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KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 1, 2 & 3 DECEMBER 2023, ON MS TEAMS

ITEM	Sub Item	Sub Item	AGENDA
1			**ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
2	2.1		**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 23 & 24 JUNE 2023**
		2.1.1	Minutes to be adopted
		2.1.2	Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda
			Matters Arising from Fedco 06-23 Minutes. Item 4.1.6 (Fedco round robin 24-26 July 2023) Housekeeping submitted by the KUSA Office. **Proposal:** Insertions in **<u>underlined bold type</u>** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. **Motivation:** It has been brought to the attention of the KUSA Office, that there was an error in the Minutes of the Fedco 06-2023 meeting, where it was recorded, under 4.1.6 Dissolution of Clubs, that the Natal Coast Kennel Club was to close and remaining funds were to be transferred to the ~~*Hibiscus Kennel Club.*~~ It should have read to be transferred to the **<u>Highway Kennel Club</u>**. 4.1.6 Dissolution of Clubs The following Clubs closed since Fedco 12-2022: Information tabled at the meeting: • Natal Coast Kennel Club (KZNPC) – a decision was taken at the AGM of 15/02/23 to close the Club. The remaining funds were to be transferred to [~~Hibiscus~~] **<u>Highway</u>** Kennel Club*. However, some irregularities were noted in the reporting of the financials and the Club's auditors have been contacted for more information at the request of Exco. *Amendment approved by Fedco round robin, to be ratified at Fedco 12-2023. **For ratification.**
		2.1.3	**Ratification of Fedco round robin – Matters arising from Fedco 06-2023 Minutes Item 18.2 – Asia Africa and Oceania (A2O) FCI Championship shows** (Fedco round robin 04.09.23) **Proposal:** Correction of a misstatement in the Minutes of Fedco 06-2023 regarding awards at an FCI A2O Championship Show. **Motivation:** There is a misstatement under the 4th bullet which states that "the national CC and RCC awards shall be replaced by an A2O Dog CAC and A2O Bitch CAC". This was our initial perception, which was later refuted in our discussions with the A2O and unfortunately not rectified in the final draft of the Minutes. Insertions in **<u>underlined bold type</u>** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. • The Shows shall be held under KUSA Regulations applicable to National Championship Shows, but the national CC and RCC awards shall be [~~replaced~~]

			supplemented by an A2O Dog CAC and A2O Bitch CAC. Reserve CACs may be introduced down the line, once A2O Shows had gained traction in the country. The Federal Council **unanimously agreed** via round robin to the rectification of the Fedco 06-2023 Minutes under Item 18.2. **The correction to these Minutes to be done without delay in order to obviate confusion in the minds of those considering A2O Shows.** **For ratification.**
	2.2		**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2023**
		2.2.1	Minutes to be adopted
		2.2.2	Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda
3			**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**
	3.1		**Annual Report by the Chairman**
	3.2		**Article 12.5 - Declaration of Interests** The Article reads: "*Any member nominated to sit on the Federal Council, Executive Committee of the Kennel Union as well as the Executive Members (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) of any Provincial Council of the Kennel Union, shall declare within one (1) month of appointment to the Secretary in writing all their interests, of whatsoever nature, in dog related activities. Where the governing body of the Kennel Union, or such person or persons to whom the authority is delegated, determine that any interests are in conflict with those of the Kennel Union, such nominated members' appointment shall ipso facto be terminated.*
		3.2.1	**Fedco Members:**
		3.2.2	**Exco Members:**
	3.3		**Audited Balance Sheet, Accounts and Auditors' Report for the Year Ended 31.08.2023** **Documents will be circulated prior to the meeting.**
	3.4		**Election of Auditor** The current Auditors are Sprigg Abbott Inc
	3.5		**Article 16.2.2**
		3.5.1	**Election of Chairman of the Federal Council and Election of President – Article 16.2.2.1** The current Chairman, Clr JM Hubbard, retires on 31.12.2024 The current President, Mrs DE Powell, retires on 31.12.2024
		3.5.2	**Election of Vice-Chairman – Article 16.2.2.2** The current Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council, Clr BG Robinson, retires on 31.12.2023
		3.5.3	**Election of Patron – Article 16.2.2.3** (Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.5.3) *"The Federal Council shall elect a Patron; Life Members; Life Vice-Presidents; and any Vice-Presidents on termination of their fourth year in office."* *On a proposal by CI, seconded by LT, it was **decided, unanimously** to defer the election of Patron to Fedco 06-2022 to afford Fedco members the opportunity to give the matter proper thought and consideration.* The late Mr GRP Eva passed away on 17 March 2021. Election of Patron in accordance with Article 16.2.2.3 to serve for the balance of the term until 31.12.2024.
		3.5.4	**Election of Life Members – Article 16.2.2.3**

			"It was decided at Fedco 12-2019 "to adopt a term of at least four (4) years' service on either Fedco, or Exco, as a suitable and currently the only criterion for bestowing Life Membership on a person who had served KUSA in a voluntary capacity at the highest level of governance." **List of Life Members:** Mrs JD Barrow Brig Gen (retd) NJ du Preez Mrs JM Hubbard Mr C Huyzers Mrs CM Immelman Mr RB Jenkins Mr RD Juckes Mrs DE Powell Mr DC Sparg Mr BG Robinson Mrs L Wilson Adv R Zeeman The following Fedco/Exco members qualify for Life Membership at this Fedco 12-2023 meeting: Mrs LC Thornhill Mrs YC Jefferies Mr V Alberts (Preferred name – Michael Alberts)
		3.5.5	**Election of Life Vice-Presidents – Article 16.2.2.3** **List of current Life Vice-Presidents:** Mr NS Kay Mrs DE Powell Dr HRA van der Merwe
		3.5.6	**Election of Vice-Presidents – Article 16.2.2.3** List of current Vice-Presidents: Mr RB Jenkins – retires 31.12.2022 Mrs A Olivier – retires 31.12.2023 Mrs JD Barrow – retires 31.12.2024 Mrs S Bloomfield – retires 31.12.2024 **Proposal:** To "upgrade" all current Vice-Presidents to Life Vice-President status, thereby to eliminate Vice-Presidents as a category of service acknowledgement in future. **Motivation:** The Vice-President status is administratively cumbersome to track and unnecessary when there is a suitable status of Life Vice-Presidents with which to honour deserving members of the dog community who had rendered exceptional services to the Kennel Union. **Proposed amendments to Articles 5.2.1, 5.2.2, and 16.2.2.3** Insertions in **<u>underlined bold type</u>** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. 5.2.1 The Kennel Union may have a Patron (who shall remain in office at pleasure), Life Members and Life Vice-Presidents[~~ and Vice-Presidents~~], and shall have a President, a Chairman of the Federal Council and a stipendiary General Manager. 5.2.2 The President[~~,~~] **<u>and</u>** the Chairman of the Federal Council [~~and Vice-Presidents~~]shall retire quadrennially but shall be eligible for re-election.

			16.2.2.3 the Federal Council shall elect a Patron; Life Members[;] **and** Life Vice-Presidents[~~; and any Vice-Presidents~~] on termination of their fourth year in office. **For decision.**
		3.5.7	**Appointment of Legal Adviser to KUSA** *At Fedco 12-2018, it was resolved that Brig Gen (retd) NJ du Preez should continue as Legal Adviser to the KUSA on an indefinite basis.* The current Legal Adviser to KUSA is Brig Gen (retd) NJ du Preez.
		3.5.8	**Article 16.2.3 – Appeals Committee** *"The Federal Council shall nominate at least three (3) members of the Federal Council, who shall act as an Appeals Committee on behalf of the Federal Council to consider any appeals lodged in terms of the Disciplinary Rules."* *Note: It was customary for all Federal Councillors to be elected to the Appeals Committee. Three members were appointed to consider an Appeal, when necessary.*
	3.6		**K9 Administration Upgrade Project** **Report-back from the KUSA Office.**
	3.7		**KUSA Office – Lease & Relocation**
		3.7.1	**KUSA Office – Lease Agreement** (Interim) (Fedco 06.2021 Item 8.7, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.10.1, Fedco 06-2022 Item 3.5.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.7.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.4.1) *PM informed Fedco that the lease of office space in Touchstone House, 7 Bree Street, Cape Town, was due for renewal on 30 September 2023. KUSA is required to give a month's notice to extend the lease for a further year.* *PM said she anticipated a 5% increase in the rental. Any percentage above that would be subject to negotiation, in the event of which, she would seek counsel from NdP.* *Fedco **agreed, unanimously**, to extend the lease for a further year at the lowest increase possible.* *Proposed NdP, seconded RJ* **Review of Lease Agreement with AfricaWorks Group.**
		3.7.2	**KUSA Office – Relocation Strategy Plan** (Fedco 08.2021 Item 3.3, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.10.3, Fedco 06-2022 Item 3.5.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.7.2, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.4.2) *The Chairman enquired from the Acquisitions Team – RJ, NdP & MV – whether there had been any subsequent developments in their investigation into a property acquisition to possibly serve as KUSA's headquarters in future.* *Speaking on behalf of the Acquisitions Team, RJ said it was very difficult to actively pursue the acquisition of a property in the absence of a budget, a proper brief and timelines. In view of this, he recommended that, since the status quo seemed to adequately meet KUSA's requirements at present, it was probably advisable to wait until KUSA's current accommodation was no longer suitable.* *All present **agreed.*** **Report-back from the KUSA Office.**

	3.8		**Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), No. 4 of 2013** *Progress report.* *The Chairman informed Fedco that the drafting of a document to establish a framework for KUSA's compliance with the POPIA was far advanced and should be completed by the end of June 2023. The framework requires a Privacy Policy to be put in place, part of which would be the drafting of a Privacy Notice for publication on the KUSA website. Considerable progress has been made with the drafting of the Notice, which still needed to be supplemented and edited by the KUSA Office prior to upload.* *Discussion ensued on whether it was necessary for the KUSA-enabled structures, e.g. Provincial Councils, Breed Councils, Liaison Councils and Clubs, to comply with the provisions of the POPIA. The Chairman said that she could only be guided by the expert opinions KUSA had obtained at the time the POPIA came into effect, and Fedco's endorsement thereof. In the absence of a legitimate directive to the contrary, KUSA's formal sub-structures should be deemed obligated to comply with the POPIA.* *Noted.* **Progress report from the Chairman.**
		3.8.1	**Provincial Councils - Appointment of POPIA Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer** (Fedco 06-2022 Item 3.6.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.8.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.5.1) **Update from the various Provincial Council Chairmen to be provided.**
	3.9		**Subscriptions & Fees – Schedule 07**
		3.9.1	**Proposed implementation of an interim remedial measure pertaining to Pre- and Post-Show Penalties, Championship and Non-Championship Shows as well as other Events – Ratification of Fedco round robin** (Fedco round robin 07.08.23, Fedco 09-2023 Special Meeting Item 3.1 as per minutes) ***Interim amendment to the Subscription and Fees document, issued pursuant to Schedule 07, given the Federal Council's powers under Article 43.4:*** *"The Federal Council shall be the only authority to institute such emergency measures and regulations as required to resolve any crisis or dilemma resulting from a force majeur event or other calamity affecting the business and operations of the Kennel Union for as long as such adverse conditions endure. Decisions taken by the Federal Council in dealing with the effects of catastrophic events shall be final and binding."* **Proposal:** Proposed amendments to Schedule 07 – Subscription and Fees 2023/2024. **Motivation:** At the Federal Council Discussion Forum on 27 July 2023, the current dilemma of a number of affiliated Clubs being unable to meet their accumulated debt of accrued Penalty Fees was discussed extensively. It was noted that the situation had developed mainly because of the post-COVID economic constraints, which have impacted on Clubs' ability to generate sufficient funds from their normal activities to meet their financial obligations. Fedco had been requested by the Exco to consider instituting some form of interim relief for Clubs with regard to accumulated Pre- and Post-Show Penalty Fees by, at the very least, staying the imposition of further Penalty Fees and their accumulation during the period 1

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Although KUSA’s Penalty Fees structure has been in place for some sixteen (16) years, factors such as reduced entries, exorbitant travel costs, Judge shortages and the difficulties experienced by Clubs to find people to serve on Committees, have gradually taken their toll on Clubs, now compelling Fedco to take the remedial action proposed above. The “window” period would further allow Fedco the necessary time to prepare a formal proposal for future Pre- and Post-Show Penalties. This proposal would be placed on the Fedco 12-2023 Agenda which, if accepted, would come into effect after 1 January 2024.

For information:
At the Fedco 09-2023 Special Meeting, the Federal Council unanimously agreed to this interim remedial measure on Pre- and Post-Show Penalty Fees for Championship and Non-Championship Shows and other licensed Events.

Proposed NdP, seconded RJ

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<tr><td colspan="4">16 PENALTY FEES <u>For the period from 1 September 2023 to 31 December 2023, inclusive</u></td></tr>
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<tr><td>16.1 The first four weeks or part thereof</td><td>per week</td><td>[~~R29.00~~] <u>R0.00</u></td></tr>
<tr><td>16.2 Each succeeding week thereafter</td><td>per week</td><td>[~~R45.00~~] <u>R0.00</u></td></tr>
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Effective 01.09.2023

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Refer to Item 10.2 below for proposed amendments to Schedule 07.</td></tr>
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Housekeeping amendment submitted by the KUSA Office.
Proposal:

Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u>.

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS AND RETURNS TO BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY
For the guidance of Club Secretaries and other persons, notification is given that those documents specified in the first column shall be sent to the Secretary within the time limitation specified in the second column, namely:</td></tr>
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			CLUB AFFAIRS — **LATEST TIME REQUIRED** 1.2 Annual Affiliation Fees in terms of Schedule 07 — On or before 1 September 1.3 Minutes of every Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting and attendance register — Within 30 days of the meeting 1.4 A signed copy of the annual audited accounts of income and expenditure and Balance Sheet — Once in each calendar year (Usually with AGM Minutes) **1.5 Emailed advice of mid-term resignations/vacations and replacements of the Executive Members of the Committee (i.e the Club's Officers), or any constitutional required Officers (Information Officer, etc.)** — **Immediately upon resignation/vacation and replacement at a swiftly convened Committee Meeting or by Committee round robin**
4			**MATTERS RELATING TO AFFILIATED CLUBS**
	4.1		**Loss of Affiliation – Article 9** (Fedco 12-2017, Fedco 06-2019, Fedco 6-2020, Fedco12-2020, Fedco 06-2021, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1) *Note: The following ruling was made at Fedco 06-2017:* *"Effective 01.01.2018, no licences will be issued for either Championship, or Non-Championship, Shows, unless Clubs are up to date with all returns required in terms of the KUSA Constitution."* *The following ruling was made at Fedco 12-2017:* *"Clubs that fail to comply with the provisions of Articles 9.1.3 and 9.1.4 for a period of eighteen months from the Fedco meeting where the breach was reported, will be recommended for disaffiliation."* *(Note from Fedco 06-2020:* *During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that, as a result of the above-mentioned Fedco rulings made in 2017, there had been a marked improvement in the timely submission of AGM documentation by Clubs. However, there were still a few "repeat offenders" and it was **agreed, unanimously**, that the overdue Clubs in red should be sent a notice advising that, should the outstanding documentation not be received within three months from the date of the notice, the Clubs in question would be recommended for disaffiliation at Fedco 12-2020.)* *It was **unanimously confirmed** that the KUSA Office should continue with the policy as agreed at Fedco 06-2020 and recommend Clubs for disaffiliation at future Fedco meetings should they fail to meet the deadlines for submission of documentation as required per the final notices.*
		4.1.1	**Article 9.1.3** (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6.1, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.1.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.1.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1.1) "Failure to submit minutes of Annual and/or Special General Meetings together with audited Financial Statements and balance sheets, where applicable, in terms of Article 8.6.2." **Information will be tabled prior to the meeting.**
		4.1.2	**Article 9.1.4** (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6.2, Fedco 06.2022 Item 4.1.2) "9.1.4 Failure to adhere to Kennel Union Constitutional requirements in respect of: 9.1.4.1 Any event to be held, being held, or which was held under a Kennel Union licence. 9.1.4.2 Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary of KUSA, Schedule 08." **Information will be tabled prior to the meeting.**

