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 27 – 28 June 2025. The Articles will become effective on **01 February 2026** (or as otherwise stated) and the Schedules on **01 October 2025** 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 25.2 – Unbroken Membership of Judges
Amend to read:

25.2 Save for the concession granted under Schedule 10 Regulation 6.2 to KUSA-licensed Judges who had relocated to other countries, Judges shall maintain continuous and unbroken membership of the Kennel Union from the time their formal studies or activities towards a judging qualification commence until their voluntary retirement from judging, advised in writing to the Executive Committee, or their incapacitation (at the discretion of the Executive Committee), or their death.

AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULES

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

Regulation 3 – Registration of an Imported Dog
Amend to read:
Any dog registered in and imported from any country the Canine Control Body of which is in reciprocity with or recognised by the Kennel Union may be registered by the Kennel Union.

3.1 An application for the registration of a dog under the provisions of Regulation 3 shall be made on an official Kennel Union form and shall be accompanied by:
3.1.1 A Certified Three-generation Export Pedigree issued by such other reciprocal or recognised body. Export Pedigrees issued by FCI National Canine Organisations (NCOs) must accompany the application in original format;
3.1.2 Where not stated on the Export Pedigree, a Certificate of Transfer of Registered Ownership;
3.1.3 An Animal Improvement Act (AIA) Permit for importation of animals issued by the Directorate of Animal Production;
3.1.4 A Veterinary Import Permit issued by the Directorate of Animal Health in terms of the Animal Disease Act;
3.1.5 A Transport Waybill with date of arrival in South Africa;
and the fees prescribed in Schedule 07 – Subscription and Fees.

3.2 In the case of a bitch imported in whelp and in addition to the documentation stated at Regulation 3.1 above, a Certified Three-generation Pedigree issued by the Canine Control Body in the country of origin of the sire shall accompany every application for registration of progeny whelped in the Kennel Union area of jurisdiction.
3.3 In the case of a dog imported from Germany the Certified Three-generation Pedigree issued by the applicable breed club shall be supported by the form of "Certification for Foreign Registration" issued by the Verband für das Deutsche Hundewesen (VDH), the Canine Control Body for that country.
3.4 Upon re-registration by the KUSA the name of the dog and/or the name(s) of the Registered Owners which are shown upon the foreign registration or Transfer Certificate shall not be changed, nor shall any details of ancestors shown on

any Export or Certified Pedigree be changed either by alteration and/or omission of any of the details stated thereon. Any such change upon discovery will render the applicable document invalid and subject to verification with the issuing authority, at the applicant's expense.

3.5 If, at the time of re-registration, no Breed Standard is available in the English language, the Certificate of Registration shall be endorsed "Not for Showing". Such restriction to be lifted by the Executive Committee immediately upon an acceptable Breed Standard becoming available in English.

3.6 All imported dogs must be microchipped and have a standardised international marker DNA Profile before acceptance for registration on any KUSA Register.

SCHEDULE 02 APPENDIX "C" – BREED SPECIFIC LITTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

6. ROTTWEILER LITTERS

Add NEW:

6.7 For a bitch imported in whelp, compliance with Regulations 6.3 and 6.4 is mandatory for acceptance of registration of progeny.

SCHEDULE 03 – REGULATION FOR CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

Regulation 10 – Show Catalogue

Amend to read:

The Show Committee shall publish a Show Catalogue which shall contain entries similar to those Regulations 5.1, 5.3 and 5.6 and full particulars of the entry of each exhibit, including the dogs' microchip numbers and the names of their Registered Owners, as recorded on the Show Entry Form.

Regulation 22 – Competition for Best of Breed, Reserve Best of Breed, Best Puppy of Breed and other Best of Breed Class Awards and Certificates

Insert NEW:

22.7 If the Judge is of the opinion that none of the exhibits eligible for any Best Class in Breed award is worthy of the award, he/she may withhold it.

