



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 3 & 4 December 2021. The Articles will become effective on **01 February 2022** (or as otherwise stated) and the Schedules on **01 April 2022** 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

ARTICLE 2 – INTERPRETATION OF TERMS

Add NEW:

“Persona non grata” means a person who, through his conduct and/or disciplinary or criminal record, has proved detrimental to the Kennel Union and/or to the interests of Southern African canine affairs and who is therefore deemed ineligible and unsuitable for holding membership of the Kennel Union or any of its Affiliated Clubs or for attending, or participating in, any of its regulated activities.

ARTICLE 11 – LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

Amend to read:

11.1 Whenever a Member’s subscription remains unpaid one (1) month after the date of renewal, he shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Kennel Union. The Federal Council shall be at liberty to vary the manner and time for the payment of Membership subscription contemplated in Article 10.4 on a blanket or individual basis should circumstances arise which make such variance desirable, or necessary.

Add NEW:

11.2 When persona non grata status is imposed on a Member by the Federal Council he shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Kennel Union.

ARTICLE 14 – FEDERAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Amend to read:

14.2 The Provincial Council Chairmen and, in the case of the Districts of Gauteng and Surrounds, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, shall be those persons elected at the first meeting in the alternate financial years of each Provincial Council, in terms of clause 16.1.4.1 of the Provincial Council Constitutions. Should it be necessary, in exceptional circumstances, for a Provincial Council member of the Federal Council to absent himself from any meeting of the Federal Council, he shall notify the Chairman of the Federal Council who may permit the Vice-Chairman of that Provincial Council to take his place, and in the case of the Districts of Gauteng and Surrounds, the duly elected Primary and Secondary Substitutes for the Vice-Chairman to take his/their place/s. Should a Vice-Chairman of any of the other Provincial Councils not be able to substitute for the Chairman of that Provincial Council at a meeting of the Federal Council, the Chairman of the Federal Council may permit the duly elected Substitute for the Vice-Chairman to attend.

ARTICLE 33 – DISCIPLINARY POWERS OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Amend to read:

33.1 The Federal Council or the Executive Committee shall have jurisdiction to receive, consider, adjudicate and impose penalties and/or fines in respect of and in connection with all complaints and objections properly brought under Schedule 1 (Disciplinary Rules) or Schedule 3 Regulation 33, against a subject contemplated therein.

Add NEW:

33.2 With due regard to the rules of natural justice, the Federal Council shall have jurisdiction and authority to impose persona non grata status on any person if, by majority vote, good cause can be shown for the imposition of such status which, inter alia, shall preclude such person from holding membership of the Kennel Union, from holding membership of any Affiliated Club, from attending or participation in any Kennel Union-licensed show or event and from being involved in any of the regulated affairs of the Kennel Union. The decision of the Federal Council to impose persona non grata status on a person shall be final and irreversible and be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal.

AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 – DISCIPLINARY RULES

2. SUBJECT OF A COMPLAINT

Amend to read:

2.6 a person appointed to officiate or judge or evaluate at a show or event held under a KUSA licence or sanctioned by KUSA, who has violated a condition of a Judge's or Evaluator's or other agreement or who has acted in an improper, disgraceful, or discreditable manner during the execution of his or her judging or evaluating assignment;

3. WHO MAY LODGE A COMPLAINT

Amend to read:

3.4 a person appointed to officiate or judge or evaluate at a show or event held under a KUSA licence or sanctioned by KUSA, and who is not a member of the KUSA but who is contractually bound to adhere to the KUSA Constitution.

4. FOUNDATION FOR A COMPLAINT

Amend to read:

4.1.1.2 the breeding, registration, recording, transfer of ownership, exhibition and judging or evaluating of dogs;

4.1.1.5 the violation of the conditions of a Judge's or Evaluator's contract or other agreement with KUSA or any Club or PC;

4.1.3 any default or omission relating to a matter connected with the registration, recording, transfer of ownership, breeding, entry for a KUSA-licensed Show or event, or exhibition and judging or evaluating of dogs.