		4.1.3	**Article 9.2.9** (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6.2, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.1.3, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1.3) *Whenever an Affiliated Club's annual affiliation fee remains unpaid one (1) month after the date of renewal, the Secretary shall send a written demand calling for payment forthwith and in the event of the fee remaining unpaid on the thirty-first (31st) day of October, the Club in default shall be removed from the list of Affiliated Clubs.* **Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.**
		4.1.4	**Article 8.6.2** [extract] "The Club shall ensure that the names and contact details of the Club's Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer) are sent to KUSA for recording each time there is a change and shall further ensure that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer, 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." [**Notice to Clubs**: The above Regulation directs, *inter alia*, that Clubs must elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and that these four Officers need to be members in good standing of KUSA. The KUSA Office can only provide Fedco with information supplied by the Affiliated Clubs. If interim appointments of Officers are made, or other constitutional breaches remedied, the KUSA Office needs to be notified without delay so that KUSA's records may be updated.] **Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.**
		4.1.5	**Article 9.3** Whenever a Club has been disaffiliated under provisions Articles 9.1 and 9.2, it may submit a request to the Federal Council for reinstatement to the list of Affiliated Clubs and the Federal Council may, on consideration of all the circumstances, grant reinstatement on such terms and conditions as may be decided, including payment of all sums due and payable to the KUSA and provided such appeal is received by the Secretary within fifteen (15) months from the date of the Federal Council's meeting at which the decision to disaffiliate the Club was taken. **Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.**
		4.1.6	**Dissolution of Clubs** The following Clubs closed since Fedco 06-2023: **Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.**
		4.1.7	**Voluntary disaffiliation of Clubs from KUSA** The following Clubs declared their voluntary disaffiliation from KUSA: **Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.**
	4.2		**Club Constitutions**
		4.2.1	**New Club Constitutions and Amendments to Existing Constitutions**

			(Fedco 12-2021 Item 8.2, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.4.1, Fedco 12.2022 Item 4.2.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.2.1) From Fedco 12-2021: *Discussion ensued, with most contributors declaring themselves in favour of KUSA dealing with future new Club Constitutions, or those requisite of amendment, under the two-pronged proposal outlined above, i.e. that,* ***one****, in order to prevent text contamination and drafting errors,* ***existing Club Constitutions be replaced, rather than amendments being grafted onto them*** *and,* ***two****, that* ***Specimen Club Constitutions on the KUSA website be replaced by a simple Information Sheet*** *for completion by Clubs seeking new Constitutions.* *On a proposal from GR, seconded by NdP, the binary procedure contemplated above was* ***accepted, unanimously*** *for introduction by the KUSA Office.* From Fedco 06-2022: *In GR's view, the uptake of new Club Constitutions had been sporadic and he urged the Provincial Council Chairmen to convince their Clubs to "convert" to new-generation Constitutions in the interest of improved governance of KUSA-affiliated structures. Old Club Constitutions were no longer in sync with either the KUSA Constitution, or the Constitutions of the Provincial Councils, which created a serious problem. It was also imperative for KUSA-affiliated structures to at least show deference to the Animal Improvement Act and the Protection of Personal Information Act in their founding documents.* *After discussion, Fedco* ***directed, unanimously*** *that the KUSA Office should advise all affiliated Clubs, which had not already done so, of the importance of upgrading their Constitutions to the latest versions by completing and submitting the prescribed Information Sheet. The "conversion rate" should be carefully monitored by the KUSA Office over the next few months and a report on the status of all the Clubs be presented at Fedco 12-2022.* *Proposed NdP, seconded GR* **Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.**
	4.3		**Provincial Council Constitutions** [***Note.*** *Acceptance of proposed amendments to the Provincial Council Constitutions are at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Federal Council and are for* ***noting*** *by all other parties.*]
		4.3.1	**Amendments to Provincial Council Constitutions** **Proposal & Motivation:** To change "dogsport" to "Dogsport" in Clause 3.3.1 3.3.1. "Ad hoc Sub-Committee", means a sub-committee of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] appointed in terms of Clause 15 of this Constitution, for a branch of **D**[~~d~~]ogsport for which KUSA has not appointed a National Sub-Committee, or for any other activity or endeavour encouraged or supported by [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM]. **Proposal & Motivation:** To amend Clause 3.3.4. to adjust Clause reference numbering. 3.3.4 "Chairman" means the Chairman of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], elected in terms of Clause 16.1.**5**[~~4~~].1. of this Constitution.

Proposal & Motivation:
To insert a new Clause 3.3.5. (in the case of WCPC) and 3.3.6. (in the case of DOGSPC, NAPC, KZNPC, EC&BPC & FS&NCPC) to allow for a definition of "Dogsport", followed by sequential re-numbering.

3.3.5./3.3.6. "Dogsport" means a competitive canine activity involving the various Working Disciplines regulated in applicable Schedules 05 of the KUSA Constitution, and the different Companion Events regulated in Schedule 11 of the KUSA Constitution.

Proposal & Motivation:
To amend Clause 3.3.25. (in the case of DOGSPC NAPC, KZNPC, EC&BPC & FS&NCPC) and 3.3.26. (in the case of WCPC) to adjust Clause reference numbering.

3.3.25./3.3.26. "Secretary" means the Secretary of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], appointed in terms of Clause 16.1.**7**[~~6~~] of this Constitution.

Proposal & Motivation:
To change "dogsport" to "Dogsport" in Clauses 3.3.25. (in the case of WCPC) and 3.3.6. (in the case of DOGSPC NAPC, KZNPC, EC&BPC & FS&NCPC).

3.3.25./3.3.26. "Standing Sub-Committee" means a sub-committee of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], appointed in terms of Clause 14 of this Constitution, for a branch of **D**[~~d~~]ogsport for which KUSA has appointed a National Sub-Committee.

Proposal & Motivation:
To amend Clause 3.3.28. (in the case of WCPC) and 3.3.29. (in the case of DOGSPC NAPC, KZNPC, EC&BPC & FS&NCPC) to adjust Clause reference numbering.

3.3.28./3.3.29. "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], appointed in terms of Clause 16.1.**7**[~~6~~] of this Constitution.

Proposal & Motivation:
To amend Clause 3.3.29. (in the case of WCPC) and 3.3.30. (in the case of DOGSPC NAPC, KZNPC, EC&BPC & FS&NCPC), to adjust Clause reference numbering.

3.3.29./3.3.30. "Vice-Chairman" means the Vice-Chairman of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], elected in terms of Clause 16.1.**5**[~~4~~].1. of this Constitution.

Proposal & Motivation:
To change "dogsport" to "Dogsport" in Clause 4.1.6.

4.1.6. To observe, promote, support and uphold, in all its activities, the principles of KUSA and, in particular, to encourage the responsible breeding, registration and participation of dogs in conformation shows and their training for and participation in any other forms of **D**[~~d~~]ogsport.

Proposal & Motivation:
To amend Clause 4.1.18. to adjust Clause reference numbering.

			4.1.18. To provide KUSA with financial statements, audited by the qualified auditor or Independent Financial Practitioner appointed in terms of Clause 16.1.**11**[~~8~~]., before 30 November of each year. **Proposal & Motivation:** To amend Clause 5.1.12. to provide for a declaration of Ineligible Member Clubs at ***all*** meetings, not just at Ordinary Meetings. 5.1.12. At any Ordinary Meeting, **Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting,** declare a Member Club to be an Ineligible Member Club if the Member Club is not properly constituted in terms of its own constitution, or the KUSA Constitution, thereby rendering it ineligible to be taken into account for Quorum Quantum calculation, or to participate in, or to vote at, that Ordinary Meeting, **Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting** of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM]. **Proposal & Motivation:** To amend Clause to change "Paragraph" to "Clause". 6.1. [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] shall be domiciled in the area designated in [~~Paragraph~~] **Clause** 2 of this Constitution and its address shall be that of the Secretary, for the time being, to which all official notices and communications of every kind shall be addressed and delivered. **Proposal & Motivation:** To insert a missing word "of" into Clause 11.3. 11.3. To retain their membership of, and representation on, [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], Member Clubs shall at all times be properly constituted under their own constitutions and they shall notify [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] of their Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) within fourteen (14) days of their election, whether full-term, or part-term. Should the resignation of any Officers of a Member Club occur mid-term, such vacancy needs to be filled without delay and approved at the next Ordinary Meeting **of** the Member Club and [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] be informed of the replacements within the prescribed period. **Proposal & Motivation:** To expand Clause 12.1.3. to clarify the concept that a person may serve on the Council as Alternate for two Clubs. 12.1.3. An Alternate may act as Alternate for no more than two (2) Member Clubs on [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], in other words, **act as a "swing Alternate" for two (2) Member Clubs of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM]**, but may only act as Alternate for one (1) Member Club at any particular meeting of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], and may not serve in any capacity on more than one (1) Provincial Council. **Proposal & Motivation:** To change "dogsport" to "Dogsport" in Clause 14.1. 14.1. Standing Sub-Committees may be appointed from Members in Good Standing of KUSA who reside in the [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] area of

jurisdiction and who are practitioners and/or administrators of the branch of **D**[~~d~~]ogsport to be served by the Standing Sub-Committee. The scope of operation of such Standing Sub-Committees shall be laid down and incorporated into By-laws which will form part of this Constitution.

Proposal & Motivation:
To change "dogsport" to "Dogsport" in Clause 14.2.

14.2. Standing Sub-Committees shall encourage, oversee and administer, within the KUSA area of jurisdiction, various branches of **D**[~~d~~]ogsport for which KUSA has established National Sub-Committees.

Proposal & Motivation:
To change "dogsport" to "Dogsport" in Clause 15.1.

15.1. Ad hoc Sub-Committees may be appointed from Members in Good Standing of KUSA who reside in the [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] area of jurisdiction and who are practitioners and/or administrators of the branch of **D**[~~d~~]ogsport to be served by the Ad hoc Sub-Committee. Terms of reference shall be laid down for all Ad hoc Sub-Committees and appended to this Constitution.

Proposal & Motivation:
To change "dogsport" to "Dogsport" in Clause 15.2.

15.2. Ad hoc Sub-Committees shall encourage and nurture, within the [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] area of jurisdiction and in collaboration with enthusiasts in other Provincial Councils, fledgling branches of **D**[~~d~~]ogsport with the purpose of developing them and increasing their popularity, in order to achieve National Sub-Committee status for them under KUSA.

Proposal & Motivation:
To insert a new Clause 16.1.2., followed by sequential renumbering, to provide a notice period for convening AGMs.

16.1.2. **The Secretary shall give twenty-one (21) days' Notice, as contemplated in Clause 7 hereof, to convene the Annual General Meeting of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM].**

Proposal & Motivation:
To insert new Clause 16.1.5.2., followed by sequential renumbering, to make it clear that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Provincial Council shall either be the Chairman and Representative of a Member Club, or the Representative of a Standing Sub-Committee.

16.1.5.2. **The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall either be the Chairman of a Member Club at the time of their election, or the elected Representative of a Standing Sub-Committee, and shall hold either such office for the duration of their respective terms of office.**

Proposal & Motivation:
To insert a reference into Clause 16.1.5.3. to make it subject to the new Clause 16.1.5.2 above.

16.1.5.3. Members of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] shall submit, before 31 August in any year, to the Secretary, nominations for the office of Chairman or Vice-Chairman, as the case may be, which shall be placed on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting to be held in the second year of the respective term of office of the current Chairman, or Vice-Chairman. In the absence of nominations for one or more persons, the incumbent Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall be declared re-elected for a further term**, provided they meet the requirements set forth in Clause 16.1.5.2.**

Proposal & Motivation:
To insert a reference into Clause 16.1.5.4. to make it subject to the new Clause 16.1.5.2 above.

16.1.5.4. If, during the course of his term of office, the Chairman should become permanently unable to continue to act in the capacity of Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall become the Chairman for the unexpired term of office of the Chairman and the Members of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] shall, at the earliest Ordinary Meeting of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], elect a replacement for the Vice-Chairman to serve out his unexpired term of office**, subject to the requirements set forth in Clause 16.1.5.2**.

Proposal & Motivation:
To expand Clause 16.1.10. to provide for the polling functionality of online meeting platforms.

16.1.10. [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] shall appoint one or more Scrutineers to tally and confirm closed ballots**, or votes cast using the secure and secret polling functionality of any of the online meeting platforms.**

Proposal & Motivation:
To expand Clause 16.2.1. to also provide for the members of the Provincial Councils' Executive to call for a Special meeting, not only 25% of the Members of the Council.

16.2.1. The Secretary shall give notice to convene a Special Meeting of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] upon receiving a written requisition on behalf of not less than twenty-five per centum (25%) of the unsuspended Members of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], **or at the written requisition of all four the Executive Members,** specifying the business to be brought before such meeting.

Proposal & Motivation:
To expand Clause 16.3.1. to also provide for a notice period to convene an Ordinary Meeting of the Provincial Councils.

16.3.1. **Upon twenty-one (21) days' Notice given by the Secretary in accordance with Clause 7 hereof for each of its Ordinary Meetings,** [INSERT COUNCIL INITIALISM] shall hold no fewer than four (4) Ordinary Meetings in each year and shall meet not less than once every three (3) months, but may meet as often as Members of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] deem necessary, or convenient.

Proposal & Motivation:
To expand Clause 17.4. to provide for the polling functionality of the various online meeting platforms and also to adjust the Clause references.

