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KUSA BREED JUDGES LEARNING PROGRAMME

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RULES & REGULATIONS

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SCHEDULE 10:
REGULATIONS FOR BREED AND JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES

(Please note that the numbering of the regulations below corresponds with the relevant Schedule, as indicated in the reference)

3. JUDGING RESTRICTIONS

(See Schedule 10: Reg. 3)

3.1 **Between two Non-Championship Shows in the same province:** a period of 3 months must pass between judging the same Breed, Group or Group Final.

3.2 **Between two Non-Championship Shows in different provinces:** there is no time restriction.

3.3 B**etween a Non-Championship Show and a Championship or Qualifying Show in the same province:** a period of 3 months must pass between judging the same Breed, Group or Group Final.

3.4 **Between a Non-Championship Show and a Championship or Qualifying Show in different provinces:** there is no time restriction.

3.5 **Between two Championship or Qualifying Shows in any province:** a period of 3 months must pass between judging the same Breed, Group or Group Final.

3.6 **Between Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at any All-Breeds Show in any province:** a period of 3 months must pass.

3.7 **Between any other Best Class in Show Finals at All-Breeds Shows in any province:** there is no time restriction.

3.7.1 All scheduled breed events held under 5E are excluded from judging restrictions

3.7.2 Judging in Namibia is excluded from judging restrictions *(Note: * refers to judging clearance areas as defined by the Kennel Union, namely: Eastern Cape and Border, Free State and Northern Cape, Gauteng, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Western Cape and Boland. Clubs under the control of DOGS PC and NAPC are regarded as falling in one Province for the purpose of clearing judges*

3.7.3. Judges are required to be aware of these restrictions when offered appointments at both Non-Championship and Championship Show level and should check appointments already accepted before accepting another appointment.

7. SOUTH AFRICAN JUDGES OVERSEAS

(See Schedule 10: Reg. 7)

7.1. All clearances are processed directly between the Kennel Union and the Foreign Canine Authorities.

7.2. Any Judge who is approached by a foreign Club or Canine Authority is obliged to contact the Kennel Union office so that clearance may be completed through the correct channels.

7.3. All Judges must receive a "Letter of Clearance" from the Kennel Union.

7.4. Any Judge who has been cleared previously to judge a particular breed/group overseas and did so, will be automatically cleared again unless his/her membership has lapsed or he/she has been suspended from judging for any reason.

7.5. All other Judges will only be recommended for foreign judging if they have reached Level 4: Licensed Judge for the relevant group or breed requested to be judged by that foreign Canine Authority.

7.6. After a Judge has officiated overseas, a list of his/her judging must be forwarded to the Kennel Union office to be added to his/her history record. Information should include name of Club, date and type of Show and the breeds (and numbers if possible) judged. It should be noted that foreign judging appointments will not count towards the Kennel Union judging qualifications.

8. FOREIGN JUDGES IMMIGRATING INTO SOUTH AFRICA

(See Schedule 10: Reg. 8)

8.1. Foreign judges coming to reside in the Kennel Union area of jurisdiction will be approved as follows.

8.1.1. He/she will be required to pass the Kennel Union examination on Rules and Regulations

8.1.2. CC's (Challenge Certificates), (CACs) or CACIBs that have been awarded for breeds/groups in their previous country of residence will automatically be accepted in South Africa.

8.1.3. He/she will be required to register for the KUSA Breed Judges Learning Programme for any other breeds/groups not covered by 8.1.2. above.

9. SPECIAL-NEEDS JUDGES

(See Schedule 10: Reg. 9)

9.1. Judges who provide a Doctor's Certificate on Application Showing that he/she has a specific disability such as ADHD/ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) or Dyslexia will be able to register for the KUSA Breed Judges Learning Programme and provision will be made for them where possible.

9.2. **Examinations:** A scribe in a separate room will be provided to write down the Learner Judge's responses to examination questions. The scribe will read the question and the multiple answer options choice and the Learner Judge will indicate his/her answer, which the scribe will mark. The paper will then be processed with all the other papers.

9.3. **Evaluations:** Upon accepting a Non-Championship appointment, the Learner Judge should contact his/her local Provincial Breed Judges Sub-Committee (PBJSC) to arrange for a scribe to take notes at the ringside on behalf of the Learner Judge. The copies of evaluations must be forwarded to the Kennel Union in the normal way.

9.4. **Assignments and portfolio:** As far as possible, The Learner Judge should attempt to meet normal requirements as far as possible, making use of any form of recording technology best suited to the Learner Judge's needs. Assistance and advice can be called upon from the local PBJSC.