4.2.2 unless it contains sworn evidence of clear prejudice to KUSA or its officials or Judges or Evaluators or members or a Club or a PC or as provided for in Schedule 3 Regulation 37 of the KUSA Constitution or that is prejudicial or injurious to the interests of canine affairs.

4.6 No complaint may be made against a Judge or Evaluator who officiated at a KUSA licensed Show or event based on his or her placement of a dog or any award made to any dog during the Show.

5. PROCEDURE FOR BRINGING A COMPLAINT

Amend to read:

5.1.1 As an affidavit which must set forth the material facts on which the complaint relies, including full particulars of the act, conduct, default or omission alleged against a member, person, Judge or Evaluator, official, Club or PC;

11. PENALTIES

Amend to read:

11.2 If the Respondent is a person officiating or judging or evaluating at a Show or an event held under KUSA licence, or held in consequence of, or in accordance with, the provisions of Article 3.19 and/or Article 22 of the KUSA Constitution, or that is sanctioned by KUSA in terms of a valid judging or evaluating contract or by official appointment, one or more of the following penalties, where applicable, may be imposed by the DSC for a complaint with regard to the execution of such an appointment or judging or evaluating contract:

11.2.2 suspension or exclusion from officiating or judging or evaluating at, or having any official connection with, or participating in an official capacity in, a Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial or Field Trial or other event held under KUSA licence, or held consequence of, or in accordance with, the provisions of Article 3.20 and/or Article 22 of the KUSA Constitution or from acting as an officer of a Club;

11.2.3 disqualification from judging or evaluating at, or taking part in the management of, a Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial or Field Trial or other event held under KUSA licence, or held consequence of, or in accordance with, the provisions of Article 3.20 and/or Article 22 of the KUSA Constitution;

SCHEDULE 2 – REGULATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION, REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER OF THE REGISTERED OWNERSHIP OF DOGS

12. REFUSAL, CANCELLATION OR RECTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION

Amend to read:

12.1 Notwithstanding anything in these Regulations contained, the Executive Committee may, in addition to the provisions of Schedule 1, Disciplinary Rules, Rule 11.1, for good reason, decline to register or record any dog or its transfer and may cancel any registration or recording and may alter any record of registration to reflect the correct status of affairs.

Add NEW:

18. NO TRANSFER OF REGISTERED OWNERSHIP

No dog registered with the Kennel Union shall be transferred into the registered ownership of a person on whom persona non grata status has been imposed by the Federal Council.

SCHEDULE 3 – REGULATIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

7. ENTRY FOR EXHIBITION (introductory paragraph)

Amend to read:

Except as otherwise provided in the By-Laws applicable to a particular Discipline, only Members of the Kennel Union shall be entitled to enter and have dogs in their registered ownership compete in any Championship Dog Show, Championship Obedience Class, Championship Working Trial, Field Trial Championship Open Stake or Field Qualifier or any other Championship event, licensed by the Kennel Union, save for Breed Classes offered at Specialist Club Championship Shows, where entries will also be open to non-members' dogs, with the exception of dogs in the registered ownership of persons on whom persona non grata status has been imposed, such dogs not being eligible for exhibition at any KUSA-licensed event. All entries shall be submitted on an official KUSA entry form, fully completed and signed. Any alteration or amendment to the Declaration thereon shall invalidate the entry. The current Form shall be that appended to this schedule as Appendix 3. Only the current form or that immediately preceding it shall be accepted as official.

Entries must close at the time indicated in the Schedule which shall not be less than five (5) days and not more than thirty (30) days before the Show opens.

