KUSA
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 28-30 June 2024. The Articles will become effective on 01 September 2024 (or as otherwise stated) and the Schedules on 01 September 2024 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

None

AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 03 – REGULATION FOR CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

Regulation 16 – Exhibition of Dogs

Insert NEW:

16.6 Once the Show Catalogue and the Judge's and Ring Steward's Sheets for a Show have been printed, no dog entered in a Class for which it is eligible shall be permitted to be moved to another Class for which it is eligible and any such request to the Show-holding Club in advance of the Show, or to the Ring Steward on the day of the Show, shall be denied.

16.7 No dog shall be entered in a Class for which it is not eligible and, should this occur, the dog shall be disqualified and any awards be withdrawn and, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, the Registered Owner be fined.

16.7.1 Should it be discovered by the Registered Owner/Authorised Agent before the commencement of judging of a particular Breed that a dog due to be exhibited in that Breed has been entered into a Class for which it is not eligible, the Registered Owner/Authorised Agent shall immediately report the erroneous entry to the Show Office. Regardless of culpability, if accepted to be a bona fide error, the Show Office shall issue a signed authorisation to the Ring Steward to amend the Judge's and Ring Steward's Sheets, which the Show Office shall request the Registered Owner/Authorised Agent to deliver to the Ring Steward.

6.7.2 Should it be discovered by the Registered Owner/Authorised Agent when judging of a particular breed has already commenced that a dog due to be exhibited in that Breed has been entered into a Class for which it is not eligible, the Registered Owner/Authorised Agent shall alert the Ring Steward, upon which judging shall be suspended to enable the Ring Steward to confer with the Show Office. Regardless of culpability, if accepted to be a bona fide error, the Judge's and Ring Steward's Sheets shall be amended by the Show Office, after which the Ring Steward shall return to the ring for judging to resume.

Amend to read

16.8 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.

16.9 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.

(Note: Leads/Leashes. The Federal Council resolved at the November 1998 meeting that in any KUSA document a 'lead/leash' refers to a lead/leash with a maximum length of two (2) metres (or approx. six and a half feet (6½')).

SCHEDULE 05B(01) – REGULATIONS FOR WORKING TRIALS (CLASSIC)

2. MANAGEMENT OF TRIALS

Amend to read:

2.13 Competition by Officials at Shows
2.13.3 A KUSA Representative may enter the same show if
1. The show is held over two days/two weekends under the same licence, or
2. The KUSA Representative is not officiating on the day he/she wishes to compete.

4.3 TRACKER DOG 1
Amend to read:
4.3.5 Steadiness to Gunshot, 5 marks (this is not a qualifying exercise)
Dogs are to be tested with gunshots, either individually or in small groups, off lead while either:
a) walking at "Heel" or
b) stationary in a "Sit" or "Down" position alongside their H[h]andlers.
The gun must be a minimum of 20m from the dogs. The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

4.6 POLICE DOG
Amend to read:
4.6.4 Steadiness to Gunshot, 15 marks (minimum qualifying points, 10)
Dogs are to be tested with gunshots, either individually or in small groups, off lead while either:
a) walking at "Heel" or
b) stationary in a "Sit" or "Down" position alongside their H[h]andlers.
The gun must be a minimum of 20m from the dogs. The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

SCHEDULE 05B(02) – REGULATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL WORKING TRIALS AND INTERNATIONAL TRACKING TRIALS (IGP)

2. MANAGEMENT OF FCI-IGP
Insert NEW:
2.12 Gunshot steadiness tests
Where tests are conducted that require the firing of shots, it should be noted that the 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

SCHEDULE 05D – REGULATIONS FOR DOG JUMPING GRADES

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that amendments to the above named Schedule will become effective over two dates. The majority of changes will be effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented on publication of the Fedco 06-2024 Minutes, and will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible. Changes relating to the introduction of an Intermediate height class will be effective on 01.01.2025. This includes the relevant changes to the Dog Jumping Record Card.

SCHEDULE 05E(03) – REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN WORKING DOG INVITATION STAKES

19.5. CRIMINAL WORK
Amend to read:
19.5.4. The Handler shall, with his dog at heel position, interrogate the "criminal". During this interrogation the "criminal" shall talk to the handler, gesticulate and begin [being] moving backwards. The test here is the dog's reaction towards incitement. After fifteen (15) backward paces the "criminal", while continuing talking and gesticulating, will firstly fire a shot into the ground and then secondly will turn and run away. The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun or blank pistol. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).
19.5.5. The Handler will in a loud clear voice (3) call three times upon the "criminal" to stop. The "criminal" will ignore this order and fire another shot into the air, and continue to run away. The 'gun' used must be as per Regulation 19.5.4.

SCHEDULE 05E(04) REGULATIONS FOR THE KUSA S.A. DOG JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP

8. FORMAT FOR COMPETITION
Insert NEW:
8.1 Semi-Finals
Amend to read:
8.1.3 In the Semi-Final rounds, dogs will be awarded points for their performance in each round as per the points scoring system set out in Regulation 8.3.
8.2.1 The Finals of the KUSA SA Dog Jumping Championship shall take place the day after the second round of the Semi-Finals is held and will be run under Table “A”.
Insert NEW:
8.3 Points Scoring System for Each Height Category
Amend to read:
8.3.1 Points, in all sections of this event, shall be awarded as follows:
1st Place – Twenty-five (25) points
2nd Place – Twenty-two (22) points
3rd Place – Nineteen (19) points
4th Place – Seventeen (17) points
5th Place – Sixteen (16) points, etc...
20th Place – One (1) point

SCHEDULE 05E(10) – REGULATIONS FOR THE KWAZULU-NATAL SUPREME DOG COMPETITION

1. LICENSING AND SHOW REGULATIONS
Amend to read:
The Regulations relating to licensing and all other matters to do with Shows as set out in Schedule 04 – Regulations for Non-championship Shows (Breed) of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa shall apply to this Competition insofar as they can be relevant to the KwaZulu-Natal Supreme Dog Competition and [as far as] insofar as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule.