10. JUDGING REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

(See Schedule 10: Reg. 10)(Schedule 3, Reg. 19)

10.1. All dogs exhibited shall be judged in suitable rings and all judging shall take place in public.

10.2. The Show Committee shall provide each Judge with judge's sheets in which only the breed, class and exhibits' numbers are entered. The Judge shall mark all absentees from every class on the judge's sheets.

10.3 Every Ring Steward and Ring Clerk shall be provided with steward's sheets similar in content to the judge's sheets and no Show catalogue shall be permitted within any judging ring.

10.4 Judges shall judge the class in each breed in the order in which the breeds are entered in the judge's sheets and, in the case of Qualifying or Championship Shows, in the Show catalogue. The Open Class is the final class prior to awarding the Challenge Certificate.

10.5 The Judge shall make his/her awards sequentially in order of merit 1 to 4 for those exhibits that he/she has not withheld on in terms of Reg. 11 and the exhibits shall be placed in such order at the place markers in the ring before the results are noted and announced by the Ring Steward.

10.6 Equal awards shall be prohibited.

10.7 A Judge shall be empowered to withhold any award if, in his opinion, there is a lack of sufficient merit or if, in his opinion, the attention of the exhibit has been improperly attracted during judging in spite of the handler having been warned against such practice. Whenever any award has been withheld, the Judge shall endorse the judge's sheets accordingly.

10.8 Any alteration in the judge's sheets shall be initialled by the Judge who shall also endorse the date and the time of making such alteration. Every such alteration and endorsement shall be carried on to the office together with other copies of the judge's sheets.

10.9 Whenever, in the Judge's opinion, any exhibit has been improperly tampered with, is blind, deaf, or suffering from contagious or infectious disease, the Judge shall make a report to the Show Secretary immediately upon conclusion of judging the class. Upon receipt of such report, the Show Secretary shall cause such exhibit to be examined by the Veterinary Surgeon and submit the facts of the case to the Show Committee, which shall then act in terms of Schedule 3, Reg 31.

10.10 Judges are not permitted, at a Show, to make a public commentary on the dogs which they have judged or are judging at a Show.

10.11 A Judge's awards shall be final when any class has been judged and the awards recorded in the judge's sheets.

10.12 Save and except for the necessary entry by any official of the Show, and persons assisting disabled or wheelchair bound handlers, the only persons permitted in the ring during judging shall be the Judge, Learner Judge(s), Ring Steward(s), Ring Clerk and the handlers of the exhibits being judged.

10.13 If a dog attacks a Judge or Shows aggression towards a Judge, it must be immediately excused from the ring and the Judge must immediately report the occurrence to the Show Manager. The Show Manager will then cause the dog to be withdrawn from all further competition in the Show. The Show Secretary

shall then send a written report of the incident to the Secretary of KUSA in accordance with Schedule 3, Reg. 14.

10.14 In the event of a Judge, having accepted an appointment, not fulfilling such engagement to judge, he/she shall be required to give reasons in writing within 7 days to the Club Committee with whom he has been contracted and if such reason is considered to be unsatisfactory or if no such reason is submitted, the Club committee shall request the Club Secretary or any other appointed member of the Club who is a member of the KUSA to submit a complaint to the KUSA in terms of Schedule 1 of the KUSA Constitution.

11. JUDGING PROCEDURE: CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES AND RESERVE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES

(See Schedule 10: Reg. 11)(Schedule 3, Reg. 21)

11.1. Subject to the provisions of Sch. 10: Reg. 3.2., persons appointed to judge may award a Challenge Certificate to the best of sex exhibit entered in the classification for the breed, provided that he/she is clearly of the opinion that the dog is worthy of the title of Champion. If the Judge is not of such opinion, he shall withhold the Challenge Certificate and mark his/her judge's sheets accordingly.

11.2. To be eligible to compete for a Challenge Certificate, a dog shall be an unbeaten prize-winner in a class confined to its breed open to all exhibitors.

11.3. To be eligible to compete for a Reserve Challenge Certificate a dog shall be an unbeaten prize-winner in a class confined to its breed open to all exhibitors or the runner-up to any such unbeaten prize-winner.

11.4. The winner of a restricted class as defined in Appendix 1 of Schedule 3 shall not be eligible for competition for a Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge Certificate unless such exhibit also complies with the requirements of Regs. 11.2 and 11.3 in respect of any other class referred to in Reg. 11.5.

11.5. Before judging for the award of Challenge Certificate the Judge shall consider all dogs which have been placed first in a class and have not been beaten in any other class confined to their breed, all of which shall be exhibited in the ring and the Challenge Certificate may be awarded to the best of sex exhibit.