10. SHOW CATALOGUE

Amend to read:

The Show Committee shall publish a Show Catalogue which shall contain entries.....on the Exhibitors entry form. Show Catalogues shall be neither handed out, nor made available digitally to any person, entity or grouping for any purpose whatsoever prior to the official start of the Show as contemplated in Schedule 3 Regulation 3.5. Show catalogues shall not be published on any public forum or on any social media platform and digital distribution shall be strictly confined to closed groupings of exhibitors entered for a particular Show, which shall exclude officiating Judges, and such distribution shall not take place prior to the official start of the Show as per Schedule 3 Regulation 3.5.

14. EXCLUSION OF DOGS

Amend to read:

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.

19. JUDGING REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

Amend to read:

19.1 stet

19.2 stet

19.3 Every Ring Steward and ring clerk.....and no Show Catalogue shall be permitted within the judging ring. Judges officiating at a particular Show or KUSA-licensed event are not permitted to have access to a Show Catalogue and shall neither view, nor consult, such catalogue published or distributed in any format whatsoever, including but not limited to, on social media platforms, private chat groups, or forms of personal communication, whether inside or outside the judging ring, or before or during a judging assignment.

31. OBJECTION TO DOGS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

Amend to read:

31.1 Any person, except a person on whom persona non grata has been imposed by the Federal Council, or who is under a term of suspension or disqualification imposed by the Executive Committee, may lodge..."

31.3 The grounds of objection made to a dog and immediate disqualification of such dog in terms of this Regulation shall be any one or more of the following:

31.3.9 that it has been exhibited by a person disqualified or suspended by the Federal Council or the Executive Committee, or by a person on whom persona non grata status has been imposed by the Federal Council;

31.3.14 that it has been entered and/or exhibited at a Show when it is registered or recorded as owned by an officiating Judge within a period of four (4) months prior to the Show, when said officiating Judge is scheduled to judge any Class or Competition to which the dog may gain admission through its entry, except in the case of a dog owned by the officiating Judge appointed in an emergency, in which case the disqualification of the dog will be automatic without any liability incurred by the emergency-appointed Judge.

33. FINE AND PENALTIES

Amend to read:

33.3 In the event of any fine not being paid within the time stipulated by the Executive Committee, the exhibitor may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be dealt with as if a complaint brought under Kennel Union Disciplinary Rules, Rule 4 (Schedule 1), had been lodged against him and proved to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.

42. CHAMPION DOGS

Amend to read:

42.15 Trick Dog Champion

The Federal Council or the Executive Committee shall award:

42.15.1 The title of Trick Dog Champion and a KUSA Certificate to any dog that has achieved a passing evaluation. The performance must be evaluated by two (2) Evaluators.

42.16 Additional Qualifications for Championship Status The Breeds concerned to be published in the official Kennel Union Journal, from time to time, subject to a resolution of the Executive Committee and the additional qualifications agreed by a Breed Council, will become effective under the provisions of Article 40 in respect of amendments to the Articles of the Constitution.

42.16.1 German Shepherd Dogs

42.16.1.1 Only one (1) Challenge Certificate gained before the age of eighteen (18) months to count and the remaining points to be gained after the age of eighteen (18) months.

42.16.1.2 Achieved a grading of "V" (excellent) awarded at a KUSA Licensed Breed Show"

42.16.1.3 Applicant is able to produce acceptable documentation, including evidence of positive identification, attesting that the dog has been x-rayed for Hip Dysplasia at the minimum age of 12 months and the hips were found to be within the range of HD A1 to C2.

42.16.3 Rottweilers

42.16.2.1 Only one (1) Challenge Certificate gained before the age of eighteen (18) months to count and the remaining points to be gained after the age of eighteen (18) months.

42.16.2.2 Achieved at least two (2) gradings of "V" (excellent) from a Specialist Rottweiler Judge. The V gradings must be obtained by two (2) different Specialist Rottweiler judges. At least one (1) V grading should be obtained after the age of twenty-four (24) months.

