

**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 meeting held on 01 & 02 December 2018. The Articles will become effective on **01 February 2020**, and the Schedules on 01.04.2019 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

Insert NEW:

“Official Kennel Union Journal” means the official website of the Kennel Union or any social media platform maintained and populated under the control of the Kennel Union, or a combination of these electronic media.

ARTICLE 3 - OBJECTS

Article 3.14

Amend to read:

to publish an Official Kennel Union Journal and to host various social media platforms.

ARTICLE 8 AFFILIATION

Article 8.6.2

Amend to read:

details of every Annual General Meeting and any other Special General Meeting specifying the names of persons present and resolutions adopted, together with one copy of the annual audited accounts of income and expenditure and the Club's balance sheet shall be forwarded to the Federal Council. Minutes of Annual/Special General meetings shall be supplied within thirty (30) days of any such meeting and the copy of the audited accounts shall be supplied once in each calendar year. The Club shall ensure that the Club officials (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) names and contact details shall be sent to KUSA for recording each time there is a change and shall further ensure that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, as well as any Committee Member with financial banking powers, i.e. with signing or transacting powers, in whatever form, on any of the Club's bank accounts, are members in good standing of the Kennel Union. At the same time of sending the names and contact details of Club officials to KUSA, the Club shall also advise the names of the Club Committee members with signing or transacting powers, in whatever form, on any of the Club's bank accounts.

ARTICLE 12 - PRIVILEGES OF AFFILIATION, MEMBERSHIP

Article 12.1.1

Amend to read:

Every affiliated Club shall be entitled to be granted access to information published in the Official Kennel Union Journal.

Article 12.2.2

Amend to read:

Every member of the Kennel Union shall be entitled to be granted access to information published in the Official Kennel Union Journal.

ARTICLE 25 JUDGES

Re-number current Article 25 as 25.1.

Insert NEW:

25.2 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.

25.3 Judges shall be bound by and, in all respects, adhere to the Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges Licensed by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa.

ARTICLE 38 – SECRETARY

Article 38.6:

Amend to read:

The Secretary shall not communicate with the media or any journal or publication in connection with canine matters, save and except for communications expressly authorised by the Federal Council and/or Executive Committee, approved communications published in the Official Kennel Union Journal and information normally available to members and the general public.

ARTICLE 41 – AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND SCHEDULES

Article 41.2:

Amend to read:

notice of every issue, suspension, revocation, cancellation or amendment adopted by the Federal Council shall be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal or circulated to Affiliated Clubs together with notice of the date when it is to come into effect;

AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULES

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

Schedule 2 Regulation 1

Amend to read:

1. The Kennel Union shall maintain a Primary Breed Register for each pure breed of dog recognised by it and a dog shall be deemed to be of the breed named in the breed register in which it is entered or eligible for entry.
- 1.1 The Kennel Union may also accept for registration subject to such terms and conditions as the Federal Council may stipulate from time to time:
 - 1.1.1 In Breed Appendix Registers, dogs of recognised or provisionally recognised breeds which have complete or incomplete pedigrees/ancestry issued by registries with which there is a reciprocity agreement and/or registries where no agreement exists but special dispensation is granted by the Federal Council determining the specific requirements to be met for each Breed Appendix Register 1-3. Breed Appendix Registers 1 & 2 Dogs are eligible to enter Championship and Non-Championship Shows, may be awarded CCs, but cannot be awarded Championship Status. Breed Appendix Register 3 Dogs are eligible to enter Working Discipline Shows, if qualified, and Non-Championship Shows only.
Delete Regulations 1.1.1.1, 1.1.1.2 and 1.1.1.3.
Effective 01.04.2019

Schedule 2 Regulation 1.1.3 Obedience & Trial Dogs Record

Amend to read:

In a Canine Dogsport Record, dogs of any ancestry. Dogs on this record are not eligible to compete in any Breed (Conformation/Beauty/Handling) Show, Field Trial or IPO Annual Event (Meisterschaft) held under a Kennel Union Licence.
Effective 01.02.2020