11.6 Whenever the Judge awards the Challenge Certificate, he/she may award the Reserve Challenge Certificate. Before judging for the Reserve Challenge Certificate, the Judge shall consider, except the dog awarded the Challenge Certificate, all the dogs noted in Reg. 11.3 above plus the dog which was runner-up to the dog awarded the Challenge Certificate in a class confined to its breed, except a restricted class and all of which shall be exhibited in the ring.

11.7. Whenever the Judge is clearly of the opinion that the best dog selected in terms of Reg. 11.3 above is worthy of the title of Champion he/she may award the Reserve Challenge Certificate. If the Judge is not of the opinion that the best dog selected is worthy of the title of Champion, he/she shall withhold the Reserve Challenge Certificate and mark his/her judge's sheets accordingly.

11.8. Every Challenge Certificate and every Reserve Challenge Certificate issued by the Kennel Union shall bear the following words: "I am clearly of the opinion that this exhibit is of such outstanding merit as to be worthy of qualifying for the title of Champion."

11.9. Challenge Certificates, where appropriate, shall bear a printed endorsement reading "2 points".

11.10. Challenge Certificates, where appropriate, shall bear a printed endorsement reading "1 point".

11.11. Whenever ten (10) or more dogs of one sex in a breed are exhibited, not necessarily in the same class, and all such dogs are eligible to compete for the Challenge Certificate and a Challenge Certificate is awarded, it shall be a "2 point" Challenge Certificate; in all other cases a "1 point" Challenge Certificate shall be awarded.

12. JUDGING PROCEDURE: BEST PUPPY OF BREED, RESERVE BEST OF BREED, BEST OF BREED

(See Schedule 10: Reg. 12)(Schedule 3, Reg. 22)

12.1 **Best Puppy of Breed**

The unbeaten winners of the Puppy Classes (Minor Puppy and Puppy) shall compete for the award of Best Puppy of Breed. If the Judge is not of the opinion that the puppy selected is worthy of the award Best Puppy of Breed he/she may withhold it.

12.2 **Best of Breed and Reserve Best of Breed**

12.2.1 Whenever a Challenge Certificate is awarded, the Judge shall award a Best of Breed Certificate to the best exhibit of that breed. A Reserve Best of Breed Certificate shall be awarded to the dog placed second to the Best of Breed, which shall progress no further.

12.2.2 Those exhibits eligible for the award of a Best of Breed Certificate and Reserve Best of Breed Certificate, are both Challenge Certificate winners and the unbeaten prize winners of any restricted class as defined in Appendix 1 of Schedule 3.

12.2.3 In the event of both Challenge Certificates being withheld by a Judge, a Best of Breed Certificate and Reserve Best of Breed Certificate shall not be awarded unless the Judge considers that the exhibits in any restricted class merit the awards.

12.3 By their signature thereto, however applied, the Show Secretary assumes responsibility for the accuracy and validity of the certificates issued in terms of Regs. 11 and 12.

13. JUDGING PROCEDURE: ORDER OF MERIT ON DISQUALIFICATION OF PRIZE-WINNER

(See Schedule 10: Reg. 13)(Schedule 3, Reg.23)

13.1 Subject to the provisions of Reg.13.3 hereof, in the event of a prize-winner being disqualified in terms of these Regulations, the succeeding prize-winning dogs in consecutive order of merit shall be advanced to the next highest placing, which shall thereupon become the awards.

13.2 In the event of the winner being so disqualified, the winner of the Reserve Challenge Certificate shall be advanced and it shall be awarded the Challenge Certificate.

13.3 No prize-winning exhibit which was not awarded the Reserve Challenge Certificate shall be awarded a Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge Certificate under this Regulation.

14. JUDGING PROCEDURE: COMPETITION FOR GROUP WINNERS AND BEST IN SHOW AND BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

(See Schedule 10: Reg. 14)(Schedule 3, Reg. 24)

14.1 At every Championship Show where dogs of more than one group are scheduled, the competition for Best in Show shall be preceded by the judging of the Best Neuter Dog, Best Baby Puppy, Best Puppy in Group and the Groups upon the basis of the groupings of the breeds as Shown in Regulation for Classification, Registration & Transfer of the Registered Ownership of Dogs (Schedule 2).

14.2 All winners of Best Neuter Dog, Best Baby Puppy, Best Puppy of Breed and Best of Breed awards shall be eligible for free entry into their respective Group Challenges.