42.16.2.3 Applicant is able to produce acceptable documentation, including evidence of positive identification, attesting that the dog has been x-rayed for Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia at the minimum age of eighteen (18) months and the hips were found to be within the range of HD A1 to C2. There are currently no restrictions on the elbow scores.

42.16.2.4 The dog has been assessed by a qualified Breed Surveyor. (Note - the Breed Assessment does not include a fighting spirit and courage test).

42.16.3 Boerboel

42.16.3.1 In addition to the requirements as laid down in Regulation 42.1.1 to 42.1.3 (Champion dogs, Breed) an exhibit must have successfully completed a Breed & Character (Temperament) Assessment by a qualified Assessor with an "Excellent 85%+ rating.

42.17 Multiple Champion (M.CH)

The title M.CH may be recorded on the Certificate of Registration as a Prefix to the registered name of a dog that has been awarded the title of Champion in more than two (2) foreign countries.

43 BREEDERS' CERTIFICATE

Amend to read:

Upon written application being made on an official Kennel Union form, accompanied by the prescribed fee, the Executive Committee shall issue a Breeders' Certificate to the breeder of every dog awarded its title of Champion, Grand Champion and Supreme Champion provided such dog is registered in the Kennel Union Primary Breed Register.

SCHEDULE 5B(02) – REGULATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL WORKING TRIALS AND INTERNATIONAL TRACKING TRIALS (IGP)

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that amendments to the above named Schedule will become effective on 01.04.2022 and will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible

SCHEDULE 5E(06) – REGULATIONS FOR THE KUSA – IGP ANNUAL EVENT (MEISTERSCHAFT)

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SCHEDULE 05J – REGULATIONS FOR KUSA REGISTERED HELPERS (IGP)

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SCHEDULE 5B(03) - REGULATIONS FOR TRACKING TRIALS (TT)

1.1 LICENSING AND HOLDING OF TRACKING TRIALS (TT)

Amend to read:

The regulations relating to licensing and to all other matters to do with shows as set out in Schedule 3 (Championship Shows and Schedule 4 (Non-Championship Shows) of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA) shall apply to Tracking Trials.

2.2 Eligibility for:

TT1 - No previous qualification required.

TT2 - The qualification required to compete in TT2 is TT1, IGP1, or TD 1.

TT3 - The qualification required to compete in TT3 is TT2, IGP2, or TD 2 or PD or TD3

TT4 - The qualification required to compete in TT4 is TT3, IGP3, or TD 3.

TT5 - The qualification required to compete in TT5 is TT4.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS FOR COMPETING IN TRACKING TRIALS (TT) AND RECORD CARDS

Amend to read:

2.5 Record Cards

When competitors first compete in TT, they are to be issued by the organising club or issued by the Provincial TT Sub-Committee or where there is no Provincial TT Sub-Committee the card shall be issued by KUSA, with a KUSA TT Record Card. All further qualifying TT results will be duly recorded on this card and countersigned by the officiating Judge. Competitors who have obtained qualification for any particular TT grade through any other tracking discipline, must prove the eligibility of their dogs based on a result which has been recorded on any relevant "Working Record Card/booklet" issued by KUSA. Once qualified in one particular TT Grade, the dog cannot go back to a lower grade.

8. SCHEDULE AND DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISES FOR TRACKING TRIAL GRADE THREE (TT 3)

Amend to read:

8.1 Marks.....Three articles (7+7+6) = 20 marks

8.5 Evaluation:

False starting, dawdling, repeated circling at the corners, constant encouragements, incorrect indication or picking up or dropping an article must be penalised by up to four (4) marks. Reset on track, persistent dawdling, consistently tracking with a high nose, rushing onto the track, voidance of bowels and bladder whilst on track and hunting or similar behaviour will be penalised by up to four (4) marks. For incorrectly indicated or picked up articles up to four (4) marks may be deducted. For each article not found, the relevant mark allocated for each article, as indicated under 8.1. Marks, will be deducted. For indicating or picking up articles not placed by the handler, four (4) marks will be deducted. Walking on the lead must be penalized by up to 4 marks to be deducted from the article marks.