			17.4. At an Annual General Meeting, voting for the Officers to be elected in terms of Clauses 16.1.**5**[~~4~~].1., 16.1.**6**[~~5~~]. and 16.1.**7**[~~6~~]., if they are opposed, shall be by closed ballot**, or by use of the secure and secret polling functionality of one of the various online meeting platforms**. The voting for Standing Sub-Committee members shall also be by closed ballot if the number of membership nominations exceed the quota contemplated by the By-laws for the particular Standing Sub-Committee. **Proposal & Motivation:** To amend Clause 17.6. to provide for the disclosure on either the number of votes polled by candidates, or the percentage votes polled by them, at the discretion of the Chairman. 17.6. For any closed ballot at face-to-face meetings, ballot papers must be distributed and collected by the Scrutineer**(s)** appointed as part of the Annual General Meeting proceedings or, at an Ordinary Meeting, appointed before voting. The Scrutineer**(s)** must report the result to the Chairman, who will announce the outcome. In a vote for a contested office, simply disclosing the result, rather than the number of votes **or percentage of votes** polled by each candidate, would be at the sole discretion of the Chairman. **Proposal & Motivation:** To amend Clause 17.7. to expand on the polling procedure at virtual meetings. 17.7. For any closed ballot at a virtual, or partially virtual meeting, the confidentiality of the vote shall be the responsibility of the Chairman, using either the **secure and secret** polling functionali[~~ties~~]**y** of any of the various online meeting platforms, or by conducting the vote by email ahead of the meeting, sent to [~~an~~] **one or more** independent Scrutineer**s**. For a show of hands at a virtual meeting, the showing-of-hand-functionality of the particular virtual platform should suffice, with the **Meeting H**[~~h~~]ost tallying the votes. **The Scrutineer(s) or the Meeting Host must report the result to the Chairman, who will announce the outcome. In a vote for a contested office, simply disclosing the result, rather than the number of votes or percentage of votes polled by each candidate, would be at the sole discretion of the Chairman.** **Proposal & Motivation:** To delete the word "in" from Clause 26.1. 26.1. Nothing [~~in~~] contained in this Constitution shall derogate from the provisions of Article 42 of the KUSA Constitution, the provisions of which apply *mutatis mutandis* **The above amendments will be referenced under the heading *Sixth Iteration* in the *RECORDALS* Section of all the Provincial Council Constitutions once ratified at the Fedco 12-2023 meeting**. **For Ratification.**
5			**MATTERS RELATING TO THE FÉDÉRATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE (FCI)**
	5.1		**FCI General Assembly (Geneva, August 2023)** **Report-back.**

	5.2		**FCI Non-Mandatory Commissions (**Fedco 12-2020 Item 3.11.2, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.8.2, Fedco 06-2022 Item 5.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 5.2, Fedco 06-2023 Item 5.2) *As agreed at Fedco 12-2015, representatives should either be Fedco Members, Conveners of National Sub-Committees, or persons deemed suitable by Fedco. Appointees needed to have a thorough knowledge of the dogsport/subject in question.* *The following persons were appointed, or re-appointed, to serve as KUSA's representatives on the FCI's Non-Mandatory Commissions*: *Agility – Mr Rob Hall* *Breeding – Clr Ron Juckes* *Dog Dancing – Ms Kathy Clayton* *Flyball – Ms Liesl Twyman* *Rally Dog – Mrs Chantal Ross-Germishuys* *Rescue Dogs – Mrs Robyn Harflett* *Shows – Clr Jenny Hubbard* *Show Judges – Clr Jenny Hubbard and Mrs Tania Edwards, assisted by the KUSA Office* *Utility Dogs – Clr Dudley Sparg* *Youth – Ms Andria Haskins* *Education and Public Relations – Clr Lori Thornhill* *Mondioring – Mr Keith Duranty* **Representatives to be reviewed.**
	5.3		**FCI – Registration of Kennel Names** (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.8.2, Fedco 06-2022 Item 5.3, Fedco 12-2022 Item 5.3, Fedco 06-2023 Item 5.3) *Fedco **agreed, unanimously** that the proposed fee structure was fair and reasonable and was also **in unanimous accord** with the KUSA proposal as accepted by the FCI and its proposed implementation date of 31 January 2024.* *Proposed JH, seconded RJ* **Report-back from the KUSA Office**
6			**MATTERS RELATING TO FEDCO**
	6.1		**Fedco Portfolios** (Fedco 12.2021 Item 3.13, Fedco 06-2022 Item 6.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 6.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 6.1) Fedco Members' Portfolios were updated at Fedco Monthly Discussion Forums 08-2023 & 09-2023, as follows: **Clr JM Hubbard** Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Budgets, Finance, Breed Health, Extraordinary Registrations. **Clr RB Jenkins** Finance, Breed Health, Breed Shows, Registrations & Exports. **Clr RD Juckes** DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Dog Dancing, Working Trials, Trick Dog Test & Property Acquisition **Clr NJ du Preez** Legal Matters & Property Acquisition, Mondioring, Rescue Dogs and Tracking Trials. **Clr BG Robinson** Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Finance, Budgets, KUSA Constitution & Schedules, Club Constitutions & By-laws, Provincial Council Constitutions & By-laws, KUSA Membership, Media/Press & Handling

			Clr DC Sparg Agility, Dog Jumping, Field Trials, Obedience, Internationale Gebrauchshunde Prüfungsordnung (IGP). **Clr LC Thornhill** Information Technology, DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Canicross, Rally Dog, Digital Communication, KUSA Web & Social Media. **Clr M Vorster** Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Flyball, Carting, Property Acquisition, Finance. **Clr C Chelchinskey** Scent Work **Portfolio-holders for ratification.**
7			**MATTERS RELATING TO THE ARTICLES**
	7.1		**Proposed amendment to Article 20.2.1 – Liaison Councils**. (Fedco round robin 10 July 2023). **Proposal:** To make Federal Council the enabling body for the establishment of a Liaison Council, not the Executive Committee. **Motivation:** Article 20.2.1 grants the authority for the establishment of Liaison Councils to the Executive Committee. As a Standing Sub-Committee of the Federal Council, the Executive Committee acquires the majority of its powers from the Federal Council through delegation. Although not the enabling body, Article 20.2.2 makes Liaison Councils accountable to the *Federal Council* (not to the Executive Committee), which makes no sense if the Federal Council would not be responsible for the delegation of powers to the Liaison Council. In view of the above, we need to take cognisance of the fact that the Executive Committee cannot delegate the powers acquired by delegation to another entity. In this regard, take note of a key principle in constitutional and administrative law, i.e., "*delegata potestas non potest delegari*" (no delegated powers can be further delegated) or, as stated in another way, "*delegatus delegare non potest*" (one to whom power is delegated cannot himself further delegate that power). In order to reflect the appropriate enabling body in the Constitutions of Liaison Councils (i.e. the Federal Council), it is necessary that the erroneous Article 20.2.1 be amended. Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. 20.2 Liaison Councils 20.2.1 The **Federal Council** [~~Executive Committee~~] may establish a Liaison Council to serve any area of interest, which falls across the jurisdiction of more than one Provincial Council and, subject to its right to revoke such delegation at any time, may delegate all or any of its powers under this Constitution to such Liaison Council[~~, subject to confirmation by the Federal Council~~]. **For ratification.**
		7.2	**Proposed amendment to Articles 8.6.2, insertion of new, separated Article 8.6.3 (with sub-clauses 8.3.6.1 & 8.3.6.2) and Article 9 to clarify the status of Clubs during periods they are in default of the KUSA Constitution, with particular regard to their entitlement to be granted a Championship Show Licence and their eligibility to participate in the meetings of their Provincial Councils**

			Submitted by the Executive Committee of KUSA. **Proposed amendment to Article 8.6.2, insertion of new, separated Article 8.6.3** **Motivation:** To make it clear that Clubs that do not take the necessary urgent action to fill vacancies on their Executive (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) or to replace other constitutionally required Officers such as an Information Officer or Deputy Information Officer (optional) when they occur, will be in breach of the KUSA Constitution and thereby ineligible to be granted a Championship Show Licence. Moreover, for as long as the default persists, Clubs shall have their privilege of participating in their Provincial Councils' meetings suspended, together with their good standing in the Kennel Union. When Clubs are declared "Ineligible Member Clubs" for purposes of any Provincial Council Meeting in terms of a Provincial Council Constitution, it should be beyond doubt that, at the time of such declaration, they have had their privilege of participation in their Provincial Councils' meetings suspended and, in consequence, have placed their good standing with KUSA on hold. Mid-term appointments of Executive Members who have vacated their offices should be a swift and seamless process at an ordinary Committee meeting of the Club or Committee round robin. **Proposal:** Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. **8.6.2** 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. **SEPARATED FROM 8.6.2 ABOVE AND AMENDED AS ARTICLE 8.6.3:** [~~The Club shall ensure that the~~] **names and contact details of the** Club**'s** Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer~~)~~, **and its appointed Officials, i.e.** Information Officer and **optional** Deputy Information Officer[~~)~~ ~~names and contact details are sent to KUSA for recording~~] **to be sent to KUSA** each time there is a change and shall further ensure that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer and **optional** Deputy Information Officer, 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 Officers 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. **NEW ARTICLES 8.6.3.1 & 8.6.3.2:** **8.6.3.1 Clubs are obliged to inform their Provincial Councils and the Kennel Union forthwith if, for whatever reason, any of their elected Officers or appointed Officials as per Article 8.6.3 should change mid-term, providing full particulars of replacements.** **8.6.3.2 Should any of the Club's Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) vacate their office, the Club's eligibility to be granted a Licence for a Championship Show and its privilege to participate in its Provincial Council's meetings shall be suspended until the replacement has been advised to the Kennel Union.** **CURRENT 8.6.3, 8.6.4 & 8.6.5 TO BE RENUMBERED 8.6.4, 8.6.5 & 8.6.6.** **Proposed amendments to Article 9** **Motivation:**

			To make it clear that Clubs that fail to adhere to their Club Constitution (Article 9.1.2), or do not submit their AGM documentation within thirty (30) days of their AGM (Article 9.1.3), or do not submit the required returns in respect of Shows or Events held (Article 9.1.4) would be in breach of the KUSA Constitution and therefore not eligible to be granted a Championship Show Licence. Moreover, to make it clear that, should any of these defaults persist up to the KUSA Financial Year-end of 31 August, Clubs' privilege of participating in their Provincial Councils' meetings would be placed under suspension, together with their good standing in the Kennel Union, for as long as the default endures. When Clubs are declared "Ineligible Member Clubs" for purposes of any Provincial Council Meeting in terms of a Provincial Council Constitution, it should be beyond doubt that, at the time of such declaration, they have had their privilege of participation in their Provincial Councils' meetings suspended and, in consequence, have placed their good standing with KUSA on hold. Insertions in **underlined bold type**. **9. LOSS OF AFFILIATION AND OTHER PUNITIVE MEASURES** **NEW 9.3: Should a Club find itself in default as a result of any of the transgressions cited under Articles 9.1.2 to 9.1.4 above, it shall be ineligible to be granted a Licence for a Championship Show. If still in default by 31 August of any year, it will be suspended from the privilege of participating in any meeting of its Provincial Council, irrespective of whether its affiliation had been renewed by 31 October in terms of Article 9.2, until the default has been remedied or, if it remains unremedied, till the next constituted Ordinary Meeting of the Federal Council where the Club will be tabled for disaffiliation. At such Ordinary Meeting, the Federal Council shall take account of any actions the Club in question had taken during the preceding default period to remedy whatever breaches had occurred and take such decisions as deemed appropriate at the time.** **CURRENT 9.3 TO BE RENUMBERED 9.4**
8			**MATTERS RELATING TO DISCIPLINARY MATTERS – SCHEDULE 01**
	8.1		**Disciplinary Hearings**
		8.1.1	**Case 01-2023 KUSA (Thuynsma & Moss) vs N van Dyk** **DSC Findings:** After careful consideration of all the submitted evidence, documents and affidavits, the DSC unanimously reached the following decision, on a balance of probabilities, with regard to the case before them: The DSC found that the complaint was fully substantiated and found that the Respondent had wilfully engaged in conduct that was improper, disgraceful and disrespectful and which was prejudicial and injurious to the interests of canine affairs and to members, officials and persons concerned and connected therewith. They therefore **found the Respondent guilty** in respect of Schedule 01 Rules 4.1.1, 4.1.1.4, 4.1.6, Schedule 04 Regulation 25 of the KUSA Constitution, and Schedule 09 Code of Ethics Regulations 1.3, 1.4, 2.5, 5.1, 5.3 and 5.17. **Penalties:** In terms of Rule 11.1.2 of Schedule 01, the Respondent is excluded from taking part in, or having any connection with, or attending or participating or handling a dog at a Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial or Field Trial or any other event held under KUSA licence **for a period of twelve (12) months.** **The first six (6) months of the sentence is to be enforced in its entirety**. In terms of Rule 11.5 of Schedule 01, the DSC ruled that **the remainder of the sentence is to be suspended**

			for a period of three (3) years on condition that the Respondent does not contravene any of the provisions provided for in Rule 4 of Schedule 01, or any other provisions in the KUSA Constitution, Rules and Regulations that would form the basis of a valid complaint during the period of suspension. The Respondent **is not** disqualified from registration, recording or transfer, of a dog owned by her or registered or recorded in her name, or jointly with another or others, or in the name of a nominee, nor the progeny of such a dog. A dog owned by her or registered or recorded in her name, or jointly with another or others, or in the name of a nominee **is not disqualified** from exhibition or competition or evaluation. The DSC ruled that the above penalty will take effect on the 1st June 2023. The Respondent was notified of her right of appeal as per Rule 12 of Schedule 01. **No Appeal was lodged.**
		8.1.2	**Case 02-2023 KUSA (C Battey) vs N Baxter** **DSC Findings:** After careful consideration of all the submitted evidence, documents and affidavits, the DSC unanimously reached the following decision, on a balance of probabilities, with regard to the case before them: The DSC found that the complaint was fully substantiated and found that the Respondent had wilfully engaged in conduct that was improper, disgraceful and disrespectful and which was prejudicial and injurious to the interests of canine affairs and to members, officials and persons concerned and connected therewith. They further found that the Respondent failed to return to the ring with the RCC dog for the selection of Reserve Best of Breed, as well as bring her Puppy in for the Puppy Group Challenge when called for by the Ring Steward. They therefore **found the Respondent guilty** in respect of Schedule 01 Rules 4.1.1, 4.1.1.4, 4.1.6, read with Schedule 03 Regulations 18.1, 18.3, 18.5, 18.6, 37.3, as well as the provisions of Schedule 09 Regulations 1.3, 1.4, 1.7, 5.1, 5.17, 5.18, 5.21 and 5.25 (Code of Conduct for KUSA Members) of the KUSA Constitution. **Penalties:** In terms of Rule 11.1.2 of Schedule 01, the Respondent is excluded from taking part in, or having any connection with, or attending or participating or handling a dog at, a Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial or Field Trial or other event held under KUSA licence, or from acting as an officer of a Club for a period of **six (6) months**. In terms of Rule 11.5 of Schedule 01, the DSC ruled that the **penalty be suspended in full for a period of three (3) years** on condition that the Respondent does not contravene any of the provisions provided for in Rule 4 of Schedule 01, or any other provisions in the KUSA Constitution, Rules and Regulations that would form the basis of a valid complaint during the period of suspension. Furthermore, the DSC ruled that the Acting KUSA Secretary, and Chairman of the Executive Committee (Exco), withdraw the awards given to Miss Baxter's dogs in terms of Schedule 03, Regulation 18.1, namely:

			Exhibit 53 – Achante Breaking New Ground at Strathaven JM (ZA014196B21) – RCC award Exhibit 54 – Strathaven No Strings Attached (ZA008908B22) – Best Puppy in Breed The DSC ruled that the above penalty will take effect on the 1st July 2023. The Respondent was notified of her right of appeal as per Rule 12 of Schedule 01. **No Appeal was lodged.**
	8.2		**Disciplinary Rules –** no submissions
9			**MATTERS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF DOGS – SCHEDULE 02**
	9.1		**Schedule 02 Regulation 17 – Recognition of Breeds & Appendix A**
		9.1.1	**Breed Standard Committee** List of Breed Standards Amended/Revised under the KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards to be tabled. **HERDING GROUP** The Royal Kennel Club, UK Samoyed **UTILITY GROUP** FCI French Bulldog **WORKING GROUP** FCI Presa Canario
		9.1.2	**Breed Standards Committee** *At Fedco 12-2018, it was approved that a **Breed Standards Committee** (BSC) should be appointed to oversee matters related to Breed Standards. It was agreed that the BSC would comprise of a minimum of **three** members of Fedco to be responsible for the recommendation and implementation of* • *Alterations and amendments to adopted Breed Standards;* • *Adoption of Breed Standards for breeds not previously recognised by KUSA; and* • *Substitution of Breed Standards, upon application and plausible justification.* Currently, the Fedco Members appointed to the Breed Standards Committee are Clrs Gérard Robinson, Michael Vorster, and **Carol Immelman**. With the resignation of Clr Immelman having been announced at the close of the Fedco 06-2023, and with reference to the 'Note' under Item 9.1.2 of the Minutes, a replacement member is required to serve on this Committee. **Refer to 9.1.3 for proposal.**
***		9.1.3	**Proposed amendment to KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards.** Submitted by Clr BG Robinson on behalf of the Breed Standards Committee. **Proposal:** To amend KUSA's Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards to reduce the number of Fedco members required to serve on the Breed Standards Committee. **Motivation:**