Amend to read (renumber):

22.8 In addition to the Challenge Certificates and Reserve Challenge Certificates issued in terms of Regulation 21.4 of this Schedule, the following Breed Award Certificates shall be issued either in hard copy, or digitally and, if issued electronically, digitally system-signed and verifiable, shall be available to exhibitors within thirty (30) days of the date of such award being made:
Champions Class
First Place
Best of Breed
Reserve Best of Breed
Best Junior in Breed
Best Puppy in Breed
Best Baby Puppy in Breed
Best Veteran in Breed
Best Neutered in Breed

22.9 By applying his signature to the various Certificates or, when these awards are electronically issued as digitally system-signed and verifiable Certificates, the Show Secretary assumes responsibility for the accuracy and validity of any certificates issued in confirmation of awards made in terms of these Regulations. The responsibility to rectify any errors which might occur on any of the Certificates and to issue corrected Certificates either in hard copy or digitally, shall rest with the Show Secretary.

Regulation 44 – Cancellation/Postponement of Shows and Refund of Show Entry Fees

Amend to read:

44.5 Once the KUSA Office has been informed of the cancellation or postponement of a Show, the previously issued Show Licence shall either be cancelled, or be replaced by a new Licence for the Show to be held on a later date within six (6) months of the original Show date. The Executive Committee shall grant special dispensation to Clubs applying for a postponement of the Show in order to sanction their compliance with Sub-Regulations 6.1, 12.2 and 34.1, as well as with Regulation 20, hereof. In the case of the cancellation of a Show, the Show Licence Fee paid shall be non-refundable, whereas the replacement of a Show Licence, in the case of postponement, shall be free of charge.

SCHEDULE 03 APPENDIX 3 – OFFICIAL SHOW ENTRY FORM

To allow for the temporary dispensation provided to the Field Trial Liaison Council (refer to Item 12.1.3), an amendment was made to the Official Show Entry Form – Field Trials to allow a tick box for Not For Competition Entries.

SCHEDULE 03A – REGULATIONS FOR FCI INTERNATIONAL DOG SHOWS

Regulation 3

Insert NEW:

3.2 Clubs holding FCI-C.A.C.I.B.® International Shows must pay the FCI (CACIB) Show Levy Deposit at least three (3) months prior to the Show;

3.2.1 The FCI-C.A.C.I.B.® Show Levy Deposit paid by the Show-holding Club will be used to cover any Licence Application Fees payable to the FCI, forex funds transfer fees, Show Levies and any other associated costs.

3.2.2 Should there be a shortfall, the Show-holding Club will be liable to settle the difference within one (1) month of KUSA providing the Club with notice of such deficit.

3.2.3 Any surplus shall be refunded to the Show-holding Club by KUSA within one (1) month of KUSA notifying the Club of such surplus.

SCHEDULE 04 – REGULATIONS FOR NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

Regulation 11 – Exhibition of Dogs

Insert NEW:

11.8. A Judge may not enter and compete with a dog in his Registered Ownership in the same discipline at a Non-championship Show held under the same licence as the Show for which he is officiating. Conversely, an officiating Judge is entitled to enter and compete with such dog in the same discipline at a Non-championship Show, provided such Show is held under a different licence. Automatic disqualification of any dog(s) entered and competed with contrary to this Regulation will apply and the Judge will be liable for disciplinary action under Schedule 01.

11.9. A Judge may not handle a dog in his Registered Ownership in the same discipline at a Non-championship Show held under the same licence as the Show for which he is officiating. Conversely, an officiating Judge is entitled to handle such dog in the same discipline at a Non-championship Show, provided such Show is held under a different licence. Automatic disqualification of any dog(s) handled contrary to this Regulation will apply and the Judge will be liable for disciplinary action under Schedule 01.

SCHEDULE 05B(03) – REGULATIONS FOR TRACKING TRIALS

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that the above-named Schedule will become effective 01.10.2025, and will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible.

SCHEDULE 05C(2) – REGULATIONS FOR FLUSHING SPANIEL FIELD TRIALS

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that the above-named Schedule will become effective 01.10.2025, but that the changes may be implemented on publication of the Minutes and that they will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible.

SCHEDULE 05C(3) – REGULATIONS FOR HUNT POINT RETRIEVE (HPR) FIELD TRIALS

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that the above-named Schedule will become effective 01.10.2025, but that the changes may be implemented on publication of the Minutes and that they will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible.

SCHEDULE 05C(4) – REGULATIONS FOR SHOOTING RATINGS

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that the above-named Schedule will become effective 01.10.2025, but that the changes may be implemented on publication of the Minutes and that they will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible.