ANNEX A – PROPOSED ALTERATION FOR RECORD CARD FOR TT

Notice is hereby given that in terms of the decision taken at the December 2021 Fedco meeting, the term "IPO" was replaced with "IPG", and references to Schutzhund (SchH) were removed from the Tracking Trial record card.

SCHEDULE 5C (1) – REGULATIONS FOR RETRIEVER FIELD TRIALS (1989)

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that amendments to the above named Schedule will become effective on 01.4.2022 and will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible. Fedco noted that the term "KUSA Website" should instead be referred to as "Official Kennel Union Journal".

SCHEDULE 5C(2) – REGULATIONS FOR FLUSHING SPANIEL FIELD TRIALS

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that amendments to the above named Schedule will become effective on 01.4.2022 and will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible.

SCHEDULE 5C(2) – ADDENDUM – GUIDELINE STANDARDS FOR THE VARIOUS SPANIEL STAKES

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that amendments to the above named Schedule will become effective on 01.4.2022 and will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible.

SCHEDULE 5C(3) – HPR (BREEDS THAT HUNT, POINT AND RETRIEVE)

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that amendments to the above named Schedule will become effective on 01.4.2022 and will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible.

SCHEDULE 5C(6) – REGULATIONS FOR VERSATILE TESTS - POINTING BREEDS

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that amendments to the above named Schedule will become effective on 01.4.2022 and will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible.

SCHEDULE 5E(15) - REGULATIONS FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICTS KENNEL CLUB SUPA 7S.

4. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY

Amend to read (dispensation to vary the provisions of Schedule 5E(15) for 2022 only):

4.2 The SUPA 7s Adult Stake, is by invitation only to the top seven (7) dogs in each Group as per the Final 2020 & 2021 KUSA Showdog of the Year Points Table as at Sunday, 26 September 2021. Should any of the top seven (7) dogs in each Group not be available to attend, the next in line will be invited to make up the final seven (7) to compete in the Group.

4.3 The SUPA 7s Puppy Stake is by invitation only to dogs which have been awarded Best Puppy in Show at All Breeds Championship Shows (excluding FCI shows) held in the KUSA area of jurisdiction in the two calendar years prior to the year in which the Competition is being held.

4.4 The SUPA 7s Veteran Stake is by invitation only to dogs which have been awarded Best Veteran in Show at All Breeds Championship Shows (excluding FCI shows) held in the KUSA area of jurisdiction in the two years prior to the calendar year in which the competition is being held.

SCHEDULE 9 – CODE OF ETHICS FOR MEMBERS OF KUSA

Amend to read:

Persons become Members of KUSA and maintain their membership of KUSA for a variety of reasons, ranging from the establishment of a non-commercial kennel for the breeding of purebred dogs, to the participation in dog-showing and other forms of dogsport, to the judging or evaluating of conformation Shows and competitions for various Working Disciplines, to the desire to serve in an administrative capacity on the various structures which underpin cynology as a leisure activity.

This Code seeks to define the norms for ethical behaviour and conduct, incumbent on those elected to membership of KUSA.

Every person, upon signing an Application for Membership or a Membership Renewal Form, or renewing their membership by paying the required Membership Fee on receipt of a Renewal Notice, shall be bound by this Code insofar as it applies to a Member's involvement in any of the activities sanctioned or licensed by the KUSA, or in its administrative framework, as set out below.

Failure to comply with, or adhere to, this Code of Conduct for Members of KUSA may result in disciplinary action under Schedule 1 of the KUSA Constitution and the loss, or suspension, of membership, the imposition of persona non grata status by the Federal Council, or other penalty.

