

Proposed Amendments to Schedules for Fedco 06-2023

Please provide any amendments you wish to make to the KUSA office in the format laid out below, and in a Word document. For the Fedco 06-2023 meeting, all changes are due to the office **no later than 18 April 2023**. Please submit all changes to pascale@kusa.co.za and cc clubadmin@kusa.co.za

All items in red must be completed as relevant. Should you require extensive amendments to a Schedule, please contact the office for assistance.

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Proposed amendments to Schedule 05A - Obedience Rule 1.6 – Training of Judges & 1.7 KUSA Panel of Scrutinisers

Submitted by **KUSA Office**

Proposal:

While making the Fedco 12-2022 directive changes regarding Judges examinations, the Office took the opportunity to make a number of housekeeping changes to standardise capitalisation. (For ease of reading, the word is shown with the relevant letter capitalised and not in the conventional method of strikethrough for the deleted/replaced letter.)

Motivation:

This is part of the process of tidying up Schedules. No content changes have been made.

Votes for: [n/a], votes against [n/a], votes abstaining [n/a]

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

1.6 Training of Judges – Kennel Union Membership

No Judging appointment may be accepted without a Learner Judge being a member, in good standing, of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa

1.6.1 Aspiring Judges

All persons wishing to become an Obedience Judge must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and should make application in writing to the Obedience **S**ub-committee of the Provincial area in which they normally reside. If an Aspiring **J**udge lives in an area where there is no Provincial Obedience Sub-committee the application shall be made to KUSA who shall arrange for the Aspiring **J**udge to be attached to a conveniently situated province which shall be deemed to be the Aspiring **J**udge's home province. If the Obedience Sub-committee in the province in which an **A**spiring/ **L**earner **J**udge resides either by the use of ringside observers or by approving a report is not fully functional, KUSA may arrange for the **A**spiring/**L**earner~~[aspiring]~~ **J**udge to be attached another province/s on a short term or long term basis in order to make use of that province's facilities.

Note: The term "Provincial Council" shall refer to the Provincial Council in whose area the **A**spiring/**L**earner Judge normally resides or to which he has been attached by KUSA and it shall include the Obedience **S**ub-committee of the Provincial **C**ouncil.

1.6.1.1 Definition of Short Report and Full **R**eports

As the terms Short and Full Reports are used in the regulations regarding the training of judges they are as follows:-

1.6.1.1.1 **Short Report**

A Short Report shall contain the following introductory information:-

1. Name of Learner Judge
2. KUSA Membership No.
3. Membership expiry date.
4. Class Judged.
5. Show Venue.
6. Type of show. Championship or Non Championship.
7. Date of show.
8. Show Holding Club
9. Advertised starting time:
10. Number of dogs judged

A Short Report shall contain detailed comment on the performance of all dogs up to the dog placed ninth, in the class, if required (See Regulation 1.6.6.1.2), plus the marks deducted for each observed fault. In addition, all the relevant Judge's mark sheets or photo copies thereof must be attached.

1.6.1.1.2 **Full Report**

A Full Report shall contain the same introductory information as required in the Short Report, plus full details as to how the class was run and judged together with detailed comment on the performance of all competing dogs up to a total of nine (9) dogs, if required (See regulations 1.6.3.5 and 1.6.6.1.2). All the Judge's mark sheets or photo copies thereof for these dogs must be attached.

1.6.1.1.3 If a Full Report is on a Class C appointment then the KUSA Guide for Class C report writing shall be followed otherwise for a lower class report the relevant provincial guide shall be followed.

1.6.2 **Level 1 – Beginners and Novice Classes**

If the application by an Aspiring Judge is successful they shall be required to follow one of 2 training options which shall be at the Provincial Councils discretion.

OPTION NUMBER ONE

1.6.2.1 The Aspiring Judge shall pass a written, closed-book examination on:-

- 1) The Rules and Regulations contained in Schedule 05A pertaining to the judging of Beginners and Novice classes. This test will be set by the National Obedience Sub-Committee and the pass mark at present is 80%.
- 2) The recommended marks to be deducted as given in the relevant Provincial Guide for Judges pertaining to Beginners and Novice classes. This test will be set by the National Obedience Sub-Committee and the pass mark at present is 80%. This examination must be written regardless of whether or not the Aspiring Judge has written the examination previously.
- 3) A sixty-mark examination on Schedule 3 and Schedule 9, Appendix B.
The pass mark is 80% and this examination will be set by the Judges Education Council (JEC).