Schedule 2 Regulation 4 - Registration

Amend to read:

Save and except for those dogs eligible for re-registration or registered or recorded in terms of Regulations 1.1.3 or 3, no dog may be registered unless:

- 4.1 Both its parents are registered in the same breed register and are of the same category. In cases where different categories of the same breeds exist, save and except for those breeds for which the Executive Committee has issued provisos permitting inter-variety matings and registration of the progeny from such matings, including re-classification, once only, of recessives, where necessary, on application from owners and the applicant for registration or re-registration submits an official Kennel Union form, with the certification of mating signed by both the owner of the Sire of such dog and any additional witness to the mating or an accredited agent, where prior arrangements have been made with the KUSA, and the owner of the Dam.
- 4.2 In the case of a mating having taken place in any country, the Canine Control Body of which is in reciprocity with or recognised by the Kennel Union, a separate mating certificate signed by the owner of the Sire, veterinarian and any

witness to the mating in the country of origin will be acceptable, if fully completed with the essential details of the dog (including microchip number and standardised international marker DNA profile), and details of the bitch and the dates of mating. In such cases the name of the owner(s) of the Sire must coincide with the registered ownership certificate issued by the foreign canine control body.

- 4.3 Without exception, the entire litter is registered at the same time by the breeder within twelve (12) months of the date of birth.
- 4.3.1 In terms of Schedule 7, separate fees apply to litters registered within six (6) months of the birth of a litter and litters registered after six (6) months but no later than twelve (12) months after the date of birth of such litter.
- 4.4 In the case of those breeds listed in Appendix "C" to this Schedule the Sire and Dam shall comply with the specific requirements detailed for the registration of all litters.
- 4.5 In the case of a dog bred by means of artificial insemination properly authenticated documentary evidence of ownership of the donor semen, collection of the donor semen and insemination of the donor semen is required by the Kennel Union. In the case of a dual sire mating, the entire litter will be required to be DNA parentage verified against both Sires used.
- 4.6 Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 4.3 the Executive Committee shall be empowered, at its discretion, to grant dispensation in exceptional circumstance and on good cause shown to permit the registration of a litter after twelve (12) months of the date of birth of such litter. Such application shall only be considered if accompanied by an affidavit setting out the reasons for non-registration of the litter within the registration period in 4.3 and DNA parentage verification of the entire litter. Should the breeder lodging the late registration application of the litter not have access to all the dogs in the litter for purposes of DNA profiling, DNA profiles should be provided for those dogs to which the breeder does have access. Should the DNA parentage verified application be successful in respect of the dogs for which DNA profiles were provided, the balance of the litter's registrations will be suspended by the Kennel Union until the required DNA parentage verification is received in respect of any of the suspended dogs. DNA parentage verification certificates must have the microchip number of the Dam, Sire(s) and each of the progeny recorded on the certificate.
- 4.7 Litters registered in terms of Regulation 4.6 shall be so registered subject to payment of late (over 12 months) registration fees in terms of Schedule 7. The details of any litter registrations accepted in terms of Regulation 4.6 shall be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal.
- 4.8 The Executive Committee's determination of what may constitute "exceptional circumstances" and "good cause" for the purpose of these Regulations shall be final and binding.
- 4.9 Every application to register a dog shall be made on the appropriate Kennel Union form, signed by the applicant setting out all the information required therein and supported by such certificates referred to in these Regulations as necessary in each case and the registration fee as prescribed in terms of Schedule 7. An applicant who is a minor shall be assisted by his legal or natural guardian.
- 4.10 Should a breeder, under oath, petition the Executive Committee to do so, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to rule on any matter of an extraordinary nature regarding Registrations not provided for in these Regulations and, at its discretion, to set conditions and fees deemed appropriate to resolve exceptional or problematic issues in the best interests of the Kennel Union. The details of any such ruling shall be published in the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee where the ruling was made.

Renumber existing Regulation 4.10 as 4.11.