NEW SCHEDULE 05C(7) – REGULATIONS FOR HUNTING DOG TRACKING, BLOOD TRACKING AND TRACKING SHOE TESTS

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that the above-named new Schedule will become effective 01.10.2025, and will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible.

SCHEDULE 05E(12) – REGULATIONS FOR KUSA NATIONAL HANDLER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Insert NEW:

11. PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL COMPETITIONS

11.1. Crufts Joe Cartledge Memorial International Junior Handling Competition

11.1.1. Only the KUSA National Junior Handler of the Year, chosen at the KUSA National Handler of the Year Competition held in the year prior to Crufts, shall be entitled to represent KUSA/South Africa in The Crufts Joe Cartledge Memorial International Junior Handling Competition. The KUSA Reserve National Junior Handler of the Year, i.e. the handler placed second in the same KUSA National Handler of the Year Competition, shall not be eligible to represent KUSA/South Africa in The Crufts Joe Cartledge Memorial International Junior Handling Competition.

11.1.2. The Crufts Joe Cartledge Memorial International Junior Handling Competition is open to Juniors aged up to 19 years. Juniors aged 19 on the day of the final at Crufts may only compete if they had won their National Championship Competition aged 18, but turned 19 between the National Championship Competition and The Crufts Joe Cartledge Memorial International Junior Handling Competition.

11.1.3. Exceptions to 11.1.2. above will only be considered in very special circumstances and then agreed to by the Royal Kennel Club, in writing, prior to the entry being submitted.

11.1.4. The Royal Kennel Club's decision on whether to accept, or reject, an extraordinary entry will be final.

11.2. FCI Junior Handling World Championships Competition

11.2.1. KUSA is entitled to designate a participant to represent KUSA/South Africa to compete in the Junior Handling Final at the FCI Junior Handling World Championships Competition only, in any year the Competition is held.

11.2.1.1. The KUSA National Junior Handler of the Year, chosen at the KUSA National Handler of the Year Competition held in the year prior to the World Dog Show, shall be entitled to represent KUSA/South Africa as its designated participant in the Junior Handling Final at the FCI Junior Handling World Championships Competition.

11.2.1.2. The KUSA Reserve National Junior Handler of the Year, i.e. the handler placed second in the same KUSA National Handler of the Year Competition, shall be entitled to represent KUSA/South Africa as its designated participant, should the winner of the KUSA National Handler of the Year Competition, for whatever reason, not be able to attend the FCI Junior Handling World Championships Competition.

11.2.2. The representative must be a National Citizen of South Africa.

11.2.3. KUSA's designated participant must be less than 19 years of age on the day of FCI Junior Handling World Championships Competition Final at the World Dog Show.

11.3. Invitees, whether by qualification or designation, must cover all expenses, including travel and accommodation, in order to compete in either The Crufts Joe Cartledge Memorial International Junior Handling Competition, or the FCI Junior Handling World Championships Competition.

11.4. KUSA shall neither endorse, nor support, the campaign or selection of any South African Junior Handler to represent another country in the Crufts Joe Cartledge Memorial International Junior Handling Competition or the FCI Junior Handling World Championships Competition.

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

2. SCOPE OF LICENCE

Amend to read:

2.4 A further six (6) Dog Jumping League licences may also be applied for by the Eastern Cape Provincial Council Dog Jumping Sub-Committee in any calendar year in order that the Border region may hold non-income generating rounds of the KUSA NDJL in the East London area.

SCHEDULE 05E(17) – REGULATIONS FOR THE DOGS BEST OF THE BEST COMPETITION

Regulation 1 – Licensing and Show Regulations

Amend to read:

The Regulations … Schedule 05E(17). The decision regarding which specific disciplines, as provided for in this Schedule, to be included per annum, together with Breed and Junior Showmanship, is at the discretion of the DOGSPC Best of the Best Competition Sub-Committee.

Regulation 5 – Qualifications for Entry
Amend to read:

5.1 Breed Competition

5.1.1 Entry for this competition will be by qualification at all Breed Championship Shows, i.e. Speciality, Group and All-breeds, held under a KUSA licence, in accordance with Regulation 3 of this Schedule 05E(17).