1.6.2.2 The pass mark for the examination on Schedule 05A shall be as determined from time to time by the National Obedience Sub-Committee

1.6.2.3 A Learner Judge shall follow the rules and regulations contained in Schedule 05A as well as the required deduction of marks as contained in the relevant guide for judges when judging any obedience class.

1.6.2.4 When the above test has been passed the Sub-committee shall arrange for the Aspiring Judge to accompany a suitable Judge who is the appointed Judge in a Beginners or Novice Class at an Obedience Show and independently and without consultation with the appointed Judge or any other person shall mark the competitors in the Obedience Class as if they were the appointed Judge. An Aspiring Judge's marks will have no bearing on the results of the competition and they are not to be made known to the competitors. The officiating Judge shall within fourteen

(14) days of the show, submit, to the Provincial council, the Aspiring Judge's mark sheets together with their comments on the Aspiring Judge's performance.

The Kennel Union shall be advised whether the Aspiring Judge's performance in terms of Regulation 1.6.2.4 is approved by the Provincial Council, and they in turn shall advise the Aspiring Judge accordingly and copy to the Provincial Council. All mark sheets must be sent to KUSA by the Provincial Council to be held in support of the Aspiring Judge's application

If approved the Provincial Council shall then issue the Learner Judge with their Judge's card endorsed for judging Beginners and Novice Class appointments.

OPTION NUMBER TWO

- 1.6.2.5 The Provincial Council may require that an Aspiring Judge attend a course which shall cover those portions of Schedule 05A and the provincial guide for judges which cover judging of Beginners and Novice classes plus the relevant sections of Schedule 3 and Schedule 9, Appendix B. They shall then sit a written, closed-book examination on the Schedules as described in 1.6.2.1 and 1.6.2.2 above. The Provincial Council **Obedience Sub-Committee** shall then arrange for the aspirant to do a practical test on judging Beginners and Novice Classes.

When the Aspiring Judge's performance in 1.6.2.5 is approved by the Provincial Council, the Kennel Union shall be so informed by the Provincial Council. All reports and mark sheets must be sent to KUSA by the Provincial Council to be held in support of the Aspiring Judge's application.

KUSA shall in turn inform the Learner Judge of the successful outcome, and copy to the Provincial Council, The Provincial Council shall then issue the Learner Judge with their Judge's card endorsed for judging Beginners and Novice Class appointments.

- 1.6.3 A Learner Judge may now accept appointments for Beginners and Novice class tests
- 1.6.3.1 After having judged three (3) such appointments and having accepted their 4th appointment they may elect to write a Full Report on their fourth (4th) appointment which shall be submitted within three (3) months for scrutiny by the Provincial Council or they may timeously request that the judging at their 4th appointment be assessed by a ringside observer appointed by the Provincial Council.
- 1.6.3.2 The Judge's mark sheets or photo copies thereof of all dogs judged in each of the first three (3) appointments, if so required, shall be sent to the Provincial Council for their information.
- 1.6.3.3 The Provincial Council shall not reasonably refuse a request for an observer but if it agrees it may either station an observer/s, who shall be an appointed Judge, to watch the Learner Judge's judging at this fourth (4th) appointment or it shall subsequently arrange a special test session run by Licensed Judges in order to decide whether the Learner Judge is ready to be promoted to judge in Class A and B.
- 1.6.3.4 If the Provincial Council is unable to provide observers and it cannot be arranged for the Learner Judge to be observed by another province then the Judge shall have the option of writing a Full Report which shall be submitted within three (3) months for scrutiny by the Provincial Council.
- 1.6.3.5 If in terms of regulations 1.6.3.1. or Regulation 1.6.3.4 the Learner Judge should write a Full Report the Provincial Council shall stipulate how many and which dogs shall be reported on in detail.
- 1.6.3.6 When the Provincial Council has satisfied itself that the Learner Judge is competent to judge Classes A and B KUSA shall be so advised and sent all supporting documents together with a Photostat of the Learner Judge's record card showing that the three (3) required qualifying appointments in the Beginners and Novice Classes have been fulfilled. KUSA shall so inform the Learner Judge and copy to the Provincial Council.

Note 1

It is the responsibility of the Learner Judge providing that at least three (3) dogs competed in the class being judged to so advise the Show Secretaries of the show holding clubs or a person/s designated by the Provincial Council who shall make the appropriate entry in the Judge's record card of the first three Beginners or Novice Class appointments fulfilled

Note 2

If the Judge applies for an observer, the Judge's card or a photocopy thereof must accompany the application.