Schedule 2 Regulation 15 – Membership Required Prior to Registration

Regulation 15.1.2:

Amend to read:

The provisions enumerated in this regulation in relation to Membership and Affixes shall apply to all applications for the registration of dogs in the Kennel Union Breed Registers, the Breed Appendix Registers, Emerging Breed Register and the Field Trial Registers for Pointers and Setters, as well as the Obedience and Trial Dogs Record.

Effective 01.04.2019

[Note: "Obedience and Trial Dogs Record" changes to "Dogsport Record" wef 01.02.2020]

Schedule 2 Appendix C - Breed Specific Registration Requirements

3 GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS

- 3.1 All dogs are positively identified by microchip before any X-ray examination is made. The microchip identification number is included on all developed X-ray film/digital images and on the certificate.
- 3.2 The breeder is the current holder of a KUSA-registered Affix (Kennel Name).
- 3.3 At the time of mating, the Sire is eighteen (18) months of age or older.
- 3.4 At the time of whelping, the Dam is twenty-two (22) months of age or older.

From 01.07.2019, Stud Dogs must comply with the following:

- 3.5 HD C2:C2 or better
- 3.6 ED 2,2 or better
- 3.7 DNA profiled
- 3.8 From 01.01.2020:
Breed Grading of Good (G) or better
IGP 1 or better

From 01.07.2019, Bitches must comply with the following minimum requirements:

- 3.9 HD C2:C2 or better
- 3.10 ED 2,2 or better
- 3.11 DNA profiled
- 3.12 From 01.01.2020:
Breed grading of Good (G) or better
Working Qualification of BH before a second litter can be registered.

SCHEDULE 3 – REGULATIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

Regulation 7 – Entry for Exhibition

Amend first paragraph 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.

Effective 01.01.2019 (house-keeping - to obviate confusion).

Regulation 19.7 – Judging Requirements and Regulations

Amend to read:

Save and except for the necessary entry by any official of the show, and persons assisting disabled or wheelchair-bound handlers, the only persons permitted in the ring during judging shall be the Officiating Judge(s), Learner Judge(s), Steward(s), Ring Clerk/Secretary and the handlers of the exhibits being judged.

Regulation 42 – Champion Dogs

Insert NEW:

42.1.3 The Federal Council may award the title of breed Supreme Champion to any dog on the full Breed Register of the Kennel Union or any National Canine Organisation recognised by KUSA which has won, a total of at least one hundred and fifty (150) points as per Appendix 2, provided that:

42.1.3.1 the dog is a KUSA Breed Grand Champion of record.

42.1.3.2 the dog has won at least one (1) Best in Show award at an all-breeds championship show.

42.1.3.3 the dog has earned a Bronze Canine Good Citizen Certificate.

42.1.3.4 the dog has a DNA profile.

42.1.3.5 at least twenty (20) of the total points earned are Bonus Points as defined in Appendix 2

42.1.3.6 not more than fifteen (15) of the minimum one hundred and fifty (150) points were awarded by one (1) Judge,

42.1.2.7 points were gained in at least four (4) geographical provinces of South Africa or three (3) geographical provinces of South Africa plus Namibia.

42.1.3.8 only awards and qualifications gained after 1 January 2017 shall count towards this title.

42.1.4 The Federal Council or Executive Committee shall issue a Champion, Grand Champion or Supreme Champion Certificate, as the case may be, to the owner of every dog qualifying for each such award under the provisions of Schedule 3 Regulation 42 and any relevant Schedule of Regulations forming part of the KUSA Constitution.

Renumber existing 42.1.3, 42.1.4 and 42.1.5 accordingly.

Effective 01.04.2019

Regulation 42 – Champion Dogs – Dog Dancing Grand Champion

Renumber existing Regulation 42.13 as 42.13.1

Insert NEW 42.13.2:

The title of Musical Freestyle/Heelwork to Music Grand Champion and a KUSA certificate to any dog that has achieved Advanced Level and has been awarded twelve (12) Qualifying Certificates, with no more than four (4) awarded by one Judge in any one of the following categories:

Singles

Pairs

Brace

Group

Veterans

Handy Dandy

All twelve (12) Qualifying Certificates must be earned at Advanced Level and achieved in the same category and the category will be stated in brackets after the title of Musical Freestyle/Heelwork to Music Grand Champion.