14.3 The first four exhibits in each Neuter dog, Baby Puppy, Puppy Group and in the Group shall be placed 1 to 4 in order of merit (and may be announced in reverse order) but only the Best Neuter dog, Best Baby Puppy, Best Puppy in Group and Best in Group shall be eligible, free of entry fees to compete for Best Neuter dog, Best Baby Puppy, Best Puppy in Show and Best in Show. Best Puppy in Show and Best in Show shall consist of seven (7) exhibits – the winners from each of the seven (7) groups. Provided that a minimum of two (2) exhibits are placed, Clubs have the discretion to award further placings up to the total of seven (7). Whilst exhibits must be placed in order of merit, the results may be announced in reverse order.

14.4 Best Neuter Dog, then Best Baby Puppy then Best Puppy in Show shall be judged before the Best in Show is judged.

14.5 At every Championship Show where dogs of more than one breed, but confined to one Group only, are scheduled, only the Best Neuter Dog, Best Baby Puppy, Best Puppy of Breed and Best of Breed winners shall be eligible to compete for Best Neuter Dog, Best Baby Puppy In Show, Best Puppy in Show or Best in Show, free of entry fees, for Best in Show save where dispensation is granted by the Executive Committee.

14.6 At every Championship Show where dogs of one breed only are scheduled, the exhibits eligible to compete free of entry fees for Best Puppy in Show and Best in Show are all Challenge Certificate winners and unbeaten prize-winners in the Minor Puppy, Puppy and any restricted class as defined in Appendix 1 of Schedule 3.

15. HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CLASSES

(See Schedule 10: Reg.15)(Schedule 3, Reg. 9)

15.1. Whenever competition is subject to compliance with a height limit, the Show Committee shall provide a properly constructed measuring stick or alternative measuring device. Whenever a Judge calls for a measurement to be taken, the exhibit shall be measured by the Judge while it is standing on a firm, level surface within the Show ring. If the exhibit fails to comply with the height limitation to which it is subject, the Judge shall mark his judges' sheets accordingly and, taking into consideration the requirements of the breed standard, make such award as he/she thinks proper. Failure to comply with the

height limit shall not disqualify a dog nor render it ineligible for further competition except where specified in the breed standard. In the case of dispute, the decision of the Judge shall be final.

15.2. Whenever competition is subject to a desired weight limit, the Show Committee shall provide a weighing instrument and weights (if not electronic) for which a valid certificate of assize is available, for recommended use by the Judge. At the discretion of the judge, before the commencement of judging of each class, the dogs entered in that class shall be weighed by the Judge on a firm, level surface within the Show ring. If any exhibit fails to comply with the desired weight limitation required by the Breed Standard, the Judge shall mark his/her judge's sheets accordingly, and, taking into consideration the requirements of the Breed Standard, make such awards as he/she deems appropriate. In making his/her awards, the judge shall have the utmost regard for the preservation of breed type of breed varieties separated by desired weight limitations and take into account factors like conformation to the Breed Standard, general physical condition and marginality of weight deviation

16. ENTRY FOR EXHIBITION

(See Schedule 10: Reg. 16)(Schedule 3, Reg.7)

16.1 A Judge may not enter a dog registered in his ownership in the same discipline on the same day at the same venue as he is officiating, save and except for Working Disciplines held under the licence of a different Club.

16.2 A Judge may not handle a dog in any discipline, save and except for Working Disciplines held under the licence of a different Club on the same day at the same venue as he/she is officiating

16.3 No steward may handle a dog on the same day as he/she is officiating before a Judge for whom he/she was stewarding unless requested by the Judge to exhibit the entry.

16.4 Any dog which has been exhibited contrary to these Regulations shall be liable to disqualification and cancellation of any awards gained, whether or not an objection has been lodged under Regulation 31.

16. EXHIBITION OF DOGS

(See Schedule 3: Reg. 16)

16.1 No dog shall be allowed in the judging ring unless it is being judged or the exhibitor has been instructed to retain the dog in the ring pending judging of a subsequent class.

16.2 No dog shall be allowed to be off a lead or benching chain unless required by the Judge.

16.3 No handler of a dog shall exhibit on his person or upon the dog any prize, card or rosette, which may be displayed on the winning dog's bench only, save as permitted in Regulation 35.2 of this Schedule.

16.4 No exhibitor shall allow the dog he is exhibiting to be deliberately and improperly attracted from outside the ring whilst such dog is within the ring to be judged.

16.5 No dog shall be allowed into the judging ring after having been called three (3) times by the Ring Steward and marked absent.

