Fedco 06-2021 – Item 5.16.1 – Schedule 05T Rally – Motivation for Schedule changes.

1st March 2021

RE: AMENDMENTS TO RALLY SCHEDULE 5T AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO SCHEDULE 5T

On 17 October 2020, the WC Rally sub-committee hosted a Judges' Workshop and from feedback obtained on the workshop, it became clear to the sub-committee that more clarity was needed in terms of Judging Guidelines. When we put Schedule 5T together initially, we combined information from more than one source of documents and inadvertently this caused confusion in the Schedule 5T when read in totality. We have now clarified and detailed the way in which Rally Judges will be judging Rally, and we require the relevant changes to be made to the Schedule and supporting documents that relate to Schedule 5T.

It would be best if these changes could be made prior to the first Rally event, however, should that not be possible, the WC Rally sub-committee request that the Rally Judges Guidelines be distributed to any other provincial sub-committees prior to the 1st Rally event being held at a show, so that there is national uniformity in the method of judging.

Itemized below are the change we request to Schedule 5T as well as the detailed Rally Judges Guidelines and Rally Signs, previously Annexed to the 5T. In accordance with FEDCO requirements, insertions are underlined and deletions are [struck-through with square brackets].

Please also find the relevant documents attached, for ease of reference.

Changes to Schedule 5T:

1. All references to 'and Schedule 4' to be removed from Schedule 5T. The reason is that we were under the impression that a test had to be written on Schedule 4 (for non-championship shows) as well as Schedule 3, we have since been made aware that Schedule 4 is incorporated in Schedule 3, therefore there is no need to refer to 'and Schedule 4'.

2. Under Item 6.4 Test Cards, we wish to remove the word 'categories' and replace with levels and remove reference to awarding points. The reason is that the method of judging will be that a dog and handler start with a score and marks are deducted for errors. The point system pertains to a different method of judging where test cards are allocated points and as we are aligning fully to the FCI method of deductions on the course, we need to eliminate the confusion of referring to points.

Therefore, under 6.4 the schedule will now read as follows:

The Test Cards are defined as per the table below:
The Exercises have been divided into different [~~categories~~] **levels**, depending on their level of difficulty. [~~; and are awarded at 1 point, 2 points, 3 points and 4 points.~~]
Inside the table, in the heading row, we wish to delete the wording 1 point, 2 points, 3 points, 4 points.

3. Under Item 6.11, we wish to delete the wording [~~Excellent to Grand Master~~] in the top left block of the table, as all dogs regardless of their class, will jump the heights as listed.

4. Under item 6.14 Judging: we wish to add the words '**or past'**, with reference to the dog being timed from the start marker, the dog can either be at a sit and start the course, or depending on the layout of the course, they might need to walk past the start marker. We wish to clarify that it can be either from or past the start marker.

5. Under Item 8 - Rally Judges, we wish to add that judges must attend a Judges Workshop, as after hosting the WC sub-committee workshop we all agreed (judges included) that as the discipline is new, even an existing

working discipline a judge would require a workshop to learn from and have an opportunity to ask questions etc, therefore at this stage, we feel it is imperative that a workshop be held for all new judges to Rally.

Also in item 8.1, we wish to clarify that existing working discipline judges, after attending a Judges' Workshop and passing the required exam on Schedule 5T, will then be issued with their Rally Judges license and not the KUSA judges record card. The KUSA judges record card is for judges who have not yet judged any working discipline i.e. Learner Judges.

In Item 8.2, we have again added that judges are to attend a Rally Judges workshop and also added that the Learner Rally Judges will shadow judge at 2 non championship shows. Previously the schedule implied that a Learner Judge would judge at 2 non championship shows and from our workshop feedback we received feedback that the Learner Rally Judges would not feel ready to judge Rally, they requested to rather shadow judge (i.e. a Qualified Judge will judge the classes, the Learner Judge(s) will shadow judge, the scores of the Qualified Judge will be taken into account and the Qualified Judge will go over the Learner Judges marking sheet and discuss their scoring with them after the classes have ended.

6. In Item 9.5.2 we reference the Rally Judges Guidelines as a separate document to Schedule 5T, as we request to remove it as an Appendix to Schedule 5T (as it was originally approved). The reason we wish it to be a separate document, to be titled 'Rally Judging Guidelines – Revision Month / Year' is that this may be updated either more regularly or less often than the schedule itself. Likewise with the signs, we wish them to be titled as 'Rally Signs – Revision Month/Year' and not be annexed to Schedule 5T.

On the KUSA website, under Schedules, we would like 'Schedule 5T – Rally' to be listed, followed by a separate document 'Schedule 5T(a) – Rally Judging Guidelines and Schedule 5T(b) – Rally Signs.

Rally Judging Guidelines

This document is detailed to explain how a Judge will judge and score Rally. As time goes on, Judges across the country, as well as Handlers, will look to the KUSA website for guidance on what Rally is and how it is judged, as well as where to download the signs. Everyone needs to have access to this information in order to either train Rally and/or to judge Rally.

Rally Signs

The signs were taken out of Schedule 5T and as mentioned above, we would like the signs to be loaded separately to Schedule 5T on KUSA's website. The amendments to the signs are the removal of the 1 point, 2 point, 3 point and 4 points.

We trust the above amendments are not too onerous and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. As this is a brand-new sport in South Africa, there will be items that we come across that require amendment / clarification, etc. and we thank KUSA for understanding this.

Yours sincerely,
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