			With a detailed Protocol, there is no need for three Fedco members to serve on the Breed Standards Committee. A Committee of two (2) should adequately meet requirements and, should there be a disagreement, the matter can be referred to the Federal Council for a decision by majority vote. The decision at Fedco 12-2018, envisaged to be amended, was as follows: ***Breed Standards Committee:*** *At Fedco 12-2018, it was approved that a **Breed Standards Committee** (BSC) should be appointed to oversee matters related to Breed Standards. It was agreed that the BSC would comprise of a minimum of three (3) Fedco members and be responsible for the recommendation and implementation of* • *Alterations and amendments to adopted Breed Standards;* • *Adoption of Breed Standards for breeds not previously recognised by KUSA; and* • *Substitution of Breed Standards, upon application and plausible justification.* Insertions in **<u>underlined bold type</u>** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] Proposed changes to the KUSA Breed Protocol **attached.** **[Note: KUSA Office to upload revised version to the KUSA website.]**
	9.2		**Breed Health – BOAS** (Fedco 12-2019 Item 9.8, Fedco 06.2020 Item 8.3, Fedco 12-2021 Item 4.3.3, Fedco 06-2022 Item 8.1, Fedco, Fedco 06-2023 Item 9.1) *LT reported to Fedco as follows:* *"The first phase of the project to introduce BOAS testing in South Africa commenced with an informative webinar on 22 March 2023. Invitations to attend the webinar, **BOAS Testing in French Bulldogs**, were sent out from the KUSA Office to 220 breeders who had registered French Bulldogs in the recent past. Sadly, only 16 attended the webinar – an extremely poor response, given the breed health challenges facing breeders worldwide.* *During the webinar, the delegates were offered access to a recording of a global webinar, **The Science and Solution behind BOAS**, presented by Dr Jane Ladlow in March 2023. No requests were received to view this very informative presentation.* *All the invitees were offered a recording of the KUSA webinar, with only 2 requests received post the event.* *During the discussion segment of the KUSA webinar, those attending were urged to step up and join a Task Group to move forward with the required actions to implement BOAS testing in South Africa. Sadly, only 2 people volunteered, both of whom were already collaborating actively towards the implementation of BOAS testing.* *My appeal to Fedco would be to move forward with a different approach and make contact with Onderstepoort and Cambridge University. In this way BOAS testing can be introduced to South Africa, making the uptake the responsibility of the individual breeders. Needless to say, a campaign to encourage testing through the various Clubs would form part of the promotion campaign."* *It was proposed by CI, seconded by RJ, **and agreed, unanimously**, to accept LT's proposed next steps.*

			Report-back.
	9.2		**Breed Health – HD/ED** (Fedco 06-2019 item 8.21.1 & 8.21.2, Fedco 12-2021 Item 4.3.3, Fedco 06-2022 Item 8.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 9.2, Fedco 06-2023 Item 9.2) *The Chairman reported that she had scheduled a meeting with the Fedco Task Team – JH, PM, NdP & GR – for 05.07.2023, the outcome of which would be tabled at the next Fedco Discussion Forum following this Ordinary Meeting.* ***Noted.*** **Report-back from the appointed Fedco Task Team.**
10			**MATTERS RELATING TO SHOWS – SCHEDULE 03 ET AL**
***	10.1		**Housekeeping amendments to Schedule 03 – Online Entry Forms** (Fedco round robin MDF 27.07.23) Submitted by the KUSA Office. **Proposal 1** – Field Trials, supported by the Field Trials Liaison Council (FTLC): To insert a completely new Online Electronic Entry Form template into Schedule 03 Appendix 3 for Field Trials, as the Dogsport Online Electronic Entry Form does not speak to Declaration Clause No. 14, or the various Field Trial classes. **Motivation:** Field Trials entrants are unable to use the current Online Entry Forms, as they do not speak to the classes or wording requirements of Field Trials. *Note that the **proposed** Online Electronic Entry Form template **attached** contains the housekeeping amendment covered by Proposal 2..* **Proposal 2** – Dogsport [~~Disciplines~~] and Breed Shows: To amend the preamble to the Declaration made on online entry forms by inserting/deleting the following words: "By [~~attaching my signature to this form, or where the form is submitted electronically, by~~] inserting my [~~full~~] name and surname **and/or clicking on "Accept",** I, the Registered Owner of, or I, the Authorised Agent for, the dog hereby entered for exhibition, affirm that I have read and understood the full contents of this Entry Form and hereby declare that:" **Motivation:** The declaration made by the Owner/Authorised Agent currently states (emphasis added for clarity): "By attaching my signature to this form, or where the form is submitted electronically, **by inserting my full name and surname** I, the Registered Owner of, or I, the Authorised Agent for, the dog hereby entered for exhibition, affirm that I have read and understood the full contents of this Entry Form and hereby declare that:" However, at the end of the Declaration, the Owner/Authorised Agent is required to click "**Accept**" and no provision is made for attaching a signature as required by the Declaration preamble. When completing the Dog's Details, the Owner/Authorised Agent merely inserts title, initials and surname.

			The abovementioned amendment will ensure that the Declaration is fully accepted whilst allowing Clubs flexibility to ask handlers to click on "Accept" or including a field asking for the Owner/Authorised Agent's full name. **Proposed** changes to Schedule 03 Appendix 3 – Dogsport [~~Disciplines~~] and Breed Shows Official Online Electronic Entry Form. Insertions in **<u>underlined bold type</u>** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] **OFFICIAL ONLINE ELECTRONIC ENTRY FORM** **DOGSPORT [~~DISCIPLINES~~]** **MANDATORY DATA FIELDS AS PER FEDCO 12-2022** **DECLARATION BY THE REGISTERED OWNER/AUTHORISED AGENT** By [~~attaching my signature to this form, or where the form is submitted electronically, by~~] inserting my [~~full~~] name and surname **<u>and/or clicking "Accept"</u>** I, the Registered Owner of, or I, the Authorised Agent for, the dog hereby entered for exhibition, affirm that I have read and understood the full contents of this Entry Form and hereby declare that: **and** **OFFICIAL ONLINE ELECTRONIC ENTRY FORM** **BREED SHOWS** **MANDATORY DATA FIELDS AS PER FEDCO 12-2022** **DECLARATION BY THE REGISTERED OWNER/AUTHORISED AGENT** By [~~attaching my signature to this form, or where the form is submitted electronically, by~~] inserting my [~~full~~] name and surname **<u>and/or clicking "Accept"</u>** I, the Registered Owner of, or I, the Authorised Agent for, the dog hereby entered for exhibition, affirm that I have read and understood the full contents of this Entry Form and hereby declare that: **<u>Proposal 3</u> –** Handler Classes: To insert a completely new Online Electronic Entry Form template into Schedule 03 Appendix 3 for Handler Classes as none of the current Online Electronic Entry Forms speak to the fields required. *Note that the proposed Online Electronic Entry Form template **attached** contains the housekeeping amendment covered by Proposal 2..* **Motivation:** Handler Classes are not included in any of the current Online Electronic Entry Forms. This Online Entry Form will be inserted into Schedule 03 Appendix 3 after the Dogsport and Breed Online Electronic Entry Forms, following the same sequence as hard copy Entry Forms. *Note that the **proposed** Online Electronic Entry Form template **attached** contains the housekeeping amendment covered by proposal 2.* **<u>Proposal 4</u> –** Flyball: To insert a completely new Online Electronic Entry Form template into Schedule 03 Appendix 3 for Flyball, as the Dogsport form does not speak to the information required for Flyball.

			Motivation: Flyball is unable to use the current Dogsport Online Electronic Entry Form, as it does not speak to the entry of Teams. *Note that the **proposed** Online Electronic Entry Form template **attached** contains the housekeeping amendment covered by Proposal 2.* **Proposal 5** – Official Online Electronic Entry Form Breed Shows To amend the wording of the above-mentioned form to align with the requirements of the hard copy version. Motivation: Align wording w.r.t. information required on the Official Online Electronic Entry Form Breed Shows Deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] Host Club Date of Show Dog's Registration Number Dog's Registered Name Breed Sex Date of Birth Colour Microchip Number Qualifications Registered Name [~~and Number~~] of Sire Registered Name [~~and Number~~] of Dam Registered Owner(s) Name: Title Initials Surname KUSA Membership Number Breeder(s) Name: Classes entered
	10.2		**Proposed amendments to Schedules 03, 04 & 07 to provide for a revised structure for Pre- and Post-Show Penalty Fees, envisaged to be implemented as from 1 January 2024** Submitted by the Executive Committee. **Background:** At the Federal Council Discussion Forum on 27 July 2023, the current dilemma of several affiliated Clubs being unable to meet their accumulated debt of accrued Penalty Fees was discussed extensively. It was noted that the situation had developed mainly because of the post-COVID economic constraints, which have impacted on Clubs' ability to generate sufficient funds from their normal activities to meet their financial obligations. Subsequently, the Federal Council agreed, at a Special Meeting on 14 September 2023, to institute an interim emergency measure for the period 1 September to 31 December 2023 and issued a formal Fedco Directive to be sent to affected Clubs. This emergency measure was envisioned to grant affected Clubs interim short-term relief by extending the payment term for accrued Penalty Fees and to stay the imposition of new Penalty Fees during the above-mentioned "window" period. This "window" period was also envisaged to afford Fedco sufficient time to prepare this formal proposal to revise the future Pre- and Post-Show Penalty Fee structure to be placed on the Fedco 12-2023 Agenda which, if accepted, to come into effect on 1 January 2024. **Proposal:**

			To revise the Pre- and Post-Show Penalty Fees structure and adjust it to more manageable levels, given the current economic constraints and financial hardship experienced by Clubs. **Motivations:** ***Pre-Show Penalty Fees*** **Draft Show Schedules** Schedule 03 Regulation 2 states that Clubs' draft Show Schedule must be completed and submitted to KUSA six (6) months prior to the Show. It is proposed that, instead of imposing Penalty Fees for every omission from the Show Schedule as enumerated under Schedule 03, the Penalty Fees should be imposed on the Show Schedule as a whole, inclusive of elements such as Judges' "Letters of Acceptance", in other words, individual outstanding elements should not be penalised over and above the Schedule as a whole. **Licence Fees** not paid prior to six (6) months before the Show are ***not*** envisaged to be exempted from attracting Penalty Fees. The proposed alterations to Schedule 03 as stated below. ***Post-Show Penalty Fees*** **Show Documentation and Show Levies** No amendments are proposed to change Schedule 03 Regulations 6 & 10, which impose the submission of Show Documentation and Show Levies. The quantum of Post-Show Penalty Fees has been reviewed and adjusted and is reflected under Proposal 3, dealing with amendments to Schedule 07. It is important for Post-Show Penalty Fees to remain in place, albeit at a reduced level, to encourage adherence to Regulations 6 and 10 and the submission of Show Documentation and Show Levies to the KUSA Office within fifteen (15) working days to enable the finalisation and closure of the Show without undue delay. **Proposal 1:** Proposed amendments to **Schedule 03 Regulations 5.16 and 5.17** Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. 5.16 Where Draft Schedules submitted by Clubs in terms of Regulation 2 and Regulation 5 of this Schedule are: 5.16.1 received [~~in~~] **by** the **KUSA** [~~o~~]**O**ffice later than six (6) months before the first day of the show, [~~and/or~~] **for any reason whatsoever, such Clubs shall pay Penalty Fees as specified for:** [~~5.16.2 where letters of acceptance from all the proposed Judges are not included, and/or~~] [~~5.16.3 where letters of acceptance received are for persons who are not qualified to judge the breeds/groups/events for which they contract themselves, such clubs shall pay a penalty as specified for:~~] 5.16[~~.4~~]**.2** each week or part thereof [~~that~~] the Draft Schedule is received late, and/or [~~5.16.5 each Judge whose letter of acceptance is not enclosed with the Draft Schedule, and/or~~] 5.16[~~.6~~]**.3** each Judge who is not qualified to judge the [~~b~~]**B**reeds/[~~g~~]**G**roups/[~~e~~]**E**vents for which he **has contracted** [contracts] himself. 5.17 Where a Club, for any reason whatsoever, has been unable to finalise its Draft Schedule twelve (12) weeks before the first day of the Show, no licence shall be issued for that event. **If the licence has already been issued and paid for, Licence Fees will be refunded to the Club, subject to the deduction of Penalty Fees incurred up to twelve (12) weeks and, should the Penalty Fees be in excess of the Licence Fees, the Club shall be responsible for payment of the shortfall.** [***Note: Schedule 07 is also governed by Schedule 03 Regulations 6 and 10. No changes are proposed to be made to these Regulations, which are shaded below for ease of reference only.***]

6. SHOW SCHEDULE
No Show Schedule shall be issued to the public before being approved by the Executive Committee after submission in terms of Regulation 2, and within twenty-four (24) hours of issue to the public, a copy of the Show Schedules as so issued shall be dispatched to the Secretary.

6.1 The Schedule shall be treated as a contract between the Show Authorities and the Exhibitors. Once approved by the Executive Committee no modification or amendment of any description may be made to the Show Schedule unless special dispensation is granted.

6.2 Any Club which fails to submit a Show Schedule in terms of Regulation 6 of this Schedule, shall pay a penalty as specified in terms of Subscription & Fees (Schedule 07).

10. SHOW CATALOGUE

10.3 One (1) copy of the catalogue containing accurate details of all show entries and all awards made, signed, and certified as correct by the Show Secretary shall be despatched to the Secretary within fifteen (15) working days after the close of the Show.

10.4 Any Club which fails to submit a catalogue in terms of Regulation 10.3 of this Schedule such Club shall pay a penalty as specified in terms of Schedule 07 for each week or part of a week thereof that such catalogue is not received.

Proposal 2:
Proposed amendments to **Schedule 04 Regulations 3.7 and 30**

Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~].

Motivation:
It is proposed that all Pre-Show Penalty Fees be excluded from Non-championship Shows as an encouragement to Clubs to hold Non-championship Shows in order to attract new KUSA Members and to serve as a training ground for Learner Judges in Breed, Junior Showmanship and Dogsport. The quantum of Post-Show Penalty Fees has been reviewed and adjusted and is reflected under Proposal 3, dealing with amendments to Schedule 07. It is important for Post-Show Penalty Fees to remain in place, albeit at a reduced level, to encourage adherence to Regulation 30 and the submission of Show Documentation and Show Levies to the KUSA Office within fifteen (15) working days to enable the finalisation and closure of the Show without undue delay.

[~~3.7 Any amendment or alteration to a **licence** once issued attracts the Penalties laid down in terms of Schedule 7.~~]
Regulations 3.8 and 3.9 to be sequentially numbered 3.7 and 3.8.