Note 3

The four (4) classes judged shall include at least one (1) Beginners and one (1) Novice class appointment.

- 1.6.4 When the Provincial Council by whatever means it uses is satisfied that the Learner Judge is competent to judge Classes A and B, the Learner Judge shall be required to pass:-
A test set and marked by the obedience Sub-committee of the Provincial Council on:-
- 1) The Rules and regulations contained in schedule 05A pertaining to the judging of classes A and B. The pass mark shall be 80%
 - 2) The recommended marks to be deducted as given in the relevant Provincial Guide for Judges pertaining to classes A and B. The pass mark shall be 80%
- When the test is passed, KUSA shall be so informed by the Provincial Council. KUSA shall in turn inform the Learner Judge and copy to the Provincial Council.
- 1.6.5 **Level 2 Classes "A" and "B"**
The Provincial Council shall now endorse the judge's card as being eligible to accept appointments to judge Class A and Class B tests and the identical procedure as laid down for Beginners and Novice Classes in Level One above, starting at Reg. 1.6.2, shall be followed for Classes A and B in level two (2).
- 1.6.5.1 When the Provincial Council by whatever means it uses is satisfied that the Learner Judge is competent to judge Class C, the Learner Judge shall be required to pass:-
- 1) A test on the Rules and regulations contained in schedule 05A pertaining to the judging of Class C.
 - 2) test on the recommended marks to be deducted as given in the KUSA Guide for Judges Class C.
- The pass mark for each test shall be 80% and shall be set and marked by the Provincial Council. If successful the Kennel Union shall be so informed by the Provincial Council. KUSA shall in turn inform the Learner Judge and copy to the Provincial Council.
- 1.6.6 **Level 3 Class "C"**
The Provincial council shall now endorse the Judge's card as being eligible to accept appointments to judge Class C at Non-championship Shows
- 1.6.6.1 In order to obtain a Judge's license the Learner Judge shall first be required to judge two (2) "initial qualifying" Class C non-championship show appointments at each of which at least three (3) dogs are judged
- 1.6.6.1.1 The Learner Judge shall ensure that a record of these two (2) fulfilled appointments is entered in the Judge's record card by the respective Show Secretary or person designated by the Provincial Council.
- 1.6.6.1.2 Having fulfilled the above two (2) appointments, the Learner Judge shall now be required to submit reports on subsequent Class C non-championship show appointments until a total of at least nine (9) dogs has been judged and reported on at these shows,
- 1.6.6.2 When accepting such subsequent Class C non-championship show appointments the Learner Judge may elect:-
- 1.6.6.2.1 **Either** to judge the class and write Full Reports as described in Regulation 1.6.1.1.2 without a ringside observer being present until a total of at least nine (9) dogs has been judged and reported upon.
- 1.6.6.2.2 **Or** with the Provincial Council's prior agreement, to judge the class with a ringside observer present and write Short Reports as described in Regulation 1.6.1.1.1 until a total of at least nine (9) dogs has been judged and reported on.
- 1.6.6.3 If the Provincial Council, when requested, is for any reason, unable to station an observer at a judging appointment then the Learner Judge is required to write a Full Report on the appointment.
- 1.6.6.4 If an observer should be present they shall report on whether the judging of the class was in accordance with the procedures laid down in Schedule 05A. This report shall accompany the Judge's Short Report when sent to KUSA.

- 1.6.7 All reports on such appointments shall be submitted within three calendar months of the date of the show to the Provincial Council who shall forward them, to KUSA who in turn shall send them to three (3) members of the KUSA Panel of scrutineers for scrutiny. Where possible no more than one (1) scrutineer of a report should be from the same province.

Note 1

When a report is submitted it shall be passed or failed in its entirety

- 1.6.8 When the first of such reports is forwarded to KUSA a Photostat copy of the Learner Judge's record card showing that the two (2) required qualifying appointments in class C have been fulfilled.

1.6.9 **Issue of a Judge's licence**

No Judge shall be issued with a Judge's license unless he has judged a total of nine dogs in Class "C" appointments at Non-Championship Shows and had the reports on these nine dogs as described in section 1.6.6 and approved in terms of Section 1.7.1.

Note 1

When a Class C report is submitted it shall be passed or failed in its entirety

Note 2

In order to attain the required nine (9) detailed reports on the performance of dogs judged a combination of Full and Short Reports may be used.