2. SCOPE OF LICENCE
Amend to read:
A Club which is qualified to hold a Championship Show in the calendar year in which it is intended to hold the KwaZulu-Natal Supreme Dog Competition may hold the event named in this Schedule in conjunction with such Championship Show or separate therefrom. This Club must submit an application for approval by the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS FOR COMPETITION
Amend to read:
3.1 This Competition is open to dogs owned, owned in partnership or shown under written authority of the owner by current paid up members of a KwaZulu-Natal-based All-breeds Club or Group Club as defined in Article 2 of the Kennel Union Constitution, provided that such member has a physical address in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal and that the dog resides in KwaZulu-Natal on the date of the Show.

4. MANAGEMENT
Amend to read:
The management of the Competition shall be the responsibility of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council and the Club that has been awarded permission to host the event.

5.1 CLASSES
Amend to read:
There will be three (3) Classes for this Competition

- Veteran
- Puppy
- Supreme Dog

5.1.1 Supreme Veteran Competition – this Class is open to dogs that have won a Best Veteran in Group at any Non-championship or Championship Show held in KwaZulu-Natal or Championship Show held in South Africa
5.1.2 Supreme Puppy Competition – this Class is open to dogs that have won a Best Puppy in Group at any Non-championship or Championship Show held in KwaZulu-Natal or Championship Show held in South Africa

5.1.3 Supreme Dog Competition – this Class is open to dogs that have scored the highest points at any Non-championship or Championship Show in KwaZulu-Natal or Championship Show held in South Africa. Entry is restricted to the top 36 dogs that have the highest points in total as per 5.3 below.

5.2 Eligible Points
Amend to read:
A dog may be awarded points whilst it resides in KwaZulu-Natal. The points to be awarded as follows:
Open Shows Group and All-breeds Shows – KwaZulu-Natal only
Group 1 four (4) points
Group 2 three (3) points
Group 3 two (2) points
Group 4 one (1) point
All Group and All-breeds Championship Shows held in South Africa
BEST 9 (NINE) SHOWS TO COUNT ONLY

7 JUDGING
Amend to read:
7.1 One (1) International Judge Officiating
The Veteran Class will be followed by the Puppy Class and Supreme Dog Class, both of which will be judged in the same way.
7.2 Three (3) Judges Officiating Preliminary Rounds
Veteran and Puppy Competition
The Supreme Veteran Class will be judged first followed by the Supreme Puppy Class and then the Supreme Dog Class.
The Judges will draw ballots immediately prior to the commencement of the Show to see which Class they will be judging. One Judge will judge the Veteran Class and one judge the Puppy Class. All three (3) Judges will judge the KwaZulu-Natal Supreme Dog Class.
7.3 Supreme Dog Competition
Supreme Dog Competition – First Round
A list will be placed on a board so that exhibitors will be able to ascertain which group their dog is in, and when they will be judged.
Each Judge will score all the dogs in each group. They will then write their scores from one (1) to ten (10); one (1) being the lowest score and ten (10) being the highest score, on the prescribed form which will be handed to the Show Manager.
Supreme Dog Competition – Second Round
The top scoring twelve (12) dogs will then be judged by all three (3) Judges. Each Judge will score all the dogs in each group. They shall score each dog from one (1) to ten (10); one (1) being the lowest score and ten (10) being the highest score. They will then write their scores on the prescribed form which will be handed to the Show Manager. The top scoring twelve (12) dogs will be reduced to four (4), based on their scores.
The Host Club's Committee will have a selected team of helpers to calculate the scores. Should there be a tie, a runoff will occur.
DELETE:
~~Each Judge will write down the dog's number on the prescribed form, with scores, and place the form in a sealed envelope which will be handed to the Show Manager.~~
7.4 The Finals
Amend to read:
The final round for each Class will be judged by all three (3) Judges in the following order – Supreme Veteran, Supreme Puppy, and Supreme Dog.
Each Judge will allocate the four (4) dogs in each Class a score of one (1) to ten (10); one (1) being the lowest score and ten (10) being the highest score.

8. PRIZES AND AWARDS
Amend to read:
8.1 A Trophy will be presented to the Owner/Handler of the winner for the Veteran, Puppy and Supreme Dog Classes of the KwaZulu-Natal Supreme Dog Competition to be used for photographic purposes only, after which it shall be returned.
8.2 Prizes as determined from time to time, [in] as per Schedule 03 Regulation 29 may be awarded. Also, a tangible gift and/or suitable gift voucher may be donated by a sponsor.
8.3 DELETE

11. GENERAL CONDITIONS
Amend to read:
11.4 Should, for any reason, the KwaZulu-Natal Supreme Dog Competition be dissolved, all monies held in the KwaZulu-Natal Supreme Dog bank account must be held by the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council for a period of three (3) years with the object

of resuscitating the Competition. If unsuccessful thereafter, the monies must be paid to an animal welfare organisation as nominated by the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council.