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR FOR KUSA MEMBERS

Amend to read:

1.6. Members shall respect the reputations and sensitivities of other Members, Judges or Evaluators and elected or appointed KUSA Officials at all events and in all fora, including on social media platforms, such as Facebook, and on various Internet chat groups. In this regard Members are advised to take due cognisance of KUSA's Best Practice Guidelines for Members in the Use of Social Media, published on the KUSA website.

Insert NEW:

4.26 ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR OF KUSA MEMBERS AS BREEDERS

4.26 not knowingly transfer from their care, by sale or otherwise, a puppy to a person on whom persona non grata status has been imposed by the Federal Council;
(and the rest sequentially renumbered)

5. ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR OF KUSA MEMBERS AS EXHIBITORS OR COMPETITORS AT EVENTS LICENSED BY KUSA

Amend to read:

5.14. desist from purposefully delaying judging or evaluating in order to accommodate another competitor or manipulate the judging or evaluating schedule;

5.15. desist from trying to get the order of judging or evaluating changed to accommodate their or others' late arrival, or their presence in other rings;

5.17. treat the officiating Judge or Evaluator with the utmost respect and accept his/her decisions graciously, refraining from engaging the Judge or Evaluator in quarrelsome exchanges and subjecting him/her to disparaging remarks;

5.18. refrain from berating or insulting the officiating Judge or Evaluator at the Show, especially in the presence of other competitors, or KUSA/Club Officials, or later on social media platforms and in various Internet chat groups;

5.19. desist from socialising with an officiating Judge or Evaluator prior to judging or evaluating, which includes being accommodated by the Judge or Evaluator, accommodating the Judge or Evaluator, or travelling with the Judge or Evaluator;

5.20. avoid placing an officiating Judge or Evaluator in a compromising situation when Members' close relationship with the Judge or Evaluator is generally known and be mindful of the recommended procedure in circumstances of potential conflict, i.e. withdrawal from competition by way of a "lap of honour";

6.1. fully abide by this Code insofar as it also applies to them in their interaction with KUSA employees or other KUSA Officials, as dog owners, as dog breeders, as exhibitors or competitors at KUSA Shows or events, or as Judges or Evaluators officiating for KUSA locally, or for the Clubs of National Canine Organisations in foreign countries with which KUSA has a relationship through its membership with the FCI, or through direct reciprocal arrangements;

7. ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR OF KUSA MEMBERS ACTING AS JUDGES OR EVALUATORS FOR CONFORMATION SHOWS OR WORKING DISCIPLINES EVENTS LOCALLY OR OVERSEAS

Amend to read:

Members acting as Judges or Evaluators for conformation Shows or Working Disciplines events locally or overseas shall....

APPENDIX "B"

CODE OF CONDUCT AND PRACTICE FOR JUDGES LICENSED BY THE KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (KUSA) (Effective 01.04.2020)

Amend to read:

The conduct and practice of Judges or Evaluators officiating for the Kennel Union of Southern Africa in all forms of dogsport, whether as a Learner Judges or Evaluators, or Licensed Judges or Evaluators, must stand up to the highest level of scrutiny and the comportment of Judges or Evaluators should manifest their status within dogsport. Judging or evaluating at Kennel Union-licensed events, or at events in foreign countries, requires the Judge or Evaluator to be a member of the Kennel Union and, apart from adherence to the normal Conditions of Membership, the Code of Ethics (Schedule 9) and the Terms and Conditions of Contract as per the Judging Contract (J1), Judges or Evaluators at any level shall be bound by this Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges Licensed by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa:

1. In General:

1.1. 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.

1.2. Judges or Evaluators shall be mindful of their elevated and esteemed status in dogsport and in all their actions and dealings set an example for all participants in the sport.

1.3. In their communications with Club or Show Officials, Exhibitors and Competitors, Judges or Evaluators shall act with dignity, authority and decorum and their conduct in all interactions shall be above reproach.

1.4. In accepting assignments, whether local or foreign, Judges or Evaluators act as ambassadors of the Kennel Union and in word and deed shall take the utmost care to neither embarrass themselves, nor the Kennel Union.