(**Note:** Leads/Leashes. The Federal Council resolved at the November 1998 meeting that in any KUSA document a 'lead/leash' refers to a lead/leash with a maximum length of two (2) metres (or approx. six and a half feet (6½'))

SCHEDULE 3:
REGULATIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

18. WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITION

(See Schedule 3: Reg. 18)

After admission to a Show, a dog shall be exhibited in all the classes in which it is entered and failure to do so or failure to enter the ring when required shall render such dog liable to disqualification at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Withdrawal from competition is permissible in the following circumstances:

18.1 when the Judge announced in the Schedule is changed;
18.2 if it is desired to withdraw a dog from competition because of its illness;
18.3 whenever the Judge permits a dog to be withdrawn from further classes after exhibition in its first class;
18.4 when permission has been granted by the Show Manager.

20. APPOINTMENT AND APPROVAL OF JUDGES

(See Schedule 3: Reg. 20)

20.1 An Affiliated Club shall have unrestricted discretion to appoint its Judges who shall, if permanently domiciled in the KUSA area of jurisdiction, be members of the Kennel Union in good standing, both at the time of accepting an invitation and undertaking an appointment, subject to :

20.1.1 the Executive Committee's approval for every Judge elect shall be obtained in writing not less than six (6) months before the date of the show at which time the Secretary may notify the Club of any restriction imposed upon such Judge elect and any disqualification or suspension affecting the Federal Council's approval of appointment.

20.1.2 In the case of a Judge elect residing outside the jurisdiction of the Kennel Union, application for approval of appointment shall be made to the Executive Committee of not less than nine (9) months before the date of the Show.

20.2 Notwithstanding the provision of Sub-Regulation 20.1.1 and 20.1.2 the Executive Committee may give special dispensation in cases of emergency, such as illness, or a Judge's inability to travel, and the approval required under Regulations 20.1.1 and 20.1.2 thereof may be applied for within the periods stipulated.

20.3 In the event of a Judge, having accepted an appointment, not fulfilling such engagement to judge, he shall give his reason in writing to the Executive Committee and if such reason is considered unsatisfactory, the Executive Committee may impose any penalty provided in Rule 8 of the Disciplinary Rules, (Schedule 1), and his name shall be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal.

20.4 Making its arrangements in such a manner that no Judge shall be required to judge more than approximately 175 exhibits during any one day or not more than approximately twenty (25) dogs per hour.

34. JUDGES

(See Schedule 3: Reg. 34)

34.1 The Executive Committee or the appropriate Standing Sub-Committee shall be empowered to approve the appointment of all Judges at all recognised Shows at which Kennel Union awards are offered for competition and no Judge shall officiate at any such Show unless he has been approved by the Executive Committee.

34.2 The Executive Committee shall maintain panels of Judges approved to award Challenge Certificates for Breed, Qualifying Certificates for Obedience Classes, Working Trials, Field Trials and such other Certificates which may be awarded in terms of any Schedule forming part of this Constitution.

34.3 Before any person is approved to award any Certificate or award, the Executive Committee shall have regard to his knowledge and experience as a breeder, exhibitor and Judge and may call for such information as may be required to assess such knowledge and experience. In every assessment made the Executive Committee shall take into consideration such evaluations as may have been submitted in terms of the relative Schedules to this Constitution.

34.4 Before approving a foreign Judge or a Judge from a body recognised in terms of Article 21.4 to officiate at a Championship Show, the Executive Committee shall be satisfied that such Judge is recognised and approved to judge the same Breeds or events in his country of permanent domicile, as it is proposed he should judge at such Championship Show.

34.5 All locally domiciled Judges shall be members of the Kennel Union in good standing over the age of eighteen (18) years, both at the time of accepting an invitation and undertaking an appointment.

30. GRADING CERTIFICATES

(See Schedule 3: Reg. 30)

In those breeds where dogs are graded by an approved Judge, a KUSA Grading Certificate may be issued in addition to any Certificates awarded in terms of Regulation 21 of this Schedule.

31. OBJECTION TO DOGS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

(See Schedule 3: Reg. 31)

31.1 Any person except a person under a term of suspension or disqualification imposed by the Federal Council may lodge an objection to a dog entered for, exhibited at or present and intended to be exhibited at a Show, subject to the limitation imposed by Sub-Regulation 31.3 hereof.

31.1.1 Any rectification of an award except as a result of a *bona fide* clerical error, cannot be raised later than twelve (12) months after the first day of the show.

31.2 Every objection lodged with the show holding Club under this Regulation shall be reduced to writing, delivered to the Show Secretary at the Show and shall be accompanied by a deposit in terms of Subscriptions & Fees (Schedule 7) in respect of each exhibit objected to, unless the objection is made by the Show Committee which shall not be required to lodge a deposit.