SCHEDULE 05E(14) – REGULATIONS FOR WESTERN CAPE TOP DOG AND TOP PUPPY COMPETITION

Amend title to read:
Schedule 05E(14) – Regulations for Western Cape Top Dog Invitational

1. LICENSING AND SHOW REGULATIONS
Amend to read:
The Regulations relating to licensing and all other matters to do with shows as set out in Schedule 03 Regulations for Championship Shows and Schedule 04 Regulations for Non-championship Shows of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa shall apply to this Competition insofar as they can be relevant to the Western Cape Top Dog Invitational and they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 05E(14).

2. SCOPE OF LICENCE
Amend to read:
A Club which is qualified to hold a Championship Show in the Western Cape in the calendar year in which it is intended to hold the Western Cape Top Dog Invitational may hold the event named in this Schedule in conjunction with a Championship Show or separate there from.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS FOR TOP DOG INVITATIONAL [AND TOP PUPPY COMPETITION]
Amend to read:
3.4 The names of the top four (4) dogs in each group at each All-breeds or Group Championship Show, excluding FCI International Shows, shall be ascertained and confirmed by the Organising Committee of the Competition.
3.5 The name of the highest placed eligible puppy in each Puppy Group at each All-breeds or Group Championship Show, excluding FCI International Shows, shall be ascertained and confirmed by the Organising Committee of the Competition.
3.6 Bitches in season on the day of this Competition may attend. Owner to be considerate towards other Exhibitors.
Insert NEW:
3.7 The name of the highest placed eligible Veteran in each Veteran Group at each All-breeds or Group Championship Show, excluding FCI International Shows, shall be ascertained and confirmed by the Organising Committee of the Competition.

4. HOST CLUB
Amend tor read:
Until or unless this Schedule 05E(14) is amended or altered, the Host Club for this event is: The Kennel Association

5. QUALIFICATIONS FOR TOP DOG ENTRY
Amend to read:
5.2 The dogs in each Group that have been awarded a Group placing between the holding
of the first and the last Western Cape All-breeds and Group Club Championship Shows, excluding FCI International Shows, held in any calendar year in which it is intended to have the Western Cape Top Dog Invitational will be invited to enter.

6. QUALIFICATIONS FOR TOP PUPPY AND TOP VETERAN ENTRY
Amend to read:
6.2 The highest eligible placed puppy in the Puppy Group, between the holding of the first
and the last Western Cape All-breeds and Group Club Championship Shows, excluding FCI International Shows, held in any calendar year in which it is intended to have the Western Cape Top Dog Invitational, as defined in Regulation 3.1 above, will be eligible to attend the Competition.
Insert NEW:
6.4 The highest eligible placed Veteran in the Veteran Group, between the holding of the first and the last Western Cape All-breeds and Group Club Championship Shows, excluding FCI International Shows, held in any calendar year in which it is intended to have the Western Cape Top Dog Invitational, as defined in Regulation 3.1 above, will be eligible to attend the Competition.
6.5 If the qualifying Veteran is no longer resident in the Western Cape, as defined in Regulation 3.1 above, the next-placed Veteran in the Veteran Group at the same show will qualify, subject to Regulation 3.1 above.

8. JUDGING OF TOP VETERAN COMPETITION
Insert NEW:
8.1 The Top Veteran Competition will be judged before the commencement of the Top Puppy Competition.

8.2 The order in which the Veterans are judged:
8.2.1 The Dog Veterans will parade first. At the conclusion of the parade of the Dog Veterans, and assessment of each individual Veteran, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced Veterans.
8.2.2 The Bitch Veterans will parade second. At the conclusion of the parade of the Bitch Veterans, and assessment of each individual Veteran, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced Veterans.
8.3 The four (4) finalists will parade before the Judge and the Judge will place the Top Veteran and the Reserve Top Veteran.
Renumber consecutive sections

11. JUDGES
Amend to read:
11.2 Any Judge selected shall be an All-breeds Judge and approved by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa not later than six (6) months before the date of the Competition.

14. Prizes and Awards
Insert NEW:
14.3 The winning Top Veteran will be entitled to be called Western Cape Top Veteran (year). This title will not be eligible to be placed on the dog's Certificate of Registration or any other official Kennel Union document. The winning Top Veteran will be awarded a Floating Trophy and a prize and the Reserve Top Veteran will receive a prize. All qualifiers will receive a rosette.

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

2. SCOPE OF LICENCE
Insert NEW:
2.4 The NDJSC may, on application by Provincial Sub-Committees, apply to Exco for additional Dog Jumping League Licences to be held within that Provincial Sub-Committees geographical centre. This will be limited to non-income-generating rounds of the KUSA NDJL.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS
Amend to read:
3.1 Any dog that is registered or recorded with KUSA and has not been disqualified or suspended from competition by KUSA may compete. No dog's Qualifying Record Card shall be issued or be valid for any dog not so registered.
3.3 Dogs which are not registered with KUSA at the commencement of the NDJL year may subsequently compete in other parts of the Competition following their registration with KUSA, provided they enter and pay before the specified closing date (refer to Regulation 5.2.4).

5. QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRY AND LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION
Amend to read:
5.1 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 as provided for in Schedule 05D.
5.2.4 Only entries made and paid for prior to the specified closing date for each Province will be accepted (refer to Regulation 5.2.3).
DELETE:
~~[5.2.7 The surplus funds will be used for prizes that will be awarded to the dogs placed in each height category.]~~

Amend to read:
5.4 Provincial NDJL Course Coordinator
5.4.11 Tabulate the results of each round for that Province and ensure that these results are supplied to the National NDJL Co-ordinator and web administrator. This must be done within (4) days after the completion of each NDJL round. The National NDJL Co-ordinator must be notified immediately if this deadline can't be met for whatever reason.

7. THE COMPETITION
Amend to read:
7.2 The six (6) rounds of the NDJL must be completed by the end of November each year, unless the NDJSC request dispensation for an extension from the KUSA Executive [Council]Committee.
7.4 A Handler and/or dog may compete at any Centre holding a round of the League, but if either subsequently competes at another Centre where the same course is being used, only the results from the first competition shall be valid for that NDJL round. The Handler and/or dog will be required to enter the subsequent show as "Not for Competition (NFC)" and the dog will not be eligible to receive qualifications.
7.6.2.3.1 Only 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).
7.6.2.3.2 The overall winner of a round, in each height category, will be awarded one (1) bonus point.

SCHEDULE 05E(19A) – REGULATIONS FOR THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG GRAND VICTOR COMPETITION

9 JUDGING
Amend to read:
9.2 The gun shot test shall be carried out at least 200 meters away from the main show area, preferably with baffle sheeting and at a distance no closer than 10 meters from the dogs which shall be tested in manageable groups. All dogs between the ages of 12 Months and 84 Months shall be tested. The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts)

SCHEDULE 05E(28) – REGULATIONS FOR GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG SPECIALIST CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

6. GUN-SURENESS
Amend to read:
6.1 All dogs entered that are over 12 months of age shall be subject to a Gun-sureness Test.
6.2 The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).
6.3 The gun may not be discharged closer than 15 meters from the dogs being tested and must be fired at least twice.

SCHEDULE 05E(31) – REGULATIONS FOR KUSA DOG JUMPING INTER-PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that the above named Schedule will become effective 01.09.2024, and will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible.

SCHEDULE 05F(9.1.2) – REGULATIONS FOR GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG BREED ASSESSMENTS

8. BREED ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES
Amend to read:
4. Steadiness to gunshot
While the dog walks off-lead with its owner, two shots are to be fired at a distance of not less than 15 paces from the dog. Except for taking note of the origin of the shots, the dog must remain unperturbed and must show no fear, aggression or anxiety. The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

SCHEDULE 05F – REGULATIONS FOR REGULATIONS 9.1.3 & 9.1.4 (BA & BST & CT)

8 ASSESSMENT JUDGING PROCEDURE FOR A BREED ASSESSMENT (BA) AND BREED SUITABILITY TEST (BST) AND CHARACTER TEST (CT)
Amend to read:
8.5 Gun-sureness: When firing, the distance must not be less than fifteen paces from the dog. Two shots fired in succession as instructed by the Judge. The dog is allowed to take note of the noise on the first shot.
The dog should not display signs of fear or nervousness. The Surveyor may if deemed necessary, request that more shots be fired. The dog's reaction to the sudden noise is to be documented on the Assessment form. If the dog shows a flight response (Ref to item 2.a) after the first shot, the Handler must sit his/her dog, take the leash off and move 5m away leaving the dog in the sit position.
Only then may a second shot be fired (alternatively, the Judge may decide to repeat the test from a different direction). If the dog shows further flight response, it should be eliminated from the test and deferred. (BA&BST and CT)
Insert NEW:

The ‘gun’ used must be a suitable starter’s pistol, electronic starter’s pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

DELETE:
~~9.18 Hardness (BST only) – Härte~~
~~9.18.1 Accepts unexpected pain. [Note: Like the stick blows given by the assailant. Must be high.~~

10. GUARD AND DEFENCE EXERCISE (BREED SUITABILITY TEST AND CHARACTER TEST SECTION)
Amend to read:
10.1 The dog and Handler moves approximately fifteen paces with his dog on the lead, then removes the lead whilst on the move. The dog may be held by the chain and while moving another thirty metres to the point of the attack on the Handler. This happens when the helper suddenly appears from the hide and attacks the Handler (the helper may not physically touch the Handler). The dog must immediately intervene by taking hold of the Helper’s protective arm and maintain its grip. At this point, the dog is threatened twice with an approved flexible leather covered stick; no physical contact is made by the stick onto the dog.
10.3 The dog MUST accept the two (2) required stick threats in succession while on the sleeve.

SCHEDULE 05F(9.1.5) – REGULATIONS FOR APTITUDE TESTS

2. MANAGEMENT OF APTITUDE TEST AND DOG MENTALITY ASSESSMENT
Insert NEW:
2.11 The ‘gun’ used for gunshot steadiness tests must be a suitable starter’s pistol, electronic starter’s pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

SCHEDULE 05F(9.1.7 & 9.1.8) – REGULATIONS FOR FBCSA BC BREED ASSESSMENT & SURVEY PROCEDURES

8. BREED ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES
Amend to read:
5. Steadiness to gunshot
While the dog walks off-lead with its owner, two shots are to be fired at a distance of not less than 15 paces from the dog. Except for taking note of the origin of the shots, the dog must remain unperturbed and must show no fear, aggression or anxiety. The ‘gun’ used must be a suitable starter’s pistol, electronic starter’s pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

SCHEDULE 05F(9.1.10) – REGULATIONS FOR BOERBOEL CHARACTER & BREED ASSESSMENT

2.1 ASSESSMENT MANAGER
2.1.1 A protection sleeve and stick, suit, hide and a suitable gun. The ‘gun’ used must be a starter’s pistol, electronic starter’s pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

Amend to read:
8.2 ASSESS GUNSURENESS:
When firing, the distance must not be less than thirty paces from the dog. Two shots are fired by approx. five (5) second interval with a suitable gun (see Regulation 2.1.1), while the dog and Handler is moving away from the Assessor. If the dog shows any flight reaction, the Assessor may decide to repeat the Assessment from a different direction, or (depending on the dog’s reaction) eliminate it from the Assessment and have it deferred to another date.