Effective 01.04.2019

SCHEDULE 4 – REGULATIONS FOR NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

Regulation 6 – Catalogue

Amend to read:

It shall be obligatory to provide a Show Schedule, which shall display the KUSA logo in a format, version and size specified by the Kennel Union Office, for any Licensed Non-Championship Show.

Effective 01.01.2019

Regulation 14 – Judging Requirements and Regulations

Regulation 14.7

Amend to read:

Save and except from the necessary entry by any official of the show and persons assisting disabled or wheelchair bound handlers, the only persons permitted in the ring during judging shall be the Officiating Judge(s), the Learner/ Provisional Judge(s), Steward(s), Ring Clerk/Secretary, and the handlers of exhibits being judged.

Regulation 15 – Appointment and Approval of Judges

Regulation 15.1.1

Amend to read:

have passed the initial examination for the relevant breed/group of the KUSA Breed Judges Learning Programme, or

Regulation 15.6

Amend to read:

As far as possible, preference should be given to Learner/Provisional Judges to fill appointments at Non-Championship shows rather than Licensed Judges. Invitations should also (as far as possible) be extended to Learner/Provisional Judges in other Provinces.

SCHEDULE 4A – REGULATIONS FOR QUALIFYING SHOWS

Regulation 4.2

Amend to read:

Such application referred to in Regulation 4 shall also constitute an agreement by such officers and each of them that any decision given against them or any of them under Rule 2 of the Disciplinary Rules (Schedule 1) may be communicated by the Secretary to the Secretaries of all Affiliated Clubs and governing bodies in reciprocity with the Kennel Union and may also be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal, together with a report of the proceedings of the matter, including names, addresses and descriptions.

Effective 01.02.2020

Regulation 6.1 - Show Schedules

Amend to read:

The Show-holding Club shall publish a Schedule of the Show, which shall display the KUSA logo in a format, version and size specified by the Kennel Union Office, and which shall contain, inter alia:

Effective 01.01.2019

SCHEDULE 5A REGULATIONS FOR OBEDIENCE SHOWS

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 01.04.2019 and will be published on the KUSA Website as timeously as possible. They may be downloaded free gratis or hardcopies will be available to members at a price to be determined.

SCHEDULE 5C (01) REGULATIONS FOR RETRIEVER FIELD TRIALS

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A.6.4 Publication in the Official Kennel Union Journal

A.3.2.7 **Championship Stake**

Is held not more than once per year within the area of jurisdiction of KUSA. The conditions, qualifications and organisation governing a Championship Stake shall be decided by the FTLC, subject to the approval of the Federal Council, and these conditions shall be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal. All Field Trial Champions shall automatically qualify for entry in Championship Stakes. Entries shall be limited to Field Trial Champions, dogs holding the title Grand Master Hunting Retriever, as well as those dogs placed first or second in an Open Stake carrying championship status held from after the previous Championship Stake until the last trial prior to the next Championship Stake to be held.

A.6.4 **Publication**

the approved calendar for the season shall be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal
Effective 01.01.2020

A.10.2 **KUSA Representative**

Amend to read:

It shall be necessary for a KUSA Representative, who shall be a member in good standing of the Kennel Union, to be present at the Championship Stake. The KUSA Representative shall be nominated by the FTLC and be approved by the Federal Council.
Effective 01.04.2019

SCHEDULE 5C(02) – REGULATIONS FOR FLUSHING SPANIEL TRIALS

Regulation 2 - KUSA Representative

Amend to read:

It shall be necessary for a KUSA Representative, who shall be a member in good standing of the Kennel Union, to be present at the Championship Stake. The KUSA Representative shall be nominated by the FTLC and be approved by the Federal Council.