31.3 The grounds of objection made to a dog and immediate disqualification of such dog in terms of this Regulation shall be any one or more of the following:

31.3.1 that it has been improperly tampered with;

31.3.2 that it is blind;

31.3.3 that it is deaf;

31.3.4 that it is not entire, except for the Neuter dog Class, it does not possess two testicles, apparently normal, which are both descended and can be felt in the scrotum;

31.3.5 that it is suffering from any form of contagious or infectious disease;

31.3.6 that it has been improperly prepared for exhibition in contravention of Regulation 38;

31.3.7 that it has been entered in a manner not complying with the classification in the Show Schedule;

31.3.8 VOID

31.3.9 that it has been exhibited by a person disqualified or suspended by the Federal Council or the Executive Committee;

31.3.10 that it has been registered in the name of and owned by a person disqualified or suspended by the Federal Council or the Executive Committee;

31.3.11 that it has been entered contrary to these Regulations;

31.3.12 that it has been exhibited contrary to these Regulations;

31.3.13 that it has been operated upon in contravention of these Regulations;

31.3.14 that it has been registered or recorded as owned by an officiating Judge within a period of twelve (12) months prior to the Show, except in the case of a dog owned by the officiating Judge appointed in an emergency.

31.4 Upon receipt of a written objection and a deposit, the Show Secretary shall immediately notify the owner, exhibitor or handler in charge of the dog, who shall be obliged to take the dog, subject to objection, to a convenient place nominated by the Show Secretary for examination by a Veterinary Surgeon whenever such objection is based upon any of the grounds set out in Regulations 31.3.1 to 31.3.15. Following such examination, the Show Secretary shall obtain from the Veterinary Surgeon a written report on the dog examined. The Veterinary Report, together with the written objection and, in the case of an objection based upon any of the grounds set out in Regulations 31.3.6 to 31.3.8, the written objection and any supporting papers shall be investigated and considered by the Show Committee without delay.

31.5 The Show Committee shall make a finding on all the facts of such objection and in the event of a majority finding that the objection is upheld, the dog shall be disqualified with effect from the commencement of the Show. Notice of such finding shall be communicated without delay to the objector and the owner, exhibitor or handler in charge of the dog. The owner, exhibitor or handler of any dog so disqualified shall have the right to lodge an appeal in writing to the Executive Committee within fourteen (14) days, but such notice of appeal shall not operate as a bar on suspension of the Show Committee's decision to disqualify a dog.

31.6 In the event of a majority of the Show Committee rejecting the objection, notice of such finding shall be communicated without delay to the objector and the owner, exhibitor or handler in charge of the dog, which shall be permitted to compete as if no such objection had been lodged.

31.7 Within twenty-four (24) hours of the Show closing, the Show Secretary shall forward a report to the Secretary setting out :

31.7.1 the name and address of the objector;

31.7.2 a copy of the objection;

31.7.3 the name and address of the owner and, where relevant, the name and address of the exhibitor or handler in charge of the dog at the Show;

31.7.4 the name and address of the Veterinary Surgeon who examined the dog, where applicable;

31.7.5 a copy of the Veterinary Surgeon's report, where applicable;
31.7.6 any other supporting papers or relevant evidence.

31.8 Upon receipt of the Show Secretary's report, the Executive Committee shall consider the Show Committee's finding and any notice of appeal which may be lodged. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to confirm, quash or vary the Show Committee's finding, subject to the limitation that the results of a Show following any disqualification imposed by the Show Committee shall not be amended in any way, in the event of such against the Show Committee at the instance of the owner, exhibitor or handler in charge of any dog against whom an objection was lodged, unless *mala fides* on the part of the Show Committee be proved.

31.9 At the time of making its decision in terms of Sub-Regulation 31.8, the Executive Committee shall make an order relating to the deposit lodged by the objector in terms of Regulation 31.2. In the event of the objection being upheld, the Executive Committee shall order that the deposit be refunded to the objector by the Show Committee. In the event of the objection being rejected, the Executive Committee may order that the whole or any part of the deposit be awarded to the owner of the dog against which the objection was lodged and that any part not so awarded be refunded to the objector by the Show Committee.

31.10 In the absence of any objection being lodged by any person in terms of Regulations 31.1 and 31.2, the Show Committee shall nevertheless be empowered to act on its own initiative upon any of the grounds set out in Regulation 31.3, whereupon all the provisions of this Regulation shall apply *mutatis mutandis.*

31.11 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Regulation hereinbefore set forth, any person may make a complaint based on the grounds of objection set out in Sub-Regulation 31.3 within twenty-one (21) days after the closing of the Show, but in every such event a complaint shall be made and dealt with in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Disciplinary Rules (Schedule 1).

