

WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
MEETING TO BE HELD AT 19h00 ON MONDAY 18TH JANUARY 2021, VIA ZOOM

RALLY REPORT – JANUARY 2021

Dear WCPC Chairperson and Committee Members

We trust that you had a peaceful festive season with your loved ones, and we wish you the absolute best for 2021.

During 2020 we did most of groundwork to officially get Rally off the ground as a KUSA recognized dog-sport, and we are super excited to do so this year.

KUSA / 5(T) Schedule:

1. As you may know the WC Rally Committee is at this stage the national steering committee until such time that other provinces set up their Rally Committees. Since KUSA ratification in October 2020 we have made a few minor changes to the Schedule 5T and also developed a Judges Guideline which will assist our judges with their scoring during competitions ensuring uniformity across SA. This guideline will also assist Trainers with testing at their dog clubs.

2. We therefore wish to formally table changes to the Schedule 5T at this Provincial Council meeting. Attached hereto are changes as well as the Judges Guideline for consideration and approval by the WCPC, and the at FEDCO.

***See attached AMENDMENTS TO RALLY SCHEDULE 5T AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO SCHEDULE 5T**

3. We do however face a challenge as the FEDCO minutes 06-2020 – Item 8.11 (below) state that new dog-sport can only make changes to the Schedules for consideration annually for the first three years from the date of the first event held.

8.5	<p>Frequency of Changes to Dogsport Schedules (Fedco 06-2020 Minutes - Item 8.11)</p> <p><i>Extract from the Minutes:</i></p> <p><i>After further discussion, it was resolved, unanimously, that changes to Dogsport Schedules would only be considered once every eighteen (18) months, unless the changes were due to changes in FCI Regulations.</i></p> <p><i>It was further agreed, unanimously, that in order not to stifle the development of new, or emerging, branches of Dogsport, changes to their Schedules would be considered annually for the first three (3) years from date of the first trial/event held.</i></p> <p><i>The new/emerging forms of Dogsport in KUSA were identified as</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rally Obedience• Mondioring
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4. We are meant to have our first show in February this year, and we are not sure if that can happen now, and we also do not know for sure if the KA show is going to go ahead either due to COVID-19/level 3. The longer our first event gets delayed, the more we are going to miss the deadline for submissions to change, which needs to be sent to FEDCO in March for the June meeting, as we understand it.

5. Our WCPC Chairperson, Lori, has undertaken to check with the office to find out if we can then just go ahead to table at FEDCO without a 1st event. Thank you for your assistance and guidance Lori, we appreciate it.

Rally Handlers & Dog Cards:

1. Handler & Dog Cards have been KUSA approved and printed, so we are ready to start competing. These will be handed out to Handlers accordingly and strict record keeping of cards will be handled by our Rally Chairperson, Robyn Clements.

Rally Judges:

1. Qualified and Learner Judges received their cards. Qualified Judges received their license to judge, whereas Learner Judges have to get their cards signed off twice after shadowing a Qualified Judge, and then only receive their license to judge.

2. Ongoing training of Judges took place well into December 2020 on Sundays @ CHDC whereby the Judges set up courses and judged Handlers/Dogs during training session to get them up to speed by February 2021 when shows are may commence.

Training/Shows/Demo's:

1. We request that Rally be included at champ and non-champ shows where possible in 2021. Robyn our Chairperson has also been emailing the Show Secretaries to add Rally. We appreciate the clubs that have so far indicated a willingness to add Rally to their schedules.
2. At shows/comps we would like to request that we occupy Obedience rings after they have competed. It saves space and allows for our Judges who might be judging other disciplines or be competitors in other disciplines to judge Rally for us.
3. Training has been placed on hold at Clubs due to strict level-3 lockdown rules.
4. In the meantime there are Handlers that home-school their dogs. There are also training video clips on the Rally Facebook page for those who choose to train at home.
5. We are still busy with creating the individual video clips which will be placed on our YouTube channel. Every video clip will consist of the relevant sign and an explanation on how to execute the sign.
6. We have also requested from YouTube to have a live channel whereby we can in future run virtual training courses.

Marketing:

1. We had a Demo Day at CHDC in December 2020 where we managed to raise money for the WC Rally Fund.
2. Raising funds have been slow due to Covid-19 but we hope to pick up this year when things return to a level of normality.
3. We have put together Corporate Identity pack for all Provinces to use. This will be emailed to the respective provinces as they are set up. It will include Rally email addresses, Rally branded email signatures, letterhead, logo, etc. We will also provide the same marketing/branding services to all Provinces (i.e. pamphlets, announcements, invitation to demos/events, general communication, etc.).
4. We hope that the KUSA office will be willing to share the contact details of the other provincial Rally sub- committees as they are established. This will enable us as the Steering Committee to liaise with them, provide ongoing support, and anything else they may require.
5. We planned to run a national competition on Facebook in December 2020 however this has been postponed to March/April 2021 when we believe it would have a greater impact. Our aim is to increase awareness and traction on our social media platforms through this competition.
6. We are also working on putting in place Rally Ambassadors this year. This would be children under the age of 16, and they must have a passion for and love dogs. They will represent our Rally brand in a positive light, and by doing so help to build engagement and increase awareness amongst their family members, their friends, their schools, etc.

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