SCHEDULE 05F(9.1.11) – REGULATIONS FOR BULLMASTIFF CHARACTER & BREED ASSESSMENT

Amend to read:
8. THE ORGANISING CLUB’S RESPONSIBILITIES
g. During the event the following equipment must be available:

i. A protection sleeve and stick, suit, hide and suitable gun. The 'gun' used must be a starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

SCHEDULE 05H – REGULATIONS FOR BREED WORKING TEST (BWT)

4. SCHEDULE AND DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISES FOR BREED WORKING TEST

Amend to read:

4.2.1 Steadiness to Gunshot (Pass or Fail)

This exercise is judged separately. The dog, 'off lead', must heel with the Handler whilst two (2) shots are fired from a distance of about twenty (20) paces from the dog and Handler. Should the dog fail this test it must be eliminated from further exercises. The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

SCHEDULE 05(L) – REGULATIONS FOR AGILITY CLASSES

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

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

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SCHEDULE 05(L) APPENDIX E – REGULATIONS FOR AGILITY JUDGES

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SCHEDULE 05(L) APPENDIX F – REGULATIONS FOR THE KUSA NATIONAL AGILITY LEAGUE

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SCHEDULE 05M APPENDIX A – REGULATIONS FOR FLYBALL

5.4 BEGINNERS TEAM CLASS

Amend to read:

5.4.1 This Class may be run before or after the team event competition, as per the presiding judge's decision.

5.4.2 A Beginners Team will only be able to enter Non-championship Shows and will consist of at least four 4 dogs in any combination including a maximum of two (2) experienced dogs.

5.4.3 A box loader / ball holder

5.4.4 Hurdle heights will be at 20cm

5.4.5 Beginner Teams are not eligible for any points, titles or prizes as per Regulation 7 of this Schedule

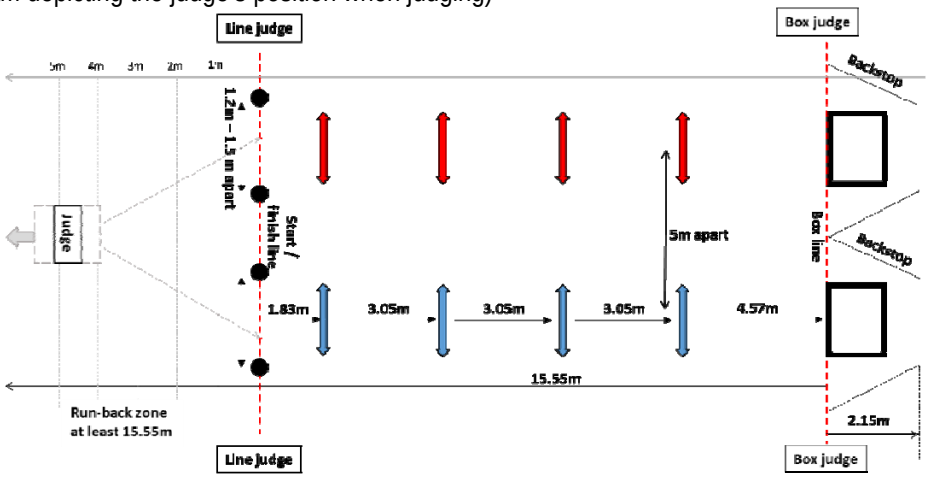
5.4.6 Times will not be recorded officially but may be used by teams to record team times on their own record sheet.
5.4.7 Heats will not be awarded a win or loss or tie.
5.4.8 Handlers may run with their dogs or elect a runner to run alongside their dogs to encourage the dog to run to the box / trainer box to pick up the ball
5.4.9 Props (i.e. lift jumps, striders and barriers etc. may be used freely)
5.4.10 Each team will be given two (2) races with a maximum of three (3)heats per race.

9. MANAGEMENT OF A FLYBALL COMPETITION
Amend to read:
9.11 Order of Competition
9.11.1 The order of competition shall be determined by a draw amongst the Team Captains entered for that event or the order of competition may be determined by a random draw of teams in advance. The Judge, or any person, whom he delegates, shall announce the teams on standby for the next race before the current race begins.

9.2. DISPUTES
Amend to read:
9.2.1 Any disputed matter requiring a decision on the ground shall be decided by the Show Manager and the Judge. However, the control of all matters connected with the dogs during competition shall rest with the Judge but the Show Manager, if required, may be called upon for assistance.
9.2.2 Video footage will not be permissible to justify or argue against the Judge's decision if a dispute is lodged.

9.14 CATALOGUE NUMBER
Amend to read:
Each team or dog will be issued a catalogue number. It is not necessary to display the catalogue number during the competition.