31.12 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Regulation hereinbefore set forth, in consequence of any decision made under this Regulation, the Executive Committee may instruct the Secretary to make a complaint under Rule 2 of the Disciplinary Rules (Schedule 1), whereafter it shall be dealt with in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Disciplinary Rules (Schedule 1).

32. DISQUALIFICATION AND FORFEITURE OF PRIZES

(See Schedule 3: Reg. 32)

32.1 If any one of the grounds of objection set forth in Regulation 31.3 is proved against and in respect of any dog, its entry fees may be forfeited to the Show holding Club and it may be disqualified from competition and winning any award or prize by :-

32.1.1 the Show Committee acting on an objection lodged in terms of Regulation 31;
32.1.2 the Show Committee acting on its own initiative in terms of Regulation 31;
32.1.3 the Executive Committee acting in terms of Regulation 31.

32.2 Whenever a dog or dogs are promoted in order of merit, as provided by Regulation 23, in consequence of a disqualification, notice thereof shall be given to the owner or owners by the Secretary.

32.3 The Executive Committee shall be empowered to publish in the Official Kennel Union Journal full details of every dog disqualified, including the name and address of the owner, exhibitor or handler in charge of the dog, and the nature of the objection giving rise to disqualification. The Executive Committee shall have further power to provide full details of every such disqualification to Affiliated Clubs, National or International Governing Bodies in reciprocity with or recognised by the Kennel Union and such persons as it shall deem fit.

33. FINE AND PENALTIES

(See Schedule 3: Reg. 33)

33.1 If a dog is entered in a class for which it is ineligible and it is not withdrawn from competition therein before such class is judged, such dog shall be disqualified and the exhibitor may be fined at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

33.2 The Executive Committee shall have power to impose a fine upon any exhibitor who makes an error in his entry form or infringes any provision of these Regulations.

33.3 In the event of any fine not being paid within the time stipulated by the Executive Committee, the exhibitor may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be dealt with as if a complaint brought under Kennel Union Disciplinary Rules, Rule 2 (Schedule 1), had been lodged against him and proved to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.

35. RING NUMBERS

(See Schedule 3: Reg. 35)

35.1 Every exhibitor or handler shall wear a distinctive number, the digits of which shall be not less than 2.5 cm in height, to identify each dog exhibited in the Judging Ring. The dog's number shall be allocated and issued by the Show Secretary.

35.2 When in the Judging Ring, no exhibitor, handler or dog shall wear or exhibit any rosette, award, name, Kennel name or other device which may identify or advertise the dog or its kennel save and except winners of Best of Breed rosettes may wear these when in the ring for Group judging and winners for Best of Group rosettes may wear these, but not additional to Best of Breed rosettes, when in the ring for Best in Show judging. Such rosettes shall bear ONLY the nature of the award and the name of the Show holding Club and sponsor, if any.

37. FRAUDULENT OR DISCREDITABLE CONDUCT

(See Schedule 3: Reg. 37)

37.1 The Show Committee shall report, in writing, to the Secretary any case of alleged fraudulent or discreditable conduct, and any default or omission at or in connection with a Show which is brought to its notice. Every such report shall be submitted to the Secretary within seven (7) days of the show and shall be accompanied by all documents and information in connection therewith which is in its possession of power. Additional documentation and information in support of the report may be submitted to the Secretary up to twenty one (21) days after the incident.

37.2 Without limiting the extent and meaning thereof, fraudulent conduct shall include, *inter alia*, the exhibition of dogs under the name or registration number of another dog, and any arrangement proposed, suggested, offered or entered into with a Judge to influence or intended to influence his placing or awards.

37.3 Without limiting the extent and meaning thereof, discreditable conduct shall include *inter alia* willfully, by word or letter, attempting to influence exhibitors to boycott a Show, willfully speaking to or treating a Judge or any Show Official in a disrespectful or contemptuous manner, willfully permitting his/her exhibit to be improperly attracted from outside the Judging Ring whilst within the ring to be judged; failing to pay entry fees or other dues in respect of the Show; willfully acting or behaving in opposition to these Regulations; making any false declaration upon his Show entry form; failing to comply with any request properly made by a Show Official; any act of cruelty to or neglect of a dog; any disorderly or unseemly conduct at or within the precincts of a Show; making insulting or disparaging remarks of and about any dog, Exhibitor, handler, Show Official, Judge or KUSA Representative at a Show.