5.1.4 Points shall be calculated from all Breed Championship Shows held in the previous calendar year.

5.1.5 Points shall be awarded to each Best of Breed and Reserve Best of Breed exhibit at Specialist Breed and Multi-Specialist Breed Shows as follows

Best of Breed – eight (8) points
Reserve Best of Breed – six (6) points

5.2 Puppy Breed Competition

5.2.1 Entry for this competition will be by qualification at all Breed Championship shows. i.e. Speciality, Group and All-breeds, held under a KUSA licence in accordance with Regulation 3 of this Schedule 05E(17).

5.2.4 Points shall be calculated from All-Breeds Championship Shows held in the previous calendar year.

5.2.5 Points shall be awarded to each Best Puppy at Specialist Breed and Multi-Specialist Breed Shows as follows:

Best Puppy – eight (8) points

5.3 Veteran Competition

Open to any Veteran dog owned by an exhibitor resident in the area as defined by Regulation 3.1 of this Schedule. Dogs may compete for the title DOGS Best of the Best Veteran of the Year (year).

5.10 Child Handlers' Competition: Open to any child resident as per Regulation 3.1 of this Schedule, who has placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th at any All-Breeds Championship or Non-championship Shows, i.e. Speciality, Group and All-breeds, held by a member club of DOGSPC under a KUSA licence in the previous calendar year.

5.11 Junior Handlers' Competition: Open to any Junior Handler resident as per 3.1, who has placed (1st,2 nd,3rd or 4th) at any All-Breeds Championship or Non-championship Shows i.e. Speciality, Group and All-breeds, held by a member club of DOGSPC under a KUSA licence in the previous calendar year.

Regulation 6 – Date of the Competition
Amend to read:
The Competition will be held on a date and at a venue to be decided by the organisers but not earlier than 7 January and not later than the 15 March in the year directly following the qualifying calendar year preceding these dates.

Regulation 7 – JUDGING

7.1 Breed Competition

Amend to read:

7.1.1. The Top one hundred and twenty (120) exhibits qualifying will be notified by the Organising Committee of their qualification, by email.

7.1.2. The one hundred and twenty (120) exhibits will be split by means of a random draw into four (4) groups of thirty (30) exhibits each. For the sake of sound administration, the draw shall be undertaken by the DOGSPC Chairman or Vice-Chairman prior to the show date, but after the closing date. These lists will be publicised on various social media platforms prior to the event and displayed at the Show venue.

7.1.3. From each Group of thirty (30) exhibits, the nominated Judge will choose eight (8) exhibits, unplaced, to go forward to the next round.

7.1.4. The thirty-two (32) exhibits qualifying for the 2nd round will then be drawn, one against the other, in a knockout competition. Similarly, the remaining sixteen (16) for the 3rd round and the remaining eight (8) for the 4th round, until four (4) exhibits remain. These four (4) exhibits will be judged and placed 1st and 2nd.

7.2 Puppy Breed Competition

7.2.1. The Top fifty (50) exhibits qualifying will be notified by the Organising Committee of their qualification, by email.

7.2.2. The fifty (50) exhibits will be split by means of a random draw into two (2) groups of twenty-five (25) exhibits each. For the sake of sound administration, the draw shall be undertaken by the DOGSPC Chairman or Vice-Chairman prior to the Show date, but after the closing date. These lists will be publicised on various social media platforms prior to the event and displayed at the Show venue.

7.2.3. From each Group of twenty-five (25) exhibits, the nominated Judge will choose eight (8) exhibits, unplaced, to go forward to the next round.

7.2.4. The sixteen (16) exhibits qualifying for the 2nd round will then be drawn, one against the other, in a knockout competition. Similarly, the remaining eight (8) for the 3rd round, until four (4) exhibits remain. These four (4) exhibits will be judged and placed 1st and 2nd.

Regulation 8 – Judges
Amend to read:

8.1. The organisers shall appoint Judges, subject to KUSA approval, for all the Disciplines hosted in any calendar year, at their discretion, in this Competition.

Add New:

8.2. The number of Judges appointed to judge Breed, Adult and/or Puppy, and Junior Showmanship shall be at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

Renumber and amend to read:

8.3. The name(s) of the Judge(s) shall either be advised to the competitors on the Show Schedule, or may be made public on the morning of the event.

8.4. The organisers have the right to appoint alternative Judge(s) should there be excessive numbers of qualifiers or should the advertised Judge(s) not be able to fulfil the appointment.

8.5. All Judges selected shall be approved by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa not later than three (3) months before the date of the Competition.