9.15 ARENA AND LANE LAYOUT
9.15.9 (Diagram depicting the judge's position when judging)



9.5 FLYBALL OFFICIALS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES
Amend to read:
9.5.1 The show holding Club shall provide:
A Judge, who will start each race by whistle, and will have overall responsibility for the competition. The Judge will also position himself or herself between the two lanes approximately 3 to 5 metres back from the start/finish lines.

10.4 WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITION
Amend to read:
The owner or handler entering a dog in a Flyball competition does so at his own risk and the dog must compete unless expelled by the Judge or excused by the Judge and Show Manager.

Insert NEW:
10.4.1. Just cause
If a Team voluntarily forfeits a heat or a race and the Judge is satisfied that the team has just cause, the Team may return later during the competition, but all races from the point of withdrawal will be recorded as losses and no time will be recorded on the scoresheet until the Team returns where after their results will be recorded and count towards placings and points.
If a Team withdraws from more than two (2) consecutive races, the Team forfeits all races from the point of withdrawal even if they later return to the competition.

The opposing Team has the option to run the minimum required heats without the withdrawn Team present to record times. Should an opposing team elect not to run, they will by default win the heat or race but no time will be recorded on the scoresheet.

10.4.2. Without just cause

A Team that elects to withdraw from a competition without just cause forfeits all points and times and will be excluded from further participation in the competition and may be subject to disciplinary action.

The opposing Team has the option to run the minimum required heats without the withdrawn Team present to record times. Should an opposing Team elect not to run, they will by default win the heat or race but no time will be recorded on the scoresheet.

11.3 CATALOGUE

Amend to read:

The catalogue shall list the catalogue numbers and name of each dog and team entered. Each team or dog will be allocated a catalogue number which must be recorded on the Team Sheet when electronic systems are not used to generate Team Sheets.

16.14 PENALTIES

Amend to read:

16.14	e)	A loose ball rolls across the imaginary centre line and/or into the lane of the opposing team but the dog running in the team who has lost the ball does not retrieve it	Dog re-runs
	f)	A dog retrieves a loose ball that has rolled across the imaginary centre line and/or into the opposing team's lane	The heat is stopped and is re-run

SCHEDULE 05Q – REGULATIONS FOR RESCUE DOG TRIALS

9.2 GENERAL PROCEDURE:

Amend to read:

Two gunshots have to be fired during the off-leash heeling. The dog must be indifferent to the gunshots. Should the dog show any gun-shyness, it will be disqualified from the test. If the dog becomes agitated during the shooting, this will be considered acceptable as long as it remains under the control of its Handler. Only a dog that reacts indifferently to gunshots can be awarded full points.

The dog must be on the leash when signing in and out, as well during exercise 1 and 2.

The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

11.2 GENERAL PROCEDURE:

Amend to read:

Two gunshots have to be fired during the off-leash heeling. The dog must be indifferent to the gunshots. Should the dog show any gun-shyness, it will be disqualified from the test. If the dog becomes agitated during the shooting, this will be considered acceptable as long as it remains under the control of its Handler. Only a dog that reacts indifferently to gunshots can be awarded full points.

Signing in and out, as well as exercises 1 and 2, are demonstrated with the dog on the leash.

The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

13.2 GENERAL PROCEDURE:

Amend to read:

Two gunshots have to be fired during the off-leash heeling. The dog must be indifferent to the gunshots. Should the dog show any gun-shyness, it will be disqualified from the test. If the dog becomes agitated during the shooting, this will be considered acceptable as long as it remains under the control of its Handler. Only a dog that reacts indifferently to gunshots can be awarded full points.

Signing in and out, as well as exercises 1 and 2, are demonstrated with the dog on the leash.

The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

20.2 GENERAL PROCEDURE:
Amend to read:
Two gunshots have to be fired during the off-leash heeling. The dog must be indifferent to the gunshots. Should the dog show any gun-shyness, it will be disqualified from the test. If the dog becomes agitated during the shooting, this will be considered acceptable as long as it remains under the control of its Handler. Only a dog that reacts indifferently to gunshots can be awarded full points.
The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts)

23.2 GENERAL PROCEDURE:
Amend to read:
Two gunshots have to be fired during the off-leash heeling. The dog must be indifferent to the gunshots. Should the dog show any gun-shyness, it will be disqualified from the test. If the dog becomes agitated during the shooting, this will be considered acceptable as long as it remains under the control of its Handler. Only a dog that reacts indifferently to gunshots can be awarded full points.
The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

26.2 GENERAL PROCEDURE:
Amend to read:
Two gunshots have to be fired during the off-leash heeling. The dog must be indifferent to the gunshots. Should the dog show any gun-shyness, it will be disqualified from the test. If the dog becomes agitated during the shooting, this will be considered acceptable as long as it remains under the control of its Handler. Only a dog that reacts indifferently to gunshots can be awarded full points.
The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

SCHEDULE 05(R) – REGULATIONS FOR HEELWORK TO MUSIC (HTM)

2.9 AWARDING OF SUPREME CHAMPION STATUS
Amend to read:
2.9.1 Copies of at least ten (10) QCs under four (4) different Judges, at Advanced level, with a minimum score of:
2.9.1.1 9.5 points in Singles, Pairs, Brace
2.9.1.2 9.3 points in Veterans
2.9.1.3 8.8 points in Handy Dandy
in TM and AI, to be sent to KUSA, together with the necessary completed application form for Supreme Champion status.