1.5. Judges or Evaluators shall not accept an invitation to judge or evaluate unless they are sure, or have ascertained, that they are entitled to do so.

1.6. Judges or Evaluators shall not accept an invitation to judge or evaluate unless they can declare with a reasonable degree of certainty that they would be able and fulfil the assignment and be fit to do so in accordance with the expectations of the show-holding Club, or entity.

1.7. Judges or Evaluators who need to withdraw from assignments, for whatever reason, need to give notice of their intentions to withdraw at the earliest possible opportunity and in a manner prescribed by their contract.

1.8. Judges or Evaluators shall ensure that their arrangements regarding reimbursement of expenses by show-holding Clubs or entities are clear and unambiguous, thereby to avoid causing embarrassment or discontentment for either party.

1.9. Judges or Evaluators shall not claim any expenses from a show-holding Club or entity to which they are not entitled and for which they cannot provide proof of entitlement.

1.10. Judges or Evaluators shall embrace continued education as an integral part of their judging or evaluating ethic and undertake self-motivated learning throughout their judging or evaluating careers.

1.11. Judges or Evaluators shall keep themselves apprised of changes to the Kennel Union's regulatory framework applicable to Judges or Evaluators and judging or evaluating.

1.12. Judges or Evaluators shall keep themselves apprised of changes to the FCI's regulatory framework applicable to Judges or Evaluators and judging or evaluating and apply these regulations in an FCI judging or evaluating environment unless they are in conflict with the Kennel Union's Regulations.

1.13. Judges or Evaluators shall be meticulous in noting changes to Breed Standards of breeds they are licensed to judge/evaluate and diligently apply these changes once they become effective.

1.16. Judges or Evaluators shall not solicit judging or evaluating assignments, either locally or overseas, which includes, without limitation, pleading, asking, petitioning or canvassing for an assignment, either directly, or through an intermediary, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, except for Licensed Judges or Evaluators, Senior Judges or Evaluators and All-breeds Judges volunteering to assist Club Committees in filling the roles at Non-Championship Shows pursuant to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulations 4.1.3, 5.1.4 and 6.1.4.

1.17. Judges or Evaluators shall not solicit the entry of any Dog, Exhibitor and/or Competitor.

1.18. Judges or Evaluators shall not travel to a show or event with a person who will be exhibiting a dog under them or otherwise competing in an event judged or evaluated by him.