30. Within fifteen (15) **working** days after the completion of a Show, the Show Secretary shall forward to the Secretary a form showing the number of dogs entered and the total entries**,** [~~and~~] including the breakdown of breeds and numbers judged by each Judge, together with the fees as specified in **Subscription and Fees Document issued pursuant to** [~~(~~]Schedule **0**7[~~)~~]. **Any submissions after four (4) weeks from completion of the Show will attract the Penalties laid down in terms of Schedule 07.**

Proposal 3:

Proposed amendments to **Schedule 07**:

New Clean Copy:

			Schedule 07 – Subscription and Fees 2023/2024 **All prices are VAT Inclusive. Prices effective from 1 January 2024 & subject to change without prior notice.** 16 PENALTY FEES **For the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 August 2025, inclusive** For late submission in terms of Schedule 03, Regulations 5, 6, & 10 and Schedule 08 **16.1 After 4 weeks from due date, each succeeding week thereafter** per week [~~R0.00~~] **R50.00** **For late submission in terms of Schedule 04, Regulation 30, and Schedule 08** **16.2 After 4 weeks from Show date, each succeeding week thereafter** per week [~~R0.00~~] **R50.00**
	10.3		**Proposed amendment under Schedule 03 and 03A to the FCI Official Entry Form** **Housekeeping** submitted by the KUSA Office **Proposal:** To make a housekeeping amendment to Schedule 03 and 03A to correct an error picked up on the FCI Official Entry Form **Motivation:** Whilst KUSA refers to Dog Jumping as a Dogsport, the FCI makes reference to Jumping only. The office picked up an error on the FCI Official Entry Form which needs to be rectified: **Proposed change to the FCI Official Entry Form:** Deletion [~~struck through in square brackets~~]. **FCI OFFICIAL SHOW ENTRY FORM (Part)**

Definitions		
[~~Disciplines~~] Dogsport Events	**Classes**	
Agility Breed [~~Dog~~]Jumping FCI-IGP Obedience Tracking Dog Trials Working Dog Trials	**Agility Classes – International** Small Agility 1 Small Agility 2 Small Agility 3 Medium Agility 1 Medium Agility 2 Medium Agility 3 Intermediate Agility 1 Intermediate Agility 2 Intermediate Agility 3 Large Agility 1 Large Agility 2 Large Agility 3 **Agility Classes – National** Small Agility 1 Small Agility 2 Small Agility 3 Medium Agility 1 Medium Agility 2 Medium Agility 3 Intermediate Agility 1 Intermediate Agility 2 Intermediate Agility 3 Large Agility 1 Large Agility 2 Large Agility 3	**Jumping-International** Small Agility 1 Small Agility 2 Small Agility 3 Medium Agility 1 Medium Agility 2 Medium Agility 3 Intermediate Agility 1 Intermediate Agility 2 Intermediate Agility 3 Large Agility 1 Large Agility 2 Large Agility 3 **Jumping – National** Small Agility 1 Small Agility 2 Small Agility 3 Medium Agility 1 Medium Agility 2 Medium Agility 3 Intermediate Agility 1 Intermediate Agility 2 Intermediate Agility 3 Large Agility 1 Large Agility 2 Large Agility 3

	10.7		**Any Matters Relating to Schedule 03A**
		10.7.1	**Proposed amendment under Schedule 03 and 03A to the FCI Official Entry Form** **Refer to Item 10.3 above.**
		10.7.2	**Proposed new Schedule 03B – Regulations for FCI Section Dog Shows – FCI A2O**

			Document to be tabled prior to the meeting.
	10.8		**Any Matters Relating to Schedule 04**
		10.8.1	**Proposed amendments to Schedules 03, 04 & 07 provide for a revised structure for Pre- and Post-Show Penalty Fees, envisaged to be implemented as from 1 January 2024** ***Refer to Item 10.2 above for proposed amendments to Schedule 04.***
	10.9		**Any Matters Relating to Schedule 04A – Qualifying Shows –** no submissions
11			**MATTERS RELATING TO JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP –** no submissions
	11.1		**Schedule 05E(12) – Regulations for KUSA National Handler of the Year Competition**
	11.2		**Schedule 05K – Regulations for Handler Classes**
12			**MATTERS RELATING TO DOGSPORT –** no submissions
	12.1		**Schedule 05A – Regulations for Obedience Classes –** no submissions
		12.1.1	**Report by NSC Convener.** National Obedience Sub-Committee Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023: It is with deep regret that another Obedience Judge, Nigel Edwards, who lived in KwaZulu-Natal passed away on the 6th May 2023. Our deepest sympathy to his family. Due to the retirement of Wessie Westra from all Obedience Disciplines in the Eastern Cape and the resignation of Lynn Milner of the KwaZulu-Natal from the National Obedience Sub-Committee, we could not hold an Annual General Meeting till KUSA notified us of the new members as provided by the Provincial Councils. This information was received by 5 July 2023 and the AGM was held on 2 August 2023. The Minutes have been sent to KUSA. The National Obedience Sub-Committee consist of the following Members: Convenor Rex Koning WCPC. Jeannette Corney EC&BPC Yvonne Taentzer DOGSPC Greg Bass KZNPC Secretary Bobby Classen Notice of the revised National Sub-Committee (email number 14 dated 1/9/2023), with photographs of members, was sent to KUSA in August 2023. 2022 December Provincial Dog of the Year (Schedule 05E(27)) Three of the Provincial Councils entered, namely EC&BPC, KZNPC & WCPC. Sadly, DOGSPC did not enter. The following winners received certificates from KUSA:

Provincial Council	Gold (Class C)	Silver (Class B)	Bronze (Class A)
EC&BPC	June Fincham & Dancer	June Fincham & Jason	Jeannette Corney & Cloud
KZNPC	Cherry Nel & Drago	Pierre Retief & Dexter	Neil Dougall & Dougall
WCPC	Howard Armour & Chelsea	Richard Twell & Flynn	Leslie Ball & Merc

Thank you, KUSA, for designing and sending certificates to the winners (National Obedience newsletter number 4, December 2022).

The new revised Bylaws of the National Obedience Sub-Committee were signed by Mrs Pascale Midgley and came into effect on the 29th August 2023. It is a nine-page document. This

			document was sent to all Provinces. The Annual General Meeting next year (2024) must be held between January and March, according to Regulation 8.4. Our congratulations to Dawn Crawshaw who won the Goldfields Dog of the Year 2023. My sincere thanks and appreciation to all clubs that run Obedience at part of the Dogsport offered at their Shows. May Obedience grow from strength to strength. Rex Koning Convener: National Obedience Sub-Committee
	12.2		**Schedule 05B(01) – Regulations for Working Trials (Classic) –** no submissions
		12.2.1	**Report by NSC Convener** National Working Trials Sub-Committee Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023: This last year saw a return to strength with Shows being offered in all provinces. We've seen several dogs progressing up the levels and offering the Police Dog Stake again after several years of no entries, was of particular interest. A special thank you to all our hard-working tracklayers – without them, Trials would not be possible. A very big thank you to the Clubs that lend Working Trials their licences for shows. Despite a few challenges around getting documents in on time this year, our organisers have worked hard to meet their obligations. The KUSA Nationals were held in Gauteng, as the only qualified dogs in the country reside in this province. Congratulations to our winners: - Tracker Dog – Claire Patterson-Abrolat & Jill - Police Dog – Lindie Cronjé & Iara - Working Utility Dog – Dawn Crawshaw & Parker Thank you to Goldfields Kennel Club for hosting a very well-organised Dog of the Year Competition and congratulations to our winners: - Police Dog – Zelna Truter & Igor - Working Utility Dog – Claire Patterson-Abrolat & Kilt A shortagel of Judges continues to trouble Working Trials, with most Judges frequently having to give up the opportunity to enter their own dogs in the interest of promoting the sport. Fortunately, a few Judges are progressing up the ranks which will, hopefully, take some of the pressure off the Senior Judges. Last, but not least, thank you to the members of the NWTSC for their continued input and hard work. Claire Patterson-Abrolat Convener: National Working Trials Sub-Committee
	12.3		**Schedule 05B(04) – Regulations for Working Utility Dog (WUD) –** no submissions
		12.3.1	**Report by NSC Convener** (Item 11.2.1 refers)
	12.4		**Schedule 05B(02) – Regulations for International Working Trials and International Tracking Trials (IGP)**
***		12.4.1	**Report by NSC Convener**

			Documents **attached:** • NIGPSC Conveners Report • 2023 IGP Stats
		12.4.2	**Proposed amendments to Schedule 05B(02) – Regulations for International Working Dog Trials and International Tracking Dog Trials (IGP)** Submitted by NAPC IGP Sub-Committee. **Proposal 1:** It is proposed that Schedule 05B(02) Regulation 2.8 be amended as indicated below: **Motivation:** The International Utility Dog Regulations (IGP), governed by the FCI, does not contain a stipulation as embodied in Regulation 2.8. FCI-IGP Sport in South Africa should be in sync with the International Regulations. In the various Tracking Trials that are available through the FCI-IGP, the qualifications obtained by dogs tracking "a stranger's track" are usually governed by a draw system which is designed to keep the Tracklayer from knowing whose track he/she might be laying. As such, the Tracklayer would not be afforded the opportunity to alter the track laid in favour for or against a competitor. The FCI-IGP Sport in South Africa is a small community and limiting the potential Tracklayers available for selection, especially in larger competitions, is detrimental to the continued success and growth of the sport. These changes proposed below, if approved, will be made to the following sections of Schedule 05B(02): Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] 2.8 [~~Track laying~~] **Tracklaying** [~~No~~] Tracks shall be laid by a [~~Track Layer~~] **Tracklayer**, **who may also be** [~~is~~] a member of the same household as the owner or the handler of the dog. The age of the track is to be calculated from the time that the [~~Track Layer~~] **Tracklayer** commences the laying of the track. **Proposal 2**: Submitted by the KUSA Office. **Proposal:** Housekeeping to amend the spelling of "Track Layer" to one word, "Tracklayer" and, likewise, "Track Laying" to "Tracklaying". Motivation: Upon receipt of the Proposal 1 above, it was noticed that the spelling of "Track Layer" and "Track Laying" was not grammatically correct. The error has been rectified under Proposal 1, whereas Proposal 2 seeks to correct the error throughout Schedule 05B(02) **Proposed** housekeeping amendments to Schedule 05B(02): Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] **CONTENT** 2.8 [~~Track laying~~] **Tracklaying** **2 MANAGEMENT OF FCI-IGP** **2.7 Order of competition** 2.7.2 Based on the initial draw in Grades 2 and 3 the competitors will be taken to the

			tracking ground in groups of three (3) or four (4), where a second draw will define the order of tracking for that group so that they are unaware of the specific [~~Track Layer~~] **Tracklayer** whose track their dog will be required to follow. Communication with the [~~Track Layer~~] **Tracklayer** is forbidden.
	12.5		**Schedule 05B(03)TT – Regulations for Tracking Trials**
		12.5.1	**Proposed amendments to the J1 Judges' Contract** Submitted by NAPC Tracking Trials Sub-Committee **Proposal:** To allow Judges to use an aid when walking over the rough terrain experienced in field-based sports such as Tracking Trials, Working Trials, Field Trials, IGP and Working Utility Dog. **Motivation:** The nature of Tracking Trials, Working Trials, Field Trials, IGP and Working Utility Dog is such that the land is often ploughed land, harvested land (for feed) and open veld, which is extremely uneven, and even the most agile of Judges sometimes fall into holes and trip over vegetation. In addition, our Judges are watching dogs and handlers whilst walking and so are not watching the land surfaces for pitfalls. As such, they are in even more danger of falling on uneven land surfaces. To safeguard the health and mobility of our Judges, we request that the clause be amended to allow for Judges to choose to use appropriate mechanical or physical aids (such as leaning on a tracking pole/shepherd's staff, or stick, while walking behind a competitor), should they believe that such aids would be conducive to their mobility during the various exercises. Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] These changes, if approved, will be made to the following sections of the J1 Judges' Contract: 9. By entering into this Contract, the Judge warrants that [….] f) when contracted to judge Working Trials (Classic), Tracking Trials, Working Utility Dog, Dog Rescue or IGP Trials, he/she i) is at a physical and psychological fitness level that would allow him/her to move freely during all exercises and being able to follow a dog while the dog is on track, or during the search & identify exercises in Working Utility Dog or Tracker Dog stakes or during quartering search in the Police Dog Stake; ii) is capable of completing the judging assignment without any physical or mechanical assistance, **or with appropriate mechanical or physical assistance that allows for the Judge to move freely over the terrain used during all exercises** (refer to 9(c)(i) above).
	12.6		**Schedules 05C (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) & (6) – Regulations for Field Trials**
		12.6.1	**Report by the Field Trial Liaison Council Chairman** Field Trial Liaison Council Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023: 2023 Continued to be a challenging year for the field trialling community, however, there was significant activity and positive development especially in the Gundog Hunting Tests and Versatile Hunting Tests fraternities.

			The majority of disciplines were successful in holding successful Field Trials and Tests across the country. On the upside, a total of 383 dogs ran in Retriever Trials, 49 in Spaniel Trials, five dogs ran in the Natural Ability Test, 34 in HPR Trials, 30 in Shooting Ratings,15 in Versatile Hunting Tests' Pointing Breeds and 19 in Gundog Hunting Tests. A number of Retriever Clubs and Versatile Breed Clubs also managed to hold Working Tests and workshops during the season, which enabled dogs to get some extra training and Trial experience. The FTLC has continued to focus on improving judging skills in all disciplines and on trying to attract new judges to the sport. To this extent, five new candidates registered for judging exams this year and four Judging/Test Seminars were held by the various disciplines and were attended by large numbers of Judges and participants. 1. Tough Calls Judges Seminar for Retrievers 2. Tough Calls Judges Seminar for Spaniels 3. Versatile Hunting Dogs Test Seminar 4. Gundog Hunting Test Seminar These were all sponsored by the FTLC and were extremely successful. New written examinations were drafted for Schedules 05C(3) and 05C(6) and are now available for aspirant Judges. The Retriever Disciplines also amended the Schedule 05C(1) Retrievers to include "single dog registration" for purposes of allowing entry to Field Trials of non-breed KUSA-registered dogs under special dispensation as a Working Retriever. A proposed Field Trial calendar has been set for 2024 with a total of 34 events proposed, which we look forward to seeing rolling out in the new season. For those readers interested in learning more or participating in Field Trials, the FTLC website (http://www.kusa.coza/fieldtrials) contains up to date information and links to the Field Trial Clubs. Dr Alan Kloeck Chairman: Field Trial Liaison Council of KUSA
		12.6.2	**Proposed amendments to Schedule 05C(1) – Regulations for Retriever Field Trials** Submitted by Field Trials Liaison Council. **Proposal 1:** Clarification of A.3.2.8 – Single Dog Registration. **Motivation:** To clarify which dogs will be allowed to be registered on the Single Dog - Dogsport Record and enter Field Trials. **Proposed** changes to Schedule 05C(1): Insertions in **<u>underlined bold type</u>** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] **A.3.2.8 Single Dog Registration** Retriever-type dogs, Retriever (Chesapeake Bay); Retriever (Curly Coated); Retriever (Flat Coated); Retriever (Golden); Retriever (Labrador), registered with KUSA on the Single Dog - *Dogsport Record* (Dogs of any Ancestry) may enter

			any stake as defined in A.3.2.3 and A3.2.5 at the discretion of the Management Committee of the Club holding the [~~field trials~~] **Field Trials** but may not be placed, nor receive awards, Guns' Choice, SAHR points, nor champion status. [~~A handler/owner, who has never participated in Retriever field trials, may only submit registration for one dog on the Single Dog – *Dogsport Record* for participation in field trials to ensure that new handlers are encouraged to purchase pure breed Retrievers thereafter~~.] **A handler/owner may only ever register one dog on the Single Dog – Dogsport Record for participation in [~~field trials~~] Field Trials to [~~ensure that new~~] encourage handlers [~~are encouraged~~] to purchase KUSA registered Retrievers thereafter.** **Proposal 2:** Housekeeping amendment submitted by the KUSA Office Whilst submitting Proposal 1 from the FTLC, the KUSA Office noticed the incorrect lower-case usage of "field trials", instead of "Field Trials". **Motivation:** To amend Proposal 1 and the following Regulations in Schedule 05C(1) to Field Trials for consistency throughout the Schedule. **Proposed** changes to Schedule 05C(1): Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] A.8.1.5.4.4 Judges that have been inactive in judging and/or running a dog in [~~field trials~~] **Field Trials** for a period of 5 years, will be required to rewrite the examinations on both Schedule 05C(1), and Schedule 03 and Schedule 09, Appendix B, before being re-instated.
		12.6.3	Schedule 05C(2) – Regulations for Flushing Spaniel Field Trials – no submissions
		12.6.4	**Proposed amendments to Schedule 05C(3) – Regulations for Hunt Point Retrieve** Submitted by Field Trials Liaison Council. **Proposal:** Amendment to 9.1.2.4 – Rules Governing the Natural Ability Test. To permit Judges from the other testing Schedules 05C(4), 05C(5) and 05C(6), to judge the Field Work Section of the Natural Ability Test. Clarification of references. **Motivation:** Availability of HPR 05C(3) Judges is minimal. Clubs have to go to great expense to pay for transport and accommodation for Judges to officiate at the Natural Ability Test. Taking financial constraints into consideration, it would make matters considerably easier to be able to contract Judges **qualified through any of the Schedule 05C cluster, as relevant. [**~~from the other HPR Testing Schedules~~.] **Proposed** changes to Schedule 05C(3) Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] **9.1.2 Rules Governing the Natural Ability Test** [~~9.1.2.4 The test must be conducted by three (3) official Judges, two (2) of whom will be on the A or B Panel for HPR Field Trials, and one (1) of whom will be either on the Gundog Group Panel or on the Panel for the breed(s) being tested. The club will appoint a Senior Judge, who~~

