



Kennel Union of Southern Africa
For Fedco Submission
Attention: Mrs J Hubbard

13 September 2022

RE – RESPONSE TO FEDCO MINUTES JUNE 2022, ITEMS 164 & 14.6

The National Rally Dog sub-committee wish to respond to the Fedco June 2022 minutes, clause 16.4 and 16.5;

The NRDSC agrees with adding the exam Schedule 9, Appendix B, as study material for an exam for aspirant Rally Dog judges. This was in fact discussed at our 28 March 2022 meeting and it was a unanimous decision to include the Schedule 9 exam.

The NRDSC agrees with amending the wording of the schedule 5T to reflect 'without reference to study materials' (ie, closed book exams).

The NRDSC accepts that KUSA requires Schedule 3 and Schedule 9, Appendix B, to be re-written when a judge wishes to qualify to judge another working discipline, despite how this will be off-putting for judges and it could impact on obtaining of judges for our discipline.

The NRDSC agrees for all exams being written by an aspiring Rally Dog judge, that there is to be a minimum pass rate of 80%. This is to ensure standardisation across the provinces.

It is our understanding that going forward, the JEC/KUSA wish to issue the exams on Schedule 3 and 9, Appendix B, which, as it is understood, would then include the marking of these 2 exams. It is further understood that the NRDSC will control the discipline Schedule 5T and its relevant exam.

Our concerns regarding the above are as follows:

- 1) The content of the Schedule 3 and Schedule 9, Appendix B exams – as the schedules are predominantly breed orientated, the NRDSC wishes to be included in the establishment of these exams to ensure that the questions will be working discipline related.
- 2) The turnaround time for the marking of the exams by the JEC/KUSA.
- 3) We will require more than 2 exams per year, a minimum of 3, possibly 4.



The NRDSC suggest the following for the above 3 items in terms of solutions:

- 1) The NRDSC is consulted / has input to the content of the exams set, to a) feel included as it is 'their discipline' as well as to ensure that the questions are discipline related and not breed related (this would be unfair on an aspirant working discipline judge who does not know about breed shows).
- 2) We request either, a 3 week turn-around time for the marking of the working discipline judges exams by the JEC/KUSA, or alternatively, we suggest that the National Convenor marks the exams for their discipline. The JEC/KUSA issue the exams to the National Convenor and no-one else, the NC then marks the exams & relays the results to the JEC/KUSA, along with the marked exams for record purposes.
We would like for there to be a discussion regarding this to ascertain what will work best for all concerned.
- 3) All disciplines are struggling with obtaining new judges and when we get someone who wants to become a judge, we would like them to get qualified soonest.

I wish to confirm that the above was discussed with the NRDSC via a whatsapp discussion as well as in email form, on 30 August 2022.

The NRDSC trust that this correspondence is taken in the light it was generated, in an effort to a) assist the discipline concerned and b) to assist the JEC / Kennel Union with what will no doubt become additional work.

Yours sincerely,

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