- 1.19. Judges or Evaluators shall not accept accommodation from a person who will be exhibiting a dog under them or competing in an event judged or evaluated by them.
- 1.20. Prior to the show or event to be judged or evaluated by them, Judges or Evaluators shall avoid socialising with persons likely to compete under them.
- 1.21. If placed in an unavoidable compromising position as a result of a close relationship with an Exhibitor/Competitor, if and when practicable, Judges or Evaluators shall encourage the option of a “lap of honour”, instead of subjecting dogs to assessment and placement for awards that may ultimately be deemed suspect.
- 1.22. It is suggested that, during a discernible period (at Judges’ or Evaluators’ discretion) preceding any judging or evaluating assignment, Judges or Evaluators shall avoid acting as a spectator to the judging or evaluating of dogs they are likely to judge or evaluate at such scheduled assignment.
- 1.23. In deference to the principles of neutrality and impartiality and in order not to show favour, Judges or Evaluators shall exercise the utmost discretion when discussing dogs likely to be judged or evaluated by them, or by other Judges or Evaluators, with any person.
- 1.24. Similarly, in upholding the principles of neutrality and impartiality, Judges or Evaluators shall exercise sound judgement when commenting on dogs likely to be judged or evaluated by them, or by other Judges or Evaluators, on Social Media, as not to reveal predilection or dislike.
- 1.25. When commenting on dog- or dogsport-related issues, Judges or Evaluators shall use Social Media advisedly and prudently and confine their opinions to reasoned discourse based on fact, resisting speculation, innuendo and aspersion.
- 1.26. Judges or Evaluators shall not criticise the work of other Judges or Evaluators, either verbally, in print or on Social Media.
- 1.27. Judges or Evaluators shall refrain from engaging in offensive conduct or defamatory statements aimed at discrediting the Kennel Union or the FCI.
- 1.28. Judges’ or Evaluators’ shall be mindful of the fact that they derive their judging or evaluating licence from the Kennel Union and thereby assume the responsibility not to act in a manner which is inconsistent with the grant of such licence. A licence entrusted in good faith can be revoked when no longer deemed to be in the best interests of the licensor and it should be understood that KUSA will not countenance being besmirched and its reputation tarnished, by those holding its licences.
2. In the Ring:
- 2.1. Judges or Evaluators shall be courteous, polite and respectful towards Exhibitors/Competitors, Ring Steward or Club Officials.
- 2.2. Judges or Evaluators shall be punctual for assignments and avoid inconveniencing show-holding Clubs, Exhibitors/Competitors or Show Officials through lateness.
- 2.3. Judges or Evaluators shall not leave the showgrounds before they have completed all their assigned/contracted duties.
- 2.4. Judges or Evaluators officiating at a particular Show or KUSA-licensed event shall not have access to a Show Catalogue and shall neither view, nor consult, such catalogue published or distributed in any format whatsoever, including but not limited to, on social media platforms, private chat groups, or forms of personal communication, whether inside or outside the judging ring, or before or during a judging or evaluating assignment.
- 2.5. Judges or Evaluators shall assess dogs in conformation shows, or their performance in other forms of dogsport, in a thorough, competent, systematic and kind manner.
- 2.6. When judging or evaluating, Judges or Evaluators shall exercise the highest degree of objectivity and discard any knowledge of a dog’s background, previous accomplishments or ownership.
- 2.7. Having regard for the weather, Judges or Evaluators shall dress in a manner which creates a neat, professional, yet comfortable, appearance in the ring, avoiding billowy attire, ostentatious headgear and bulky or noisy accessories.
- 2.8. Judges or Evaluators shall not smoke or drink alcohol in the ring and refrain from judging or evaluating while clutching a beverage.
- 2.10. Judges or Evaluators shall desist from addressing handlers by their first or last name in the ring.
- 2.11. Judges or Evaluators shall complete all the requirements of an assignment diligently and efficiently, with due regard for any time constraints imposed by the show-holding Club.

SCHEDULE 10 APPENDIX 1 GROUP COURSE

Amend to read:

“Note” appended to Regulation 2.3.1:

(*Note: For purposes of calculating the number of breeds for quota requirements, one breed, regardless of varieties within that breed accommodated in a single Breed Standard, counts as one breed. Breed-varieties with separate Breed Standards count as different breeds.)

“Note” appended to Regulation 2.3.2:

(*Note: For purposes of calculating the number of breeds for quota requirements, one breed, regardless of varieties within that breed accommodated in a single Breed Standard, counts as one breed. Breed-varieties with separate Breed Standards count as different breeds.)

“Note” appended to Regulation 2.3.4:

(*Note: For purposes of calculating the number of breeds for quota requirements, one breed, regardless of varieties within that breed accommodated in a single Breed Standard, counts as one breed and is equal to one of the eight breeds required for a Shadow Judging Assignment. Breed-varieties with separate Breed Standards count as different breeds.

“Note” appended to Regulation 3.1:

(*Note: For purposes of calculating the number of breeds for quota requirements, one breed, regardless of varieties within that breed accommodated in a single Breed Standard, counts as one breed. Breed-varieties with separate Breed Standards count as different breeds.)

SCHEDULE 11B - REGULATIONS FOR SCENT WORK

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that amendments to the above named Schedule will become effective on 01.4.2022 and will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible.

SCHEDULE 11C – REGULATIONS FOR TRICK DOG TESTS

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