			~~must be on the A or B Panel of Judges for HPR field trials. The HPR field trial Judges will be responsible for evaluating the obedience and fieldwork sections of the test. Should there be a difference of opinion between these two Judges, the Senior Judge will have the casting vote. The conformation Judge will be responsible only for the conformation evaluation.~~] **9.1.2.4 The Test must be conducted by three (3) Judges, two (2) of whom will be on the A or B Panel of Judges for HPR Field Trials (HPR) Schedule 05C(3), Shooting Ratings (SR) Schedule 05C(4), Gundog Hunting Tests (GHT) Schedule 05C(5), or Versatile Tests – Pointing Dogs (VT) Schedule 05C(6) and one (1) of whom will be on the KUSA Gundog Group Panel or on the panel for the breed(s) being tested. The Club will appoint a Senior Judge, who must be on the A or B Panel of Judges for HPR, ST, GHT or VT. The HPR, SR, GHT or VT Judges will be responsible for evaluating the obedience and fieldwork sections of the Test. Should there be a difference of opinion between these two Judges, the Senior Judge's opinion would prevai. [~~will have the casting vote~~.] The conformation Judge will only be responsible for the conformation evaluation.** **9.1.4 The Natural Ability Certificate and Title** 9.1.4.2 Upon successful completion of the Test, the owner will be issued an official KUSA Natural Ability Certificate by the club holding the **T**[~~t~~]est. The Certificate will state the owner's name, the dog's registered name and registration number, registered names and registration numbers of the dog's sire and dam, the breed of dog, and that the dog has been tested as an all-purpose, versatile hunting dog complying with the minimum standards and natural abilities of an HPR breed (refer **8.1.7.1** SPECIMEN NATURAL ABILITY CERTIFICATE). The Certificate shall be signed by all Judges and by the Secretary of the Club holding the **T[**~~t~~]est. (Clubs may, at their discretion, issue an informal club certificate to a dog [~~which~~] **that** passes the Obedience, Field and Waterwork sections, but [~~which~~] **that** fails the Conformation test. This certificate must be clearly marked to indicate that the dog is not recommended for breeding and that the dog is not qualified to carry the NA title). 9.1.4.3 Official **T**[~~t~~]est **S**[~~s~~]heets (refer 9.2 SPECIMEN NATURAL ABILITY TEST EVALUATION SHEET) of those dogs successfully completing the **T[**~~t~~]est shall be completed and signed by all Judges and by the Secretary of the Club holding the T[~~t~~]est (refer to **8.1.7.2**). It will be the duty of the Club Secretary to send the completed [~~test sheets~~] **Test Sheets** to KUSA for storage and in order that the NA title may be reflected on the dog's **Registration Certificate.** [~~registration certificate.~~]
		12.6.5	**Proposed amendment to Schedule 05C(4) – Regulations for Shooting Ratings** Submitted by the Field Trials Liaison Council. **Proposal:** 1. Housekeeping – Capitalisation of C in Constitution, Change spelling of 'Programme' in 3 places, insertion of words in 1.6.1. 2. Addition of extra criteria for Learner Judges, and for B Panel Judges wishing to upgrade to A Panel. 3. Omission of words 'if possible' from 3.3.3. **Motivation:** 1. Housekeeping. 2. Addition of extra criteria: To bring requirements in line with the other Testing Schedules, 05C(5) and 05C(6). With the opening up of Schedule 05C(4) to all HPR

			Breeds, it is necessary to make sure that Judges have practical experience as well as theoretical knowledge. 3. As SDX dogs are expected to back and honour a brace mate, the test MUST be run in braces. **Proposed amendment to Schedule 05C(4)** Insertions in **<u>underlined bold type</u>** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] **2.1 Regulations & Licensing** 2.1.1 Regulations relating to licensing and to all other matters to do with the Shooting Ratings as set out in Schedule 03 and Schedule 04 of the [~~c~~]**<u>C</u>**onstitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa shall apply to the Shooting Ratings **<u>insofar</u>** [~~so far~~] as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 05C(4). **D. QUALIFICATION OFJUDGES** **1. Learner Judge** An **<u>Aspiring</u>** [~~Aspirant~~] Learner Judge must pass an Open Book Examination **<u>and must have at least successfully handled one (1) dog in NSD and NRD</u>** before commencing the practical aspects of Judging Schedule 05C(4). **2. B Panel Judge** [~~2.1 In order to become a B Panel Judge for the Shooting Ratings a Kennel Union member will have had to have officiated as a Learner Judge at a minimum of two (2) occasions at Shooting Ratings and have had reports as to why he "Passed" or "Failed" dogs accepted by the Senior judge at each Rating~~] 2.1 **<u>In order to become a B Panel Judge for the Shooting Ratings, an Aspirant Judge must:</u>** • **<u>be a member in good standing of the Kennel Union</u>** • **<u>officiate as a Learner Judge at a minimum of two (2) Shows at Shooting Ratings Tests</u>** • **<u>have a minimum of one (1) dog judged at SD and RD level</u>** • **<u>submit reports on the reasons as to why he "Passed" or "Failed" dogs accepted by the Senior Judge at each Rating</u>** • **<u>have successfully handled one or more dog(s) in at least one (1) SD and one (1) RD level</u>** **2.3 A Panel Judge** In order to become an A Panel Judge a B Panel Judge, the Judge will have to have acted as a B Panel Judge at least three (3) Shooting Ratings **<u>and have successfully handled one or more dog(s) in at least one (1) SD and one (1) RD level</u>** and be recommended by the A Panel Judge officiating at each of those Ratings. Upon acceptance by FTLC, Judges will have their names put forward to be included on the list of A Panel Shooting Rating Judges. **1.6 Compulsory number of Judges for various Classes** The minimum compulsory number of panel Judges for the various classes is two (2), of which one (1) is to be **<u>designated as</u>** Senior Judge. **1.6.1 Senior Judge** The affiliated club holding a Shooting Rating must appoint the Senior Judge **<u>from the A Panel list</u>**. **3.3 SHOOTING DOG EXCELLENT (SDX)** 3.3.3 Dogs shall be run in Braces [~~if possible~~] and the [~~test~~] **<u>Test</u>** shall be set as close as possible **<u>to</u>** [~~as~~] a natural shooting situation. **<u>Dogs must demonstrate all relevant</u>**

			manners required by the Test. [~~with all manners associated with that type of test required.~~]
***		12.6.6	**Proposed amendments to Schedule 05C(5) – Regulations for Gundog Hunting Tests** Submitted by Field Trial Liaison Council. **Proposal:** 1. Qualification of Judges: Broadening criteria. 2. Adding minimum age of the dog. 3. Allowing dogs registered in Judge's name to run in a trial judged by him. 4. Allowing 50% of fees to be withheld if test is cancelled. 5. Allowing collars to be used for safety purposes. 6. Allowing for outstanding work to be acknowledged. 7. Describing conformation faults. 8. Age restriction on higher tests. 9. The balance of changes is housekeeping. **Motivation:** 1. To asses if the Learner Judge has a thorough understanding of the work required. 2. To set the minimum age limit. 3. On numerous occasions dogs could not be tested, [~~owing~~] **due** to the fact that change of ownership from breeder (Judge) to new owner has not taken place. 4. Preparation for tests (acquisition of cold game) is done well in advance of the tests. Survey and preparation of the grounds are also done in advance. 5. Many breeds range far and wide and for safety it may be necessary to be able to track the dog. The tests include forest work where it is essential to be able to track the dog. 6. To give extra credit for outstanding work. 7. Defining conformation faults. 8. These tests are too advanced for a very young dog. 9. New score sheets – simplified for ease of use. 10. Housekeeping - Certain aspects were lost in translation. With different software systems, mistakes occurred. 11. FTLC Schedules must be amended at Fedco 12-2023 to be effective for an entire season. **Proposed** amendments to Schedule 05C(5) **attached.** **Proposed** amendments to related Test Report Cards **attached:** • Advanced Hunting Test • Utility Hunting Test • Youth Hunting Test • After Shot Hunting Test Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]
		12.6.7	Schedule 05C(6) – Regulations for Versatile Tests – Pointing Breeds – no submissions
	12.7		**Schedule 05D – Regulations for Dog Jumping Grades** – no submissions
		12.7.1	**Report by NSC Convener** National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023: Over the past year, the National Sub-Committee has striven to improve the Dogsport of Dog Jumping with regulation changes that benefit both dog, handler and Judge. To this end, I would

			like to thank the National Sub-Committee members for their dedication to the sport and its longevity. I would like to thank Carolyn Chelchinskey as Secretary, and all newcomers on the National Committee. I hope we can grow the sport further. The past year has been a strange year for the Dog Jumping fraternity. We had a refresher Dog Jumping course and thank all who attended from Gauteng, Eastern Cape Western Cape and KZN. At the NAPC Bumper Weekend, the Interprovincial was held. Thanks to all the Provincial Councils for fielding teams. The Dog Jumping League has been a success and isgrowing. Thanks to all the Provincial Councils for coming on board. Again, to the National Sub-Committee, keep up the good work and I look forward to working with you. Bobby Boyd Convener: National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee
	12.8		**Schedule 05G – Regulations for Dog Carting** – no submissions
		11.8.1	**Report by NSC Convener** National Carting Sub-Committee Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023: Provincial Councils with Carting Sub-Committees have steadfastly continued to train and encouraged Clubs to hold Shows. Grateful thanks to the hosting Clubs throughout SA for offering carting at their shows. Carting judges have happily stepped forward when asked to judge. Thank you all for giving up your time. Carting entries have varied from Show to Show because of the economic conditions in the country. This has hampered Clubs to budget for Shows in advance. We have found that travelling out of province has hampered many Carters to fulfil requirements needed to make dogs into Grand Champions and obtain Colours. It is likely that requirements in the near future to obtain these will have to be altered. The KUSA Nationals were held in Gauteng and the National Judge travelled from KZN to fulfil this commitment. I sincerely hope that the strain on handlers' pockets will not hamper Shows continuing in the near future. Let's continue to enjoy our sport Eleanor Gow Convener: National Carting Sub-Committee
	12.9		**Schedule 05L (Appendix A to and including Appendix I) – Regulations for Agility** – no submissions
		12.9.1	**Report by NSC Convener**

National Agility Sub-Committee Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023:

During the past year, the NAgSC members have been kept very busy attending to several key initiatives. The bulk of these initiatives were necessary to align and update our KUSA schedules with the recent FCI changes. The major activities undertaken during this last year include the following;

- Voting towards FCI Agility Rule changes;
- Updating of the KUSA Schedule 05L and relevant Appendices.

In addition, we successfully handled the regular annual events, including:
- SAAC Finals 2022;
- National Agility League 2022;
- SAAC Trials 2023.

I wish to thank the entire NAgSC for their efforts, as well as the KUSA Office support team for their assistance.

FCI Agility Rule Changes:
The FCI Agility Commission undertakes an exercise of updating its rules once every 5 years. There were some notable changes this time around, namely the addition of new Intermediate height category (previous incorporated into the Large height category) and the removal of the up-contact judging criteria on the Dog Walk and the A-Frame being the most significant.

KUSA Schedule 05L and appendices changes:
The NAgSC spent significant time ensuring that the relevant parts of Schedule 05L were updated to be aligned with the FCI rule changes, as well as updating the Schedule 05L to improve readability, improve the nomenclature and standardisation of terminology.

SAAC Finals 2022:
The KZN Agility Sub-Committee hosted SAAC 2022 and the event was a significant success The event attracted competitors from around the country and a Kelpie won the Large height category for the first time. I would like to thank Bev and her team for organizing and hosting the event.

Nutribyte renewed their sponsorship of the event for 2022, which was greatly appreciated.
A small team (eventually 2 handler and dog teams) were selected to represent KUSA and the FCI AWC 2022 in Austria.

National Agility League 2022:
The National Agility League for 2022 was very successful, with a total of R20 200.00 being raised as Entry Fees. This is the highest amount recorded in the last 4 years. The top 5 dogs received automatic qualifications towards SAAC 2023, and dog brush prizes sponsored by Pet Teezer.

SAAC Trials 2023:
A significant number of dogs entered the SAAC Trials for 2023, with Entry Fees increasing by over 15% versus 2022. A new format of selection for the SAAC Finals is being used from 2023, which eliminates the previous concerns of reserves and waiting lists.

This appears to have been widely accepted, and appreciated by al handlers. Everyone is looking forward to the DOGSPC Agility Sub-Committee hosting the event again in June 2023. Nutribyte have again renewed their title sponsorship for the event.

Rob Hall
Convener: National Agility Sub-Committee

		12.9.2	Schedule 05L – Regulations for Agility
		12.9.3	Schedule 05L Appendix A – FCI Agility World Championships
		12.9.4	Schedule 05L Appendix B – FCI Agility Obstacle Guidelines
		12.9.5	Schedule 05L Appendix C – Regulations for the selection of the South African Dogs to Compete at the FCI Agility World Championships
		12.9.6	Schedule 05L Appendix D – Regulations for the South African Agility Championships
		12.9.7	Schedule 05L Appendix E – Regulations for Agility Judges
		12.9.8	Schedule 05L Appendix F – Regulations for the National Agility League (NAL)
		12.9.9	Schedule 05L Appendix G – Regulations for the Annual National Agility Inter-Provincial Competition
		12.9.10	Schedule 05L Appendix H – FCI Agility Judging Guidelines
		12.9.11	Schedule 05L Appendix I – FCI Agility Regulations.
	12.10		**Schedule 05M – Regulations for Flyball –** no submissions
***		12.10.1	**Report by NSC Convener** Report **attached.**
	12.11		**Aptitude Testing** – no submissions
	12.12		**Schedule 05Q – Rescue Dog Trials (RDT)** – no submissions
	12.13		**Schedule 05R – Dog Dancing Heelwork to Music (HTM) & Schedule 05S – Musical Freestyle (MFS)**
***		12.13.1	**Proposed amendments to Schedule 05R Heelwork to Music (+associated changes to Schedule 03 and Application Forms) – Inclusion of Supreme Champion Status** Submitted by DOGSPC and NAPC Dog Dancing Sub-Committees **Proposal:** Dog Dancing proposes to amend the schedules for both Musical Freestyle and Heelwork to Music to include a SUPREME Champion. This level would follow on the Grand Champion level. **Motivation:** There are several handlers and dogs that have achieved the Grand Champion title – the highest level in this form of Dogsport. The handlers and dogs are currently just competing and getting QCs with nothing more to strive for. It is proposed to introduce a new higher level – Supreme Champion – which will provide an incentive to continue achieving in this form of Dogsport. 1. The qualification scores will be higher than for the Advanced level – 9.5 for both Technical Merit and Artistic Interpretation. 2. The handler and dog will achieve the title Supreme Champion when they have obtained 10 QCs with a score of 9.5 or higher in both TM and AI. Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] Proposed changes to Schedule 05R **attached.**
***		12.13.2	**Proposed amendments to Schedule 05R Heelwork to Music – Inclusion of a Junior Level** Submitted by DOGSPC and NAPC Dog Dancing Sub-Committees **Proposal:** Dog Dancing proposes to include a new class – JUNIOR LEVEL for under 18s. **Motivation:**

			Presently we have two Juniors (under 18 years of age) that are competing in Dog Dancing. As there is no Junior level, they have to compete in the adult section and achieve qualifying scores at that level. In most countries where Dog Dancing is practised, special level for Junior handlers is on offer. We would like to update our Schedules to include a Junior level with scores that are obtainable for under 18s. We believe that by offering a Junior level, it will attract more under 18s to the sport. Insertions in **<u>underlined bold type</u>** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] Proposed changes to Schedule 05R **attached.** Proposed Dog Dancing Junior Record Card 2023 **attached.**
***		12.13.3	**Proposed amendments to Schedule 05S Musical Freestyle (+associated changes to Schedule 03 and Application Forms) – Inclusion of Supreme Champion Status** Submitted by DOGSPC and NAPC Dog Dancing Sub-Committees **Proposal:** Dog Dancing proposes amendments to the Schedules for both Musical Freestyle and Heelwork to Music to include a SUPREME Champion. This level would follow on the Grand Champion level. **Motivation:** There are several handlers and dogs that have achieved the Grand Champion title – the highest level in this form of Dogsport. The handlers and dogs are currently just competing and getting QCs with nothing more to strive for. It is proposed to introduce a new higher level – Supreme Champion – which will provide an incentive to continue achieving in this form of Dogsport. 3. The qualification scores will be higher than for the Advanced level – 9.5 for both Technical Merit and Artistic Interpretation. 4. The handler and dog will achieve the title Supreme Champion when they have obtained 10 QCs with a score of 9.5 or higher in both TM and AI. Insertions in **<u>underlined bold type</u>** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] Proposed changes to Schedule 05S **attached.**
***		12.13.4	**Proposed amendments to Schedule 05S Musical Freestyle – Inclusion of a Junior Level** Submitted by DOGSPC and NAPC Dog Dancing Sub-Committees **Proposal:** Dog Dancing proposes to include a new class – JUNIOR LEVEL for under 18s. **Motivation:** Presently we have two Juniors (under 18 years of age) that are competing in Dog Dancing. As there is no Junior level, they have to compete in the adult section and achieve qualifying scores at that level. In most countries where Dog Dancing is practised, special level for Junior handlers is on offer. We would like to update our Schedules to include a Junior level with scores that are obtainable for under 18s. We believe that by offering a Junior level, it will attract more under 18s to the sport.