SCHEDULE 05S – REGULATIONS FOR MUSICAL FREESTYLE (MFS)

2.9 AWARDING OF SUPREME CHAMPION STATUS
Amend to read:
2.9.1 Copies of at least ten (10) QCs under four (4) different Judges, at Advanced level, with a minimum score of:
2.9.1.1 9.5 points in Singles, Pairs, Brace
2.9.1.2 9.3 points in Veterans
2.9.1.3 8.8 points in Handy Dandy
in TM and AI, to be sent to KUSA, together with the necessary completed application form for Supreme Champion status.

SCHEDULE 05T – REGULATIONS FOR RALLY DOG

4. REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS FOR COMPETITION
Amend to read:
4.12. Once a dog has qualified in a higher Class, they may not compete again in the lower Class. The dog may, however, enter NFC in a lower Class.
4.13. Should a dog qualify out of a Class on a bumper weekend of Shows, the dog may compete in the higher Class that is held later that day, or subsequent days. It is the responsibility of the Handler to inform the Show Secretary as well as the Judge of the Show they will enter under in the higher Class.

5.3. NOVICE CLASS (OFFERED AT CHAMPIONSHIP AND NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS)
Amend to read:
5.3.4 For a dog to qualify to the Advanced Class, it needs to achieve 90% or higher a minimum of three (3) times. On achieving three (3) qualifications the Handler may elect to move up to the next Class. A compulsory move to a higher Class requires five (5) qualifications with two (2) of the qualifications being 95% or higher. Two (2) of the qualifications of 95% or higher are to be completed in the shaded area on the dog's Record Card.

5.4. ADVANCED CLASS – (OFFERED AT CHAMPIONSHIP AND NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS)
Amend to read:
5.4.4. For a dog to qualify to the Excellent Class, it needs to achieve 90% or higher a minimum of three (3) times. On achieving three (3) qualifications the Handler may elect to move up to the next Class. A compulsory move to a higher Class requires five (5) qualifications with two (2) of the qualifications being 95% or higher. Two (2) of the qualifications of 95% or higher are to be completed in the shaded area on the dog's Record Card.

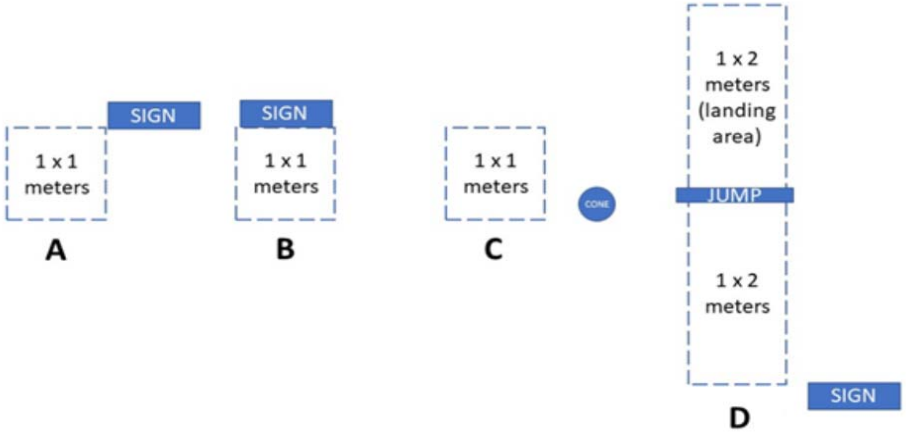
5.5. EXCELLENT CLASS (OFFERED AT CHAMPIONSHIP AND NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS)
5.5.4. For a dog to qualify to the Master Class, it needs to achieve 90% or higher a minimum of three (3) times. On achieving three (3) qualifications the Handler may elect to move up to the next Class. A compulsory move to a higher Class requires five (5) qualifications with two (2) of the qualifications being 95% or higher. Two (2) of the qualifications of 95% or higher are to be completed in the shaded area on the dog's Record Card.

6.3. COURSE ORIENTATION:
6.3.3. The competitors may ask questions within the time allowed. However, the Judge will only advise the Fun and Novice Class Handlers on how to interpret a sign.

	Level 1 Cards 100-199	Level 2 Cards 200-299	Level 3 Card 300-399	Level 4 Cards 400-499	Additional Comments
Fun Class	Level 1	-----	-----	-----	A Fun Course must consist of 12-15 exercises in addition to the Start and Finish Markers. The Test Cards are from Level 1 only.
Novice	Level 1	Level 2	-----	-----	A Novice course must consist of 12-15 exercises in addition to the Start and Finish Markers. At least five (5) of the signs must be from Level 2.
Advanced & Senior	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	-----	An Advanced and Senior course must consist of 14-16 exercises in addition to the Start and Finish Markers. At least five (5) of the signs must be from Level 2 and at least five (5) from Level 3.
Excellent	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	An Excellent course must consist of 15-17 exercises in addition to the Start and Finish Markers. At least five (5) of the signs are to be from Level 2, five (5) from Level 3, and a maximum of four (4) from Level 4. The Distraction Exercise is to be included in the above signs.
Master & Grand Master	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	A Master and Grand Master course must consist of 18-20 exercises, in addition to the Start and Finish Markers. At least three (3) of the signs are to be from Level 2, three (3) from Level 3 and five (5) from Level 4. The Distraction Exercise is to be included in the above signs.