1.7 **KUSA PANEL OF SCRUTINISERS**

The KUSA Panel of Scrutinisers shall consist of Licensed Judges, nominated by the Provincial Councils. When vacancies occur in the Panel, the KUSA Judge's department shall request through the National Obedience Sub-committee that replacements be made.

1.7.1 **Approval of reports**

- 1.7.1.1 A simple majority of the scrutineer's approval is required for a submission of reports to be approved while a unanimous decision is required for a report to be failed.

- 1.7.1.2 If a report is not failed unanimously, it shall be sent to an arbitrator for scrutiny and their decision shall be final.

- 1.7.1.3 KUSA shall advise the Judge in writing of the result of the scrutiny together with the comments of the scrutinizers but if arbitrated, then only the comments of the arbitrator shall be given, and copied to the Provincial Council. When a Judge's report is approved the Judge's Record Card must be endorsed accordingly by the Secretary of the Provincial Council or by the Chairman of the Obedience Sub-Committee of that Council.

- 1.7.1.4 All reports become effective when KUSA advises the Judge of the result of the scrutiny.

- 1.7.1.5 A KUSA scrutinizer shall follow the KUSA guide for judges when scrutinizing a report.

1.7.2 **Licensed Judges**

Only a Licensed Judge may judge Class "C" at a Championship Show.

1.7.3 **Inactive Judge**

A Judge, whether Learner or Licensed, who has not carried out a judging appointment for a period of three (3) years or more and wishes to resume judging must pass a written, closed-book examination on Schedule 05A Regulations (set by the National Obedience Sub-Committee) and an examination on Schedule 3 and Schedule 9, Appendix B (set by the JEC). The Judge may not accept an Obedience judging appointment until they have passed these examinations. KUSA shall be so informed and they in turn shall inform the Judge in writing (copied to the Provincial Council) that they have passed the tests and may now accept judging appointments up to the highest level that he was previously entitled to judge.

- 1.7.4 No unlicensed Judge shall accept an appointment to judge any class for which their Record Card has not been endorsed.

1.7.5 **KUSA Membership**

All Judges shall, if permanently domiciled in the KUSA area of jurisdiction, be members in good standing with the Kennel Union both at the time of accepting an invitation and undertaking an appointment.

1.7.6 **Foreign Judges**

Appointments of Judges normally resident outside the area of jurisdiction of the KUSA will be considered by the Executive Committee in the light of the Judge's qualifications recognized by

the appropriate Canine Authority in the Judge's country of permanent residence, and in terms of Article 25.4 of the Constitution.

1.7.7 It is the responsibility of the Show holding Club to ensure that any Judge whose permanent domicile is outside the Kennel Union area of jurisdiction is provided timeously with a copy of these regulations.

1.7.8 In the event of a Judge, having accepted an appointment, not fulfilling such engagement to judge, they shall give their reason in writing to the Executive Committee and if such reason is considered unsatisfactory, the Executive Committee may impose any penalty provided in the Disciplinary Rules, (Schedule 1), and their name shall be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal.

Note

Learner Judges converting to the new scheme.

Level 1 and Level 2

- 1) The **P**rovincial Council shall issue all **L**earner **J**udges in Level 1 and level 2 with a new **J**udge's card filled in as appropriate to the judge's progress under the old **J**udge's scheme on information obtained from KUSA
- 1a) Should a **L**earner **J**udge have judged their fourth (4th) level one or level two appointment prior to the implementation date of these new regulations they shall be required to write a **F**ull **R**eport on that appointment if they wish that appointment to count.

Level 3

- 2) **L**earner **J**udges who are eligible to judge in Class C and who have not judged a Class C appointment prior to the implementation date of these new regulations shall fall under the new regulations.
- 2a) **L**earner **J**udges who, prior to the implementation date, have judged Class C appointment/s may elect to continue on the old scheme or adopt the new scheme.
- 2.b) If the **J**udge elects to remain on the old scheme then three(3) reports must be approved and each report must contain detailed comments on the performance of at least three (3) competing dogs i.e. the dogs scoring the highest and the next highest marks, as well as the dog scoring the lowest marks. In addition, there must be general comments on the performance of all other dogs in the Class.
- 2c) If however the **J**udge elects to come onto the new scheme then any C Class appointments judged prior to implementation date shall count as "Initial qualifying " appointments (See Reg. 1.6.6.1)
- 3) A **L**earner **J**udge who has previously passed the test on Schedule **Q**5A and Schedule 3 shall not be required to write any further tests.