			Insertions in **<u>underlined bold type</u>** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] Proposed changes to Schedule 05S **attached.** Proposed Dog Dancing Junior Record Card 2023 **attached.**
	12.14		**Schedule 05T – Regulations for Rally Dog** – no submissions
		12.14.1	**Report by NSC Convener** NATIONAL CONVENER REPORT – 2023 The National Rally Dog Sub-Committee has had a year of setting and achieving goals, across SA, as has each province that makes up the NRDSC. We continue to grow our Dogsport beautifully in all provinces and have added to the pool of judges in most provinces, holding judges' workshops and preparing the aspirant judges for the exams to be written and then assisting those that require shadow appointments so they may feel confident to step into the ring to judge. All provinces have been issuing Record Cards and although I do not have a total from each province, I am informed that all provinces have grown Rally Dog. Rally Dog took part for the first time in the KUSA Nationals 2023 held in Gauteng. The result was an unbelievable tie for 1st place between WC's Sylia Stringer & Danny and KZN's Maxine Quinton & Kendo, these two dogs achieving the exact same score and with the exact same time, with Sylvia's dog Lizzie taking 3rd place. We are proud of all the handlers and their dogs. We had an interesting year in terms of FCI, where Martinus van der Vyver resigned as FCI representative for South Africa and Mrs Chantal Ross-Germishuys was unanimously voted in as FCI Representative. Chantal updates us with the following: The FCI Rally Obedience Commission (FCI ROC), that is currently made up of 13 countries, officially meet online every two months where South Africa is represented by Chantal Ross-Germishuys with a vote. These are official meetings that are recorded in writing and submitted to the FCI which in turn, submits the Minutes of Meetings to Fedco. Every other month an informal meeting takes place. There is also a closed group on Facebook where members of the FCI ROC have ongoing discussions regarding rules & regulations, questions, suggestions, etc. The FCI ROC Annual Meeting took place in Germany from 18 to 20 August 2023. Countries that could not attend in person joined via Skype. Accordingly, South Africa was represented. The focus of the FCI ROC for the past year has seen changes: 1. FCI ROC World Championship Regulations. 2. Judging Guidelines. 3. New signs with detailed explanations. 4. Video clips with different dog breeds showing how signs are executed. 5. Building a Judges training section that can be shared by the FCI Representative with their respective countries. 6. Course Planner and judging sheet for Judges. The FCI ROC hope to pass all of the above shortly and will then distribute to the various countries that form part of the Commission. The NRDSC will then make a decision on when to implement the changes that pertain to South Africa.

			Taking the above into account, the FCI will be issuing the new signs in due course and the NRDSC have voted to follow the FCI numbering of signs but to also retain our current SA signs and re-number them at the end of each level of signs. As there are some changes to address in the Schedule 05T, the NRDSC agreed to wait for the June 2024 Fedco meeting for the changes to incorporate the new signs as well. Thank you to the people who make up the NRDSC for their time and efforts to keep and grow this Dogsport across South Africa. Thank you also to KUSA and Fedco for their support of Rally Dog to date. Robyn Clements Convener: National Rally Dog Sub-Committee
	12.15		**Schedule 05U – Regulations for Mondioring** – no submissions
		12.15.1	Schedule 05U – Appendix A – International Rules of Mondioring Competition
		12.15.2	Schedule 05U – Appendix B – South African Begleithund (BH ZA) Requirements for Mondioring
13			**MATTERS RELATING TO SPECIAL EVENTS – VARIOUS SCHEDULES 05E** – no submissions
14			**MATTERS RELATING TO COMPANION EVENTS – SCHEDULE 11 + Schedules 11(A), 11(B) and 11(C)**
	14.1		**Schedule 11(A) - Regulations for Canine Good Citizen (CGC)** (Fedco 06-2019 end of Item 5.1, Fedco 12-2020 Item 5.1.2, Fedco 06-21 Item 5.23.1, Fedco 12-2021 Item 5.23.1, Fedco 06-2022 Item 12.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 12.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 13.1) No submissions.
	14.2		**Schedule 11(B) – Regulations for Scent Work** (Fedco 12-2020 item 5.20) No submissions.
	14.3		**Schedule 11(C) – Regulations for Trick Dog Test** (Fedco 06-2020 Item 8.10, Fedco 12-2020 Item 5.19, Fedco 06-2022 Item 12.3.1, Fedco 12.2022 Item 12.3)
***		14.3.1	**Proposed amendments to Schedule 11(C)** Submitted by Trick Dog Evaluators. **Proposal:** To: • Amend heading to align with that of other Schedules • Remove the word 'Test' from Trick Dog Tests as dogs are evaluated and not tested • Remove obsolete passages, e.g. grandfathering clauses • Grammar corrections • Reduce number of repetitions required as it is proving excessive in certain tricks (introduced to see competency vs one lucky shot) • Introduce the ability to append qualifications after a dog's name for the lower levels (i.e. not Champion) • Clarify wording, which is proving problematic, e.g. use of food and lures • Introduce the ability to fail tests outright under certain circumstances **Motivation:** As Trick Dog grows and develops, certain refinements have become necessary. In addition, the initial clauses to grandfather Judges and dogs have become irrelevant and should be removed to avoid confusion going forward. Insertions in **<u>underlined bold type</u>** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] **Proposed** amendments to Schedule 11(C) **attached.**

15			**MATTERS RELATING TO JUDGING OF BREED AND DOGSPORT**
	15.1		**Report by the Chairman of the JEC**
	15.2		**JEC Constitution** [***Note**: The JEC, established in terms of Article 3.11 of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA) as a sui generis Council, shall operate nationally under the provisions of this Constitution and under such additional powers as may be delegated to it from time to time by the Federal Council of KUSA.* *The Federal Council of KUSA may, at any time, revoke any or all of the powers granted to the JEC.* *Acceptance of proposed amendments to the JEC Constitution are at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Federal Council and are for **noting** by all other parties.*]
		15.2.1	**Proposed amendments to the JEC Constitution Annexure "B"** **Proposal:** To amend the positions and Key Functions of the members of the JEC as recorded on Annexure "B" to the JEC Constitution. **Motivation:** In line with the Fedco decision to recruit extra staff on a fixed term or limited duration contract basis, to address staff- and skills-shortages in certain departments of the KUSA Office, it was concluded at Fedco 12-2023 that it had become necessary to restore to the KUSA Office the Administrative functions of the JEC which, since the inception the JEC, had been outsourced to the JEC due to the limited staff resources at the time. In September 2023, Mrs Audrey Hauptfleisch (Gauteng) was engaged on a limited duration employment basis to act the JEC Administrative and Judges' Approval Procurement Officer. Mrs Hauptfleisch (Gauteng) will work in conjunction with Mrs Nadine Shortland, Shows' and Judges' Administrator. Proposed changes to the JEC Constitution Annexure "B" Insertions in **<u>underlined bold type</u>** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. **ANNEXURE "B"** **JUDGES EDUCATION COUNCIL OF KUSA**

POSITIONS & KEY FUNCTIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JEC *(Unless otherwise stated, references refer to Schedule 10, Appendix 1: Group Course)*
FEDCO REPRESENTATIVE | CHAIRMAN
• chair all meetings of the JEC • report back and liaise with Fedco on all matters relating to Breed Judges' Education and educational initiatives for other [~~Disciplines~~] **<u>branches of Dogsport</u>** entrusted to the JEC by Fedco • collate suggestions for changes into formal proposals • draft amendments to Schedules and the JEC Constitution for Fedco's consideration • maintain updates to the Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges licensed by KUSA *(Schedule 9 Appendix "B")* as required

- draft notices for the KUSA website and for distribution to Judges regarding changes or clarification of local and international regulations affecting Judges and judging
- review and moderate examinations
- maintain periodic contact with Portfolio Officers via reports/feedback

FEDCO REPRESENTATIVE | VICE-CHAIRMAN

- stand in as meeting chair if the Chairman unable to officiate
- report back and liaise with Fedco on all matters relating to Breed Judges' Education and educational initiatives for other [~~Disciplines~~] **branches of Dogsport** entrusted to the JEC by Fedco
- assist the Chairman to draft amendments to Schedules and the JEC Constitution for Fedco's consideration
- collate suggestions for changes into formal proposals
- review and moderate examinations if the Chairman is unable to officiate
- assist the Chairman in drafting notices for the KUSA website and for distribution to Judges regarding changes or clarification of local and international regulations affecting Judges and judging
- manage the JEC's finances and present budget to Fedco
- record the minutes of, or notes on, any meeting of the JEC and, in necessary, act as scrutineer for any voting

~~**[ADMIN OFFICER**~~

- ~~general administration:~~
    - ~~record new applications approved by the JEC *(Reg. 1.2.4.)*~~
    - ~~advise and guide Candidates with regard to support material and requirements *(Reg. 1.3.)*~~
    - ~~liaise the planning of the Level 1 Virtual Workshop with the Resources Officer *(Reg. 1.4.1.1.)*~~
    - ~~record Candidates' successful completion of the Level 1 Virtual Workshop, Open-book Worksheet and Paper 1 Examination *(Reg. 1.4.1.)*~~
    - ~~record Learners' chosen course(s) of study *(Reg. 2.2.1.)*~~
    - ~~record Learners' successful completion of Breed Tests – as supplied by Assessment Office r*(Reg. 2.3.1.7.)*~~
    - ~~record Learners' successful completion of Breed Hallmark Assignment or Breed Assignment (Breed Specialisation Course) – as supplied by Assessment Officer *(Reg. 2.3.2.7.)*~~
    - ~~record Learners' pending and completed judging appointments and their specific criteria relating to module requirements *(Reg. 2.3.3.7.)*~~
    - ~~record Learners' successful Skills Assessment – as supplied by Assessment Officer *(Reg. 2.3.3.7.)*~~
    - ~~record Learners' successful Judging Assessments – as supplied by Assessment Officer *(Reg. 2.3.3.7.)*~~
    - ~~request permission from Officiating Judge for Learner Judge to shadow and offer guidelines *(Reg. 2.2.4.2.)*~~
    - ~~record Learners' successful completion of Portfolio – as supplied by Support Officer *(Reg. 2.4.3.)*~~
- ~~liaise with the KUSA Office~~
- ~~liaise with Portfolio Officers~~
- ~~deal with general queries~~
- ~~record and maintain Learners' credits and progress spreadsheets~~
- ~~update Learners' credits and progress spreadsheets with the KUSA Office~~
- ~~any other relevant general administration]~~

ASSESSMENT OFFICER

- maintain list of Assessors and Mentors
- assign Mentors to Learner Judges for each course of study *(Reg. 2.2.1.)*
- assign Assessors to Learner Judges for three of Learner's judging appointments *(Reg. 2.3.3.8.)*

			• forward documentation to relevant parties (Breed Tests, Skills Assessment forms, judging assessment forms, etc.) *(Reg. 2.3.1.2., Reg. 2.3.3.11.)* • guide Mentors and Assessors in their functions and deal with queries • maintain communication and feedback with Mentors and Assessors • co-ordinate Learners' credits and progress with [~~Admin Office~~] **KUSA Judges' Department** *(Reg. 2.3.1.7., Reg. 2.3.2.7.)* **DEVELOPMENT OFFICER** • research and develop new study materials • review and update existing materials • research and prepare presentations and courses • prepare and update Breed Tests, Worksheets, and their respective memoranda • identify additional learning media and/or learning strategies for potential use in the Learning Programme • maintain change management and the integrity of the JEC's documentation **EXAMINATION OFFICER** • **liaise the planning of the Level 1 Virtual Workshop with the Resources Officer (Reg. 1.4.1.1.)** • **advise the KUSA Judges' Department on the Candidates' successful completion of the Level 1 Virtual Workshop, Open-book Worksheet and Paper 1 Examination (Reg. 1.4.1.)** • set new examination questions across all examination sections • review and adjust examination questions in line with study material changes • maintain and reset weighting matrix • set examination scripts and their respective memoranda • mark examination scripts • co-ordinate records with Moderator and KUSA **Judges' Department** [~~Office~~] • maintain question database and co-ordinate with KUSA **Judges' Department** [~~Office~~] • undertake the training of identified Officers of the JEC in the methodology and science of exam-setting with a view to setting a succession plan in place **RESOURCES OFFICER** • organise the Level 1 Virtual Workshop *(Reg. 1.4.1.)* • organise seminars and workshops nationally and internationally *(Reg. 2.3.6.1.a.)* • maintain timetable of seminars and workshops • prepare and distribute seminar and workshop announcements and publicity on email and appropriate social media platforms • administer registrations for seminars and workshops • explore and alert Learners to potential learning encounters nationally and internationally • create accessible web repository for learning encounters on the KUSA website • alert the Chairman to any matters deemed important to be brought to Judges' attention as an email or website notice **SUPPORT OFFICER** • receive and oversee Assessors' Skills Assessments for uniform quality control *(Reg. 2.3.3.11.)* • assess all portfolios for sign-off under a uniform system of quality control *(Reg. 2.4.2.)* • alert Learners to incomplete requirements and pursue the submission of outstanding documentation *(Reg. 2.4.3.)* • support and guide Learners towards finalisation of their portfolios *(Reg. 2.4.4.)* • co-ordinate Learners' credits and successful completion of portfolio with **the KUSA Judges' Department** [~~Admin Officer and advise the~~ KUSA Office] *(Reg. 2.4.3.)* • serve as external examiner for requested re-marks • moderate Learner queries and/or complaints

		15.2.2	**Proposed amendments to the JEC Constitution Clause 7 – Membership** **Proposal:** To amend the JEC Constitution to provide for flexibility in its membership. **Motivation:** In an environment where certain of its functions are executed by the KUSA Office and the rest by its Fedco-appointed members, it is not pragmatic for the JEC to be forced to appoint a minimum number of Members. In the ever-changing landscape of Judges' Education, the JEC needs to be able to be agile in its responses and not be constitutionally constrained by provisions which were considered appropriate a number of years ago. Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. **7. Membership** 7.1. The Members of the JEC shall be **appointed by the Federal Council on the recommendation of its two (2) Federal Council Representatives (refer to clause 7.3),** and serve at the sole discretion of the Federal Council. 7.2. The Federal Council shall have the right to terminate the appointment of any Member at any time with immediate effect. 7.3. The Members of the JEC shall comprise [~~no fewer than five (5) persons and no more than seven (7),~~] **the number of persons required to execute its various function at any given time**, inclusive of the two (2) Federal Council Representatives, designated appointed Chairman of the JEC and Vice-Chairman of the JEC respectively, the balance of whom to act in positions styled and approved by the Federal Council from time to time, fulfilling the key functions associated with those positions as determined by the Federal Council and appended as Annexure "B" hereto. 7.4. If deemed advisable by the Federal Council, one Member may hold two or more positions on the JEC and fulfil the functions assigned to those positions in tandem. 7.5. The appointment of Members shall be for two (2) calendar years and, during any two-year term, the Federal Councils shall be at liberty to appoint further Members [~~up to the maximum quota,~~]or replace Members who have resigned, or whose appointments have been terminated by the Federal Council. 7.6. Members may be re-appointed for consecutive terms and there is no limit on the number of terms a Member may serve on the JEC.
	15.3		**Matter relating to the Breed Judges Learning Programme – Schedule 10**
		15.3.1	**Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 – Group Course** **Housekeeping** in line with Item 15.2.1 above. **Proposal:** To amend to provide for a fresh procedure in the submission of Learners' documentation. **Motivation:** The shift of Key Functions in the JEC necessitates a different procedure for the submission of documents by the Learner Judges. **Proposed** changes to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 – Group Course **attached.** Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~].

