

KUSA BREED JUDGES LEARNING PROGRAMME

STUDY GUIDE 2: LEVEL 1

HOW TO WORK THROUGH LEVEL 1

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On the receipt of your learning material, you are advised to come to terms with the content as soon as possible. This is also a good time to start building up your reference library with acquisitions of breed-specific and judging books and articles.

Study Phases

Foundation Phase:

This is the Learner Judge's first entry to Level 2, only one Group may be studied

Advanced Phase:

On the successful completion of the Foundation Phase, a Learner Judge may study up to two (2) Courses simultaneously (e.g. two (2) Group courses or one (1) Group Course plus a Breed Specialisation Course or one (1) Group Course plus the Junior Showmanship Course), taking on an additional Course of study only once the previous Level 2 examination has been passed.

Study material

In your package of learning material, you will find the following: (* indicates examination content) These may be downloaded from your Member Portal after you have registered online on the KUSA Website www.kusa.co.za

1. **Study Guide 2 – Level 1: How to Work through Level 1**
This study guide, which offers you a step-by-step guide through Level 1 and the examination.
2. **Study Guide 4 – General: Judging Technique**
While you are advised to build your own personal library of judging books, this study guide offers an introduction to the skill of judging and ought to continue to provide useful hints and tips well into your studies. This content will *not* be examined.
3. *** Study Guide 5 – General: Rules and Regulations [exam content]**
Every judge must have a thorough understanding and knowledge of the KUSA Rules and Regulations so this study guide intended to serve as handy reference for all judges. Rules undergo changes from time to time, so it will be your responsibility to keep abreast of any changes and ensure that you remain familiar with what is and isn't permitted in the sport, lest you find yourself in an unfortunate situation. This is part of the examination content for *Paper 1: Rules and Regulations*.
4. *** Study Guide 6 – General: Anatomy, Conformation and Movement [exam content]**
This study guide (also available to Level 2 candidates) covers valuable content in your understanding of canine anatomy, conformation and movement. This is part of the examination content for *Paper 1: Anatomy, Conformation and Movement*.
5. *** Study Guide 7 – General: Glossary of Terms [exam content]**
This abridged glossary explains the terminology you will encounter as a judge and also forms part of *Paper 1: Anatomy, Conformation and Movement*.

Your support base

At all times, be aware that you will have a strong support system to guide you and help you whenever you need assistance. Please contact the National Education Council Administrator who will provide you with the contact details of a member on the Council who will be able to assist you.

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Practical training and Assessment

You will be called upon by the Judges Education Council (JEC) to attend a Practical Training & Assessment Workshop.

The Assessment will record the Candidate Judge's successful completion of the tasks contained within the Practical Training & Assessment Workshop.

Open-book Worksheet

The Candidate Judge must complete an individual Open-book Worksheet in his/her own time, which serves as a follow-up to the Practical Training & Assessment Workshop and also covers content in the supplementary non-examination Study Guides. The Worksheet will contain guidelines on how to complete the task and will indicate where to find the necessary content in order to gain a successful assessment.

The Candidate Judge must submit the completed Worksheet to his/her assigned Assessor for assessment. A successful assessment requires 100% correct responses. If initially unsuccessful, the Candidate Judge will have the opportunity to revise or redo the Worksheet until a successful assessment is attained. This Open-book Worksheet is a requirement for Candidate Judges to obtain examination entrance for Paper 1.

Examination

When you have successfully completed the Practical Training and Assessment and successfully completed your Open-book Worksheet, you will be allowed to register to sit your first examination, Paper 1, normally held in June or November without reference books or material. To register for the examination, your application form and fee must be submitted to KUSA by the closing dates.

Closing date for registration to write Paper 1:

To write the examination in June: 1 May

To write the examination in November: 1 October

The format of the examination is multiple choice questions in the following three sections:

- KUSA Rules and Regulations (50 marks)
- Anatomy, Conformation & Movement of Dogs (150 marks)

Paper 1, in total, is worth 200 marks, with a duration of 2 hours. Questions will be multiple choice, naming and labelling questions.

The pass mark for Paper 1 is 80%.

On passing this examination you will progress to the next level and may nominate one group or breed to study and may register for Level 2 studies in that group/breed. If you are unsuccessful you may register to rewrite the examination. No further correspondence will be entered into once you have been advised of your examination results.

To ensure success in your examination, prepare your work thoroughly by understanding the concepts and memorising specific terms and terminology. If you are completely familiar with the content, you will sail through the examination easily. Inadequate preparation will not ensure a successful outcome.

Remember to read all instructions carefully and mark your answers clearly. If you make a mistake, ensure that you strike out the incorrect option clearly to avoid losing marks. There will never be more than one correct option and, in the case of sorting, matching and sequencing questions, make sure you insert the correct option numbers/letters in the appropriate box.

Good luck!

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