3.9	Special Event held under Schedule 05E separate from any Championship Show	R 406.00

SCHEDULE 09 – KUSA CODE OF ETHICS

Regulation 4 – Ethical Behaviour of Kusa Members as Breeders

Insert NEW:

4.26 not offer a dog as a prize in a raffle or any form of competition, or allow a dog to be sold at auction;

SCHEDULE 09 APPENDIX "B" – CODE OF CONDUCT FOR JUDGES LICENSED BY THE KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (KUSA)

Regulation 1 – In General:

Amend to read:

1.1 Save for the concession granted under Schedule 10 Regulation 6.2 to KUSA-licensed Judges who had relocated to other countries, Judges or Evaluators shall maintain continuous and unbroken membership of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa throughout their judging or evaluating career as contemplated in Article 25.2 of the Kennel Union Constitution.

SCHEDULE 10 – KUSA BREED JUDGES' LEARNING PROGRAMME

An amendment to Schedule 10 by the insertion of a new Regulation 5.1, with sequential renumbering, and

An amendment to Schedule 01 Regulation 4.1 by the insertion of a new Regulation, with sequential renumbering 4.1.1

Insert NEW:

1.7

As various amendments become effective the documents published on the KUSA website will be altered accordingly.