			1.5. EXAMINATION: PAPER 1 1.5.9. If the Candidate is successful, he/she may register with the [~~JEC Admin Officer~~] **KUSA Judges' Department** to begin studies for one of the following: 1.5.9.1. a Group Course (See Reg. 2. below) 1.5.9.2. the Junior Showmanship Course (See Schedule 10, Appendix 2) or 1.5.9.3. a Breed Specialisation Course (See Schedule 10, Appendix 3) **2.3. MODULES** 2.3.1.7. The assigned Mentor will notify the JEC Assessment Officer of the successful completion of the Breed Tests, who will, in turn, co-ordinate the Learner's credits and progress with the [~~JEC Admin Officer~~] **KUSA Judges' Department**. 2.3.2.7. The assigned Mentor will notify the JEC Assessment Officer of the successful completion of the Breed Hallmarks Assignment, who will, in turn, co-ordinate the Learner's credits and progress with [~~JEC Admin Officer~~] **KUSA Judges' Department**. 2.3.3.6. On completion of the judging appointment, the Learner Judge must request the Show Secretary to endorse the report form. The Show Secretary will acknowledge having signed off on said report form in the normal Return of Show Levies form, which is required to be forwarded to the KUSA Office [~~and the JEC Admin Officer~~] as per normal procedure. 2.3.3.7. On receipt of the Return of Show Levies form from the Show Secretary, the KUSA Office[~~and the JEC Admin Officer~~] will record and update the Learner Judge's progress and grant clearance for future judging appointments. No clearance for future judging appointments shall be granted without this procedure having been completed correctly. **2.4. PORTFOLIO** 2.4.3. If found to have met all requirements satisfactorily, the JEC Support Officer will approve and sign off the Portfolio and notify the KUSA Office[~~and JEC Admin Officer~~] of such successful completion. **2.5. EXAMINATION: PAPER 2** 2.5.9. If the Examination Candidate is successful, he/she may register with the [~~JEC Admin Officer~~]KUSA Judges' Department to begin studies for a new course of study, if desired.
		15.3.2	**Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 2 – Junior Showmanship** **Housekeeping** in line with Item 15.2.1 above. **Proposal:** To amend to provide for a fresh procedure in the submission of Learners' documentation. **Motivation:** The shift of Key Functions in the JEC necessitates a different procedure for the submission of documents by the Learner Judges.

			Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 2 – Junior Showmanship Insertions in **<u>underlined bold type</u>** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. **6.4. REPORTS** 6.4.3. On receipt of the Return of Show Levies form from the Show Secretary, the KUSA Office[~~and the JEC Admin~~], Assessor, and Support Officers will record and update the Candidate's progress and grant clearance for future judging appointments. No clearance for future judging appointments shall be granted without this procedure having been completed correctly. **6.5. PORTFOLIO** 6.5.3. If found to have met all requirements satisfactorily, the JEC Support Officer will approve and sign off the Portfolio and notify the KUSA Office[~~and JEC Admin Officer~~] of such successful completion.
		15.3.3	**Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 3 – Breed Specialisation Course** **Housekeeping** in line with Item 15.2.1 above. **Proposal:** To amend to provide for a fresh procedure in the submission of Learners' documentation. **Motivation:** The shift of Key Functions in the JEC necessitates a different procedure for the submission of documents by Learners Judges. **Proposed** amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 3 – Breed Specialisation Course Insertions in **<u>underlined bold type</u>** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. **6. MODULES** **6.1. BREED TEST** 6.1.7. The assigned Breed Specialist Assessor will notify the JEC Assessment Officer of the successful completion of the Breed Test, who will, in turn, co-ordinate the Learner's credits and progress with[~~JEC Admin Officer~~] **<u>KUSA Judges' Department.</u>** **6.2. BREED HALLMARKS ASSIGNMENT** 6.2.7. The assigned Breed Specialist Assessor will notify the JEC Assessment Officer of the successful completion of the Breed Hallmarks Assignment, who will, in turn, co-ordinate the Learner's credits and progress with[~~JEC Admin Officer~~] **<u>KUSA Judges' Department.</u>** **6.3. JUDGING APPOINTMENTS** 6.3.5. On completion of the judging appointment, the Learner Judge must request the Show Secretary to endorse the critique forms. The Show Secretary will acknowledge having signed off on said critique forms in the normal Return of Show Levies form, which is required to be forwarded to the KUSA Office[~~and the JEC Admin Officer~~] as per normal procedure. 6.3.6. On receipt of the Return of Show Levies form from the Show Secretary, the KUSA Office[~~and JEC Admin Officer~~] will record and update the Learner Judge's progress and grant clearance for future judging appointments. No clearance for future judging appointments shall be granted without this procedure having been completed correctly. **6.8. PORTFOLIO**

			6.8.3. If found to have met all requirements satisfactorily, the JEC Support Officer will approve and sign off the Portfolio and notify the KUSA Office~~[and JEC Admin Officer~~] of such successful completion. **7. EXAMINATION: BREED SPECIALISATION** 7.10. If the Examination Candidate is successful, he/she may register with the~~[JEC Admin Officer~~],KUSA Judges' Department to begin studies for a new course of study, if desired.
		15.3.4	**Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 – KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme** **Housekeeping** in line with Item 15.2.1 above. **Proposal:** To amend to provide for a fresh procedure in the submission of Learners' documentation. **Motivation:** The shift of Key Functions in the JEC necessitates a different procedure for the submission of documents by the Learner Judges. **Proposed** changes to Schedule 10 – KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. These Regulations shall be read in conjunction with Schedule 03 *(Regulations for Championship Shows),* Schedule 03A *(Regulations for International Dog Shows*), Schedule 04 *(Regulations for Non-championship Shows),* Schedule 04A *(Regulations for Qualifying Shows),* Schedule 05K *(Regulations for Handler Classes)* and Schedule 09 *(Code of Ethics).* **3. APPENDIX 3 – BREED SPECIALISATION COURSE**: On the successful completion of Level 1, a Learner Judge may register to study a single breed at Specialist Level if he/she meets any additional qualifying criteria according to the relevant Breed Council or Breed Club(s). (*Note: The applicant must contact the JEC ~~[Admin]~~**Development** Officer to establish which Specialist Learning Programmes are offered.)*
		15.3.5	**Ratification of Fedco round robin – Dispensation request from the RWBA to hold their Championship Show on the JEC November 2023 Examination date. (**Fedco round robin 12.09.2023) **Proposal:** The JEC requests ratification by the Federal Council of a request submitted to the JEC from the Chairman of the Rottweiler Breed Council, Mr Neil Perkins, on behalf of the Rottweiler Working and Breeding Association (RWBA), to grant the RWBA a once-off dispensation to hold its Championship Show in 2023 on 11 November 2023, the same date allocated for the November 2023 JEC examinations. **Motivation:** The Rottweiler Working and Breeding Association (RWBA) had been struggling financially and had not been able to host its Championship Show on the allocated date in 2023. Generating funds from a Championship Show would serve this Club well in ensuring its continued survival. The newly elected Committee, albeit very small and inexperienced, have put plans in place to steer the Club forward. Every effort ought to be made to assist the Club to grow and continue to be productive and contribute to the system and KUSA as a whole. KUSA cannot afford to keep losing affiliated Clubs.

			The Executive Committee (Exco) would need agreement/approval from the JEC with regard to the RWBA's application to move their show date from Saturday, 30 September 2023 to Saturday, 11 November 2023, which happens to be the November JEC exam date. This is a once-off request in order to provide the new Chairman, Secretary and Committee with sufficient time to make all the arrangements for this Show. The previous Chairman resigned recently with no effective arrangements in place for the Show due to be held on 30 September. The new Committee was unable to go ahead with a Show due to be held in 3 weeks' time with the Show Schedule not having been distributed to exhibitors and with no logistical arrangements having been made. Having perused the KUSA Calendar to find an alternative date, the only available weekend was that of 11/12 November. However, the venue proved not to be available on 12 November. The newly affiliated NAPC Northern Areas Agility & Dog Jumping Club would be hosting a Dogsport event at Goldfields, in the SAWDOS Arena, which is the traditional venue for Rottweiler Clubs to accommodate a 60 x 40m ring normally set up for Specialist Shows, as well as sufficient parking space for trailers in the shade. The top grounds at Goldfields, although large enough, are unsuitable due to the lack of trees and shade. November is traditionally very hot and shade is crucial for the wellbeing of exhibits. There are only two Rottweiler persons registered to write the Rottweiler Specialist exam on 11 November – Mr Johann Fischer, who would not be able to exhibit under his officiating wife, Mrs Letsie Fischer, and Mr Osman Damon in Cape Town, who had provided email confirmation that he had no objection to the RWBA hosting its Show on the exam date. **[*Note: The practice to not allow Shows on Examination dates was instituted some time ago under a Fedco Directive and is not regulated anywhere.*]** Should Fedco ratify the proposal above for this once-off dispensation, the JEC would advise the Club and the KUSA Office that this was a once-off dispensation which will not be repeated in future. The KUSA Office would advise Exco accordingly, prior to its meeting on 19 September 2023. **For ratification.**
	15.4		**Matters relating to Dogsport Schedules**
***		15.4.1	**Adherence to a Fedco Directive for all Dogsport Schedules to include a provision identifying the TEO Manual as part of Learner Judges' Examination Study Material** (Fedco round robin MDF 27.07.23) Submitted by the KUSA Office. **Proposal:** To implement the Fedco Directive to include the Temporary Exclusion Order (TEO) Manual as compulsory Examination Study Material by inclusion of an appropriate provision in the various Dogsport Schedules. **Motivation:** Following on from Fedco 06-2023, to clear up any confusion regarding the TEO Manual being compulsory examination study material for Learner Judges, supplementing Schedule 03 and Schedule 09 Appendix B across all branches of Dogsport Fedco, at the Monthly Discussion Forum held on 27 July 2023, **directed** that this requirement be incorporated into all Dogsport Schedules. Proposed by MV, seconded by LT with unanimous support from Fedco. The **ratification** of the Fedco Directive will be recorded in the Minutes of Fedco 12-2023.

			Attached is a document reflecting amendments to the following Dogsport Schedules: • Schedule 05A – Regulations for Obedience Classes • Schedule 05B(01) – Regulations for Working Trials (Classic) • Schedule 05B(02) – KUSA Regulations for International Working Dog Trials and International Tracking Dog Trials (FCI-IGP) • Schedule 05B(03) – Regulations for Tracking Trials (TT) • Schedule 05B(04) – Regulations for Working Utility Dog • Schedule 05C(1) – Regulations for Retriever Field Trials • Schedule 05C(3) – Regulations for HPR Field Trials • Schedule 05C(4) – Regulations for Shooting Ratings • Schedule 05C(5) – Regulations for Gundog Hunting Tests • Schedule 05(6) – Regulations for Versatile Tests – Pointing Breeds • Schedule 05D – Regulations for Dog Jumping Grades • Schedule 05G – Regulations for Dog Carting • Schedule 05L – Regulations for Agility Judges • Schedule 05M – Regulations for Flyball • Schedule 05T – Regulations for Rally Dog • Schedule 11(A) – Regulations for Canine Good Citizen • Schedule 11(C) – Regulations for Trick Dog Tests
16			**MATTERS RELATING TO THE CODE OF ETHICS - SCHEDULE 09** – no submissions
17			**MATTERS RELATING TO BREED/LIAISON COUNCILS**
	17.1		**Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA (RBC)**
		17.1.1	**Report by the Rottweiler Breed Council Chairman** Rottweiler Breed Council Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023: We continue to see the effects of COVID with reduced entries at Specialist Shows, although Clubs are working hard to increase excitement and hopefully participation. Our exhibitors and Clubs continue under significant financial strain. In spite of tough economic pressure, we would like to thank the Praetor Rottweiler Club, who hosted our prestigious Sieger Show this year with great success. We are looking forward to yet another productive Council meeting this year. I am aware of some proposals in the pipeline and that they still require considerable work before they can be formally proposed and voted on. Some focus areas include DNA and a continued focus on the Health of our breed with strong collaboration with the broader Veterinary community. We continue to celebrate the successes of our Specialist Judges being invited to judge internationally. This is testament to the quality of judges we have produced. Equally, we would like to encourage our Learner Judges to complete their requirements so that they may extend their contribution to our sport. We are sad to report the resignation of Mr Dirk Van DeCasteele as the IFR President due to serious health concerns and wish him a speedy recovery. Closer to home, Mr Tommie Bezuidenhout had a number of health challenges recently and will be relocating to his family in Witbank as a result. We also wish him improved health in the coming year! I would like to thank each and every member Club, delegate, breeder, exhibitor and Judge for their concerted efforts during the past year. A special thank you to the concerted effort of Rottweiler Rescue, including all its volunteers and supporters. We all have a role to play in assisting them in whatever way we can.

			We wish the Meridian Rottweiler League every success with the planning of the next National Sieger Show in 2024. We are mindful of our responsibility to promote the immense working ability of our breed and constantly seek ways to grow this area. I would like to encourage the Clubs to host Working Seminars, Trials and Training to display the mental and physical ability of our working breed. Without preserving these aspects of our breed, we lose the essence of the Rottweiler. To conclude, the Council remains committed to its mandate and will continue to pursue the development of the Rottweiler within the KUSA area of jurisdiction through the support and input from affiliated Clubs and their dedicated membership bases. I would like to thank all the members of Fedco for their continued support of the Rottweiler and the initiatives that have enabled us to develop our breed to this extent. Neil Perkins Chairman: Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA
		17.1.2	**Schedule 05E(18) – Regulations for the South African Rottweiler Sieger Show** – no submissions
		17.1.3	**Schedule 05E(21) – Regulations for Rottweiler Specialist Championship Shows** – no submissions
	17.2		**Federation of Boxer Clubs of SA Breed Council (FBCSA BC)**
		17.2.1	**Chairman's Report** **No report submitted.**
	17.3		**German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council (GSDLC)**
		17.3.1	**Chairman's Report** **No report submitted.**
18			**MATTERS RELATING TO NATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES** – no submissions
19			**MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN**
	19.1		**German Shepherd Dog Federation of South Africa (GSDFSA) vs Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development (DALRRD) and Others** **Progress report.**
	19.2		**Dotsure presentation and proposal** **Progress report.**
20			**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS – CONFIRMED** ***2023:*** **1, 2 & 3 December 2023 – CONFIRMED** (Depending on the Agenda, meeting may be confined to 2 & 3 December.) ***2024:*** **28, 29 & 30 June – CONFIRMED** (Depending on the Agenda, meeting may be confined to 29 & 30 June.) **29 & 30 November plus 1 December – CONFIRMED** (Depending on the Agenda, meeting may be confined to 30 November & 1 December.)
21			**CLOSING OF MEETING**
	21.1		**Closing**