C Definitions Clause 2 Stakes

2.6 (relating to KUSA Journal)

Amend to read:

Championship Stake is held not more than once per year within the area of jurisdiction of the KUSA. The conditions, qualifications and organisation governing a Championship Stake shall be decided by the FTLC, subject to the approval of the Federal Council, and these conditions shall be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal. All Field Trial Champions shall automatically qualify for entry in Championship Stakes. Entries shall be limited to those dogs placed first, second or third in any Open Stake during the two field trialling seasons preceding the Championship Stake to be held.
Effective 01.02.2020

E Dates for Field Trials

3:

Amend to read:

Publication in the Official Kennel Union Journal

The approved programme for the season shall be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal.

Effective 01.02.2020

J Field Qualifying Stake:

1.5:

Amend to read:

The Club Secretary shall notify KUSA of the numbers and names of the Field Qualifiers. These shall be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal. These dogs shall be entitled to carry the designation "FQ" after the names.

SCHEDULE 5C(03) – HPR

1.9.2.1 KUSA Representative

Amend to read:

It shall be necessary for a KUSA Representative, who must be a member in good standing of KUSA, at the time of appointment, to be present at a stake carrying Championship status. The KUSA Representative shall be nominated by the Club holding the Field Trial and be approved by the FTLC and by the Federal Council.

Effective 01.04.2019

SCHEDULE 5D – REGULATIONS FOR DOG JUMPING

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SCHEDULE 5E (01) REGULATIONS FOR THE SALKA JUNIOR DOG OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

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[Note: all references to Zimbabwe have been removed.]

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

Amend to read:

5 QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY

- a. Meisterschaft: Dogs qualified in IGP 3 before the closing date for entries in the Meisterschaft. Dogs are not allowed to enter in a lower grade than what they have already been qualified in.

6 CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY

Each applicant entering into this competition shall enclose with his entry form a photocopy of the Certificate or KUSA Workbook showing proof that his dog obtained the required qualifications during the year preceding the closing date for entries of the current Annual Event. The winner of the previous Meisterschaft will have automatic qualification into the event. No late entries will be accepted and entries must be posted on or prior to the closing date and will only be accepted within five (5) days of such date.

Effective 01.04.2019

SCHEDULE 5E(12) REGULATIONS FOR HANDLER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

3.1 National Junior Class

Amend to read:

For persons of eleven (11), but under eighteen (18) years of age. Only open to Handlers whose eighteenth (18th) birthday does not fall on any of the days on which any stage of this Competition is held.

SCHEDULE 5E(24) – REGULATIONS FOR THE KUSA SHOWDOG OF THE YEAR

Insert NEW:

5. TIE-BREAKER

In the event of a tie for first place overall, or first place in a Group, the following tie-breaker shall be applied:

5.1 The Best in Show awards won by each dog at KUSA All-breeds Championship Shows, the KUSA Winners Show and any FCI Shows (but not the KUSA Nationals) shall be tallied and the dog with the greater number of these awards shall be declared the winner.

5.2 If the numbers are the same for two dogs, the Reserve Best in Show awards won by each dog at KUSA All-breeds Championship Shows, the KUSA Winners Show and any FCI Shows (but not the KUSA Nationals) shall be tallied and the dog with the greater number of these awards shall be declared the winner.

5.3 If the numbers are still the same for both dogs, the Group First awards won by each dog at KUSA All-breeds Championship shows, the KUSA Winners Show and any FCI shows (but not the KUSA Nationals) shall be tallied and the dog with the greater number of these awards shall be declared the winner.

5.4 In the unlikely event of the numbers still remaining the same for both dogs, Group Second awards won by each dog shall be considered, followed by Group Third awards, and then Group Fourth awards.

(Renumber previous Regulation 5. to 6. PRIZES)

Effective immediately.

SCHEDULE 5K – REGULATIONS FOR HANDLER CLASSES

Regulation 5 Judges

Regulation 5.3

Amend to read:

Persons wishing to become Junior Showmanship Judges need to meet the qualifying criteria and requirements for qualifications as laid out in Schedule 10. Appendix 2, Reg.2.