6.6. EXERCISE AREA:
Amend to read:
6.6.2 Definition of (A), (B), (C) and (D) (Refer to the updated Sign Set for A, B, C and D.)
During performing an exercise, at least at one point a part of the team must be within the exercise area. Note, that the team is not allowed to go past the sign first and then start performing the exercise.
A: The exercise is performed on the left side of the sign when the direction of the course does not change (A). Exercises 417 and 418 begin according to (A), even though the direction is changed.
B: When the direction is changed or side steps are shown, the exercise is performed in front of the sign (B). The same counts for figure exercises 119, 120, 121, 122 and 221.
C: Recalls are done in front of the special recall signs (B), or next to the recall cone (C).

D: Exercises 222 and 320 begin at the earliest next to the sign. A landing area after the (last) jump is defined, where the dog must stay until the handler catches up with the dog (D). The exercise area is 1 x 2 meters if no other instruction has been given. See picture below:



6.7 NUMBERING OF EXERCISES:
Amend to read:
6.7.1 Each sign shall be numbered to show the order of the course.
6.7.2 The number is to be displayed on the fixture of the A4 sign.
6.7.3 The position of the numbers will indicate the direction of entry or turn for the Figure of 8 sign (131) and the Distraction sign (221).

6.8 REPETITION OF EXERCISES
Amend to read:
6.8.1 A specific exercise may be used a maximum of twice per course.

6.10 JUMPS:
Amend to read (including heading):
With Jump exercises, the sign is placed two (2) meters before the Jump, and there is a two-metre landing area after the exercise. Jumps must not be closer than three (3) metres from the edge of the ring.

6.11 JUMPS: HEIGHT OF JUMP(S):
This is defined by the dog's height at the withers, as follows:

Dog's Height	Obstacle Height
up to 30cm	10cm
from 30.1 to 40cm	20cm
from 40.1 to 50cm	30cm
50.1cm and higher	40cm

6.11. JUMPS: HEIGHT OF JUMP(S):
Amend to read:
6.11.3 With exercise 322 (send over two Jumps), the distance between Jumps is four (4) metres measured from the middle of the crossbars. There can be a maximum of three (3) Jump exercises per course.

6.12 RING SIZE:
Amend to read:
6.12.1 The ring must be at least 25m x 25m in size without obstacles, with a minimum side length of 25 metres. The ring must be clearly demarcated with rope, ring tape or similar.

6.13 START AND FINISH MARKERS:
Amend to read:
6.13.1 The Start Marker shall be positioned a minimum of two (2) metres in from the boundary, with the Finish Marker inside the ring.
6.13.2 Start Marker: The Start Marker is in the position of the top right corner of the 1m exercise area, i.e. (A). The Handler positions the dog at the start of the 1m exercise area, the dog is in sit position. The Judge indicates that the Handler may start,

and the dog and Handler move forward. Timing commences when either dog or Handler passes the Start Marker, whichever passes first.
6.13.3 Finish Marker: Normal pace shall always be used to pass the Finish Marker. Should the last sign before the Finish Marker be a different pace, the dog and Handler are to change to normal pace at the start of the 1m exercise area of the Finish Marker and pass the Finish Marker in normal pace. Timing ends when either dog or Handler passes the Finish Marker, whichever passes first.

6.14 JUDGING AND TIMING OF CLASSES
Amend to read:
6.14.1 The Handler must wait for the Judge's permission to enter the ring.
6.14.2 For Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master and Grand Master Classes, a cut-off time of 4 (four) minutes applies. Exceeding the time limit in these Classes will result in disqualification.
6.14.3 The Fun and Senior Classes are timed for the purposes of assigning placings only.
6.14.4 In terms of timing Classes, Judges are to ensure that the timing is recorded to the hundredth of a second and that the time is noted on the score sheet immediately.

DELETE:
~~[6.15 Repetition of Exercises:~~
~~6.15.1 A specific exercise may be used a maximum of two times per course, with the Recall exercise being an exception.]~~

Renumber 6.16 as 6.15

SCHEDULE 05T (A) – RALLY DOG SIGNS

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SCHEDULE 07 SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES DOCUMENT

Insert NEW:
20. Animal Improvement Act Compliance Import and Export Permits

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

Insert NEW:
3.4 DALRRD Animal Improvement Act Import Permit Declaration each R200.00

SCHEDULE 11(C) – REGULATIONS FOR TRICK DOG

4. FORMAT FOR TEST
Insert NEW:
4.4 Music may not be added to videos or used in live events. The handler's cues must be audible at all times.

8. EVALUATIONS
Amend to read:
8.1 Once a test is submitted for evaluation, the same Evaluator should as far as possible evaluate the entire test. For live events, each time a test is taken, the Evaluator must date and initial the Test Sheet and indicate whether "ready" or "not ready".

9. EQUIPMENT
Insert NEW:
9.2 Where dogs are wearing collars while being filmed, or taking part in live events, only plain training collars may be used. This includes plain buckle collars, limited slips, harnesses etc. It excludes any aversive collars such as spike collars, prong collars, e-collars, haltis and anti-bark collars.

10. CODE OF PRACTICE
Insert NEW:
10.7 Other dogs and pets should not appear in the video unless needed for the trick.

11.6 CHAMPION TRICK DOG
Insert NEW:

Minimum age: All dogs entering this level must be at least sixteen (16) months of age on the last day of the month in which they first submit their video. For live events, the dog must be at least sixteen (16) months of age on the day of evaluation.

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