Regulation 11 – Prizes and Awards

Amend to read:

11. The winning Breed exhibits will be entitled to be called DOGS Best of The Best Dog of the Year (year) and DOGS Best of the Best Puppy of the Year (year). The winning Dogsport winners, in each sport (if held in any year), will be entitled to be called DOGS Best of the Best (Dogsport) Dog of the Year (year). This title will not be eligible to be placed on the Registration Certificate of the dog or any other official Kennel Union document. The winners of the Junior Showmanship Competition will earn the title of DOGS Best of the Best Child Handler of the Year (year) and DOGS Best of the Best Junior Handler of the Year (year). The winning dogs and handlers will be awarded prizes appropriate to the Competition. The organisers will issue suitable qualifying certificates to all qualifiers, either in hard copy or electronically, present on the day of the event.

Regulation 12 – Organising Committee

12.1. A Committee, for the following year, shall be formed each calendar year by no later than 31 March, consisting of no fewer than four (4) and no more than six (6) members, who must be Members in Good Standing of KUSA and remain so for their full term of office, nominated by the Districts of Gauteng and Surrounds Provincial Council to run the DOGS Best of the Best Competition.

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

Regulation 3 – KUSA SAAC REGIONAL TRIALS

Amend to read:

3.1.4 A further eight (8) Agility League licences may also be applied for by the Eastern Cape Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee in any calendar year in order for the Border region to hold non-income generating rounds of the KUSA NAL and KUSA SAAC Regional Trials in the East London area.

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

Regulation 2 – SCOPE OF LICENCE

Amend to read:

3.1.4 A further eight (8) Agility League licences may also be applied for by the Eastern Cape Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee in any calendar year in order for the Border region to hold non-income generating rounds of the KUSA NAL and KUSA SAAC Regional Trials in the East London area.

SCHEDULE 05V – REGULATIONS FOR HOOPERS

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that amendments to the above-named Schedule will become effective 01.10.2024 but which may be implemented immediately. The Schedule will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible.

SCHEDULE 07 – SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES (PRICE LIST) 2024/2025

Insert NEW:

14.1.2.1 FCI (CACIB) Show - mandatory deposit to cover EURO 1.40 levy per dog due to the FCI

Amend to read:

1.3.2 Judges Penalty Fee (breach of Article 25.2) Pro rata fee, except where KUSA-licensed Judges emigrated and require KUSA membership.

14.3.7 Amendment or alteration to a Championship or Qualifying Show Licence already issued, if due to unforeseen circumstances as adjudicated by the Executive Committee no charge

14.3.8 Amendment or alteration to a Championship or Qualifying Show Licence already issued, if amendment is at the Club's discretion (i.e. not due to unforeseen circumstances). 50% of Licence Fee

14.3.9 Amendment or alteration to a Non-championship Licence already issued, if due to unforeseen circumstances as adjudicated by the Executive Committee no charge

14.3.10 Amendment or alteration to a Non-championship Licence already issued, if amendment is at the Club's discretion (i.e. not due to unforeseen circumstances). fee payable

Effective Date 01.09.2025

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;

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

Regulation 6 – Foreign Judges immigrating to South Africa and Kusa-Licensed Judges who have Emigrated to other Countries

Insert NEW:

6.2 KUSA-licensed Judges who have emigrated to another country who, for whatever reason, are obliged to obtain clearance from KUSA to judge at Championship Shows in other countries, if their KUSA membership had lapsed after emigrating, shall be required to re-join KUSA as a member before such clearance may be granted. Membership Fees on re-joining KUSA shall comprise the current (at the time of application) Election Fee and the 12-month Subscription Fee applicable to judges during their first five (5) years of membership, as per Schedule 07 – Subscription and Fees. Unbroken membership of KUSA shall thereafter be maintained for as long as the Judge remains obligated to secure KUSA-clearance for foreign judging assignments.

Regulation 9.2.4 – Other Best Class of Breed awards

Insert NEW:

9.2.4.4 If the Judge is of the opinion that none of the exhibits eligible for any Best Class in Breed award is worthy of the award, he/she may withhold it.

SCHEDULE 11(B) – REGULATIONS FOR SCENT WORK

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 41 of The Kennel Union Constitution that the above-named replacement Schedule will become effective 01.10.2025, and that it will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible.

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