SCHEDULE 5L APPENDIX 'D' - REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Heading to be amended to read:

REGULATIONS FOR THE KUSA SOUTH AFRICAN AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Effective 01.04.2019

SCHEDULE 5R - DOG DANCING HEELWORK TO MUSIC (HTM)

8. Description of Levels

Amend to read:

BEGINNERS LEVEL QUALIFYING EXPLANATIONS

Routine Length = 1:15 - 2:30 minutes

NOVICE LEVEL QUALIFYING EXPLANATIONS

Routine Length = 1:30 – 2:45 minutes

13. Management of Heelwork to Music Classes

Competing Dogs

Delete the following:

~~[Bitches in season may compete at the discretion of the show holding club, and such permission must be published in the Show Schedule and the Catalogue:~~

- ~~1. Their condition must be declared to the Judge at the commencement of the show~~
- ~~2. The handler must provide a mat for the bitch at the start line~~
- ~~3. The bitch must run last in the competition]~~

15. Judges

Qualification of judges

Amend to read:

- a. Attend a judging workshop/training course and be allocated a mentor provided by the appropriate KUSA Sub-Committee.
Effective 01.04.2019

SCHEDULE 5S DOG DANCING – MUSICAL FREESTYLE (MF)

Amend to read:

8. Description of Levels

BEGINNERS LEVEL QUALIFYING EXPLANATIONS

Routine Length = 1:15 - 2:30 minutes

NOVICE LEVEL QUALIFYING EXPLANATIONS

Routine Length = 1:30 – 2:45 minutes

ADVANCED LEVEL QUALIFYING EXPLANATIONS

Routine Length = 2.10 – 3.40 minutes

13. Management of Musical Freestyle Classes

Competing Dogs

Delete the following:

~~[Bitches in season may compete at the discretion of the show holding club, and such permission must be published in the Show Schedule and the Catalogue:~~

- ~~1. Their condition must be declared to the Judge at the commencement of the show~~
- ~~2. The handler must provide a mat for the bitch at the start line~~
- ~~3. The bitch must run last in the competition]~~

15. Judges

Qualification of Judges

Amend to read:

- a. Attend a judging workshop/training course and be allocated a mentor provided by the appropriate KUSA Sub-Committee.
Effective 01.04.2019

SCHEDULE 7 - KENNEL UNION SUBSCRIPTION & FEES

Subscriptions & Fees Document:

Item 2 – Registration

Amend item 2.3 to read:

Over 12 months (EXCO approval required & DNA parentage verification mandatory)

2.3.2 becomes “void”

Effective 01.04.2019

Item 2.4 Other:

Insert NEW 2.4.4 German Shepherd Dog – add Breed Council Levy of R31

Re-number remainder of item

Effective 01.04.2019

Item 14.3 – Licence Fees - Non Championship Shows

The Non-Championship Show licence fee for Specialist and Group Clubs to be reduced to R145.

Effective 01.04.2019 (valid until 31.08.2019)

SCHEDULE 9 – CODE OF ETHICS

Insert NEW Regulation 4:

The provisions as stated in the 'Code of Conduct and Practice for KUSA Judges', attached hereto as Schedule 9 - Appendix A, shall apply to any person or persons who are registered KUSA Judges. This applies to Judges officiating for KUSA in all forms of dogsport.

Insert NEW:

Schedule 9 Appendix A – Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges licenced by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa

The conduct and practice of Judges officiating for the Kennel Union of Southern Africa in all forms of dogsport, whether as a Learner Judges, or Licensed Judges, must stand up to the highest level of scrutiny and the comportment of Judges should manifest their status within dogsport. Judging at a Kennel Union-licensed event requires the Judge 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 at any level shall be bound by this Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges Licensed by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa:

In General:

1. Judges shall maintain continuous and unbroken membership of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa throughout their judging career as contemplated in Article 25.2 of the Kennel Union Constitution.
2. Judges shall be mindful of their elevated and respected status in dogsport and in all their actions and dealings set an example for all participants in the sport.
3. In their communications with officials, exhibitors and competitors, Judges shall act with dignity, finesse and decorum and their conduct in all interactions shall be above reproach.
4. In accepting assignments, whether local or foreign, Judges 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.
5. Judges shall embrace continued education as an integral part of judging and undertake self-motivated learning throughout their judging careers.
6. Judges shall keep themselves apprised of changes to the Kennel Union's regulatory framework applicable to Judges and judging.
7. Judges shall be meticulous in noting changes to Breed Standards of breeds they are licensed to judge and apply these changes once they become effective.
8. Judges shall not solicit judging appointments.
9. Judges shall not solicit the entry of any Dog, Exhibitor and/or Competitor.
10. It is suggested that during a discernible period (at Judges' discretion) preceding any judging assignment, Judges shall refrain from acting as a spectator to the judging of the dogs they are likely to judge in such scheduled assignment.
11. In deference to the principles of neutrality and impartiality, Judges shall exercise the utmost discretion when discussing dogs likely to be judged by them, or by other Judges, with any person, as not to show favour or prejudice of any kind.
12. Similarly, in upholding the principles of neutrality and impartiality, Judges shall exercise sound judgement when commenting on dogs likely to be judged by them, or by other Judges, on Social Media, as not to reveal predilection or dislike.
13. When commenting on dog- or dogsport-related issues, Judges shall use Social Media advisedly and prudently and confine their opinions to reasoned discourse based on fact and refrain from speculation, innuendo and aspersion.
14. Judges shall not criticise the work of other Judges, either verbally, in print or on Social Media.

15. Judges' licences are granted at the sole discretion of the Kennel Union and, in securing such licence, the Licensee (Judge) assumes a fiduciary relationship with the Licensor (KUSA), and part of any such relationship is that the Licensee shall not act contra the interests of his principal (KUSA). A licence is granted at the behest of the Licensor and can be suspended at any time and, although KUSA welcomes constructive criticism or the airing of grievances through the appropriate channels, it will not tolerate being besmirched on Social Media and its reputation tarnished by people to whom its licences have been entrusted in good faith.

In the Ring:

16. Judges shall be courteous and polite towards Exhibitors and/or Competitors, Ring Steward or Club Officials.
17. Judges shall be punctual for assignments and avoid inconveniencing Exhibitors, Competitors or Show Officials through lateness.
18. Judges shall assess dogs or their performance in a thorough, competent and systematic manner, discarding any knowledge of a dog's background or ownership.
19. Having regard for the weather, Judges shall dress in a manner which creates a professional, yet comfortable, appearance in the ring, avoiding bulky or noisy accessories.
20. Judges shall not smoke or drink alcohol in the ring.
21. Although it's permissible for Judges to have electronic devices in the ring for the review of a breed standard when necessary, such devices shall otherwise remain switched off and under no circumstances shall Judges take telephone calls, or receive and send text messages, while in the ring.
22. Judges shall not address handlers by their name in the ring.
23. Judges shall complete all the requirements of an assignment diligently and efficiently, with regard for time constraints imposed by the show-holding Club

[In devising this Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges Licensed by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa, we gratefully acknowledge the papers and guidelines of the American Kennel Club, Canadian Kennel Club, Australian National Kennel Council and Dogs New Zealand.]

Effective 01.01.2019

SCHEDULE 10 RULES AND REGULATIONS – KUSA BREED JUDGES LEARNING PROGRAMME

Regulation 3 Judging Restrictions

Insert NEW:

- 3.7.1. All scheduled breed events held under 5E are excluded from judging restrictions described in Sub Regulations 3.1 to 3.7
- 3.7.2. Judging in Namibia is excluded from judging restrictions described in Sub-Regulations 3.1 to 3.7. (Note: * refers to judging clearance areas as defined by the Kennel Union, namely: Eastern Cape and Border, Free State and Northern Cape, Gauteng, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Western Cape and Boland. Clubs under the control of DOGS PC and NAPC are regarded as falling in one province for the purpose of clearing judges)

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