37.4 Upon receipt of every report made in terms of Sub-Regulation 37.1 hereof, the Secretary shall transmit the papers to the Disciplinary Sub-Committee and they shall thereupon be dealt with as a complaint made in terms of Disciplinary Rule 2 (Schedule 1) and all the provisions of the Disciplinary Rules (Schedule 1) shall apply.

38. PREPARATION OF DOGS FOR EXHIBITION

(See Schedule 3: Reg. 38)

38.1 The owner, exhibitor and handler of any dog responsible for or aiding and abetting the exhibition of a dog in contravention of Sub-Regulations 38.3 and 38.4 shall *prima facia* be guilty of discreditable conduct and may be dealt with under Disciplinary Rule 2 (Schedule 1).

38.2 Any dog exhibited in contravention of Sub-Regulations 38.3, 38.4 and 38.5 shall be liable to disqualification under the provisions of Regulations 31 and 32 thereof.

38.3.1 No dyeing, colouring, tinting, darkening, bleaching or other matter shall be used to alter or improve the colour or markings of a dog. Dry white chalk or other dressing may be used for cleaning and grooming, provided it is removed before the dog enters the ring.

38.3.2 No operation or act shall be performed whether by cutting , piercing, breaking by force or otherwise which destroys the tissue of an ear or ears or alters the natural formation of a dog or any anatomic part thereof; save and except :

38.3.2.1 the performance of operations certified by a Veterinary Surgeon to be necessary or desirable on the grounds of health and accepted by the Executive Committee;

38.3.2.2 the removal of dewclaws of a dog of any breed;

38.3.2.3 the shortening of tails as determined in individual Breed Standards,
38.3.2.4 the spaying of bitches.

38.4 No alteration shall be made to the setting of any dog's teeth, save and except the performance of a dental operation certified by a Veterinary Surgeon or Dental Practitioner to be necessary or desirable on the grounds of health and accepted by the Executive Committee.

38.5 No dog shall be exhibited :

38.5.1 with any oil, viscous, greasy or sticky substance adhering to the coat;

38.5.2 with any artificial preparation adhering to the coat save and except a reasonable amount of chalk or dressing still remaining in the coat after cleaning and grooming;

38.5.3 with any part of its coat cut or clipped by means other than a stripping comb save and except :

38.5.3.1 the hair in front of the ears and on the legs and feet of a Pomeranian may be cut;

38.5.3.2 the rasping down of the underside of tails is permitted in such breeds as it is customary to do so;

38.5.3.3 the cutting of hair between the toes of any breed is permitted;

38.5.3.4 Poodles, Bedlington Terriers and Kerry Blue Terriers, which three breeds are exempted from the provision of Sub-Regulation 38.5.3.

38.6 Nothing may be done to a dog which is calculated to deceive.

42. CHAMPION DOGS

(See Schedule 3: Reg. 42)

Upon written application being made on an official Kennel Union form, accompanied by the fee prescribed in terms of Schedule 7.

42.1 **Breed**

The Federal Council may award the title of breed Champion to any dog on the full Breed Register of the Kennel Union or any National Canine Organisation recognised by KUSA which has won, under different judges, a sufficient number of Challenge Certificates, the points of which amount to five(5) or more in aggregate provided that:

42.1.1.1 not more than four (4) of the minimum five (5) points were gained in one centre,

42.1.1.2 at least one (1) point was gained after the dog was eighteen (18) months of age,

42.1.1.3 the balance of the points was awarded after the dog was nine (9) months of age,

42.1.1.4 the above condition shall apply to all Breeds with the exception of those Breeds for which special additional qualifications are required in respect of working tests, special judging, age limitation and any other qualifications agreed by the Executive Committee and more specifically detailed at Appendix I to this schedule. The details of Appendix I may from time to time be added to, suspended, revoked or amended by the Federal Council.

42.1.2 The Federal Council may award the title of breed Grand Champion to any dog on the full Breed Register of the Kennel Union or any National Canine Organisation recognised by KUSA which has won, a total of at least fifty (50) points as per Appendix 2, provided that:

42.1.2.1 the dog is a KUSA Breed Champion of record.

42.1.2.2 not more than fifteen (15) of the minimum fifty (50) points were awarded by one (1) Judge,

42.1.2.3 points were gained in at least three (3) geographical provinces of South Africa or two (2) geographical provinces of South Africa plus Namibia.

42.1.2.4 only awards gained after 1 January 2012 shall count for points towards this title.

42.1.2.5 a maximum of forty (40) points won before 1 February 2017 shall count towards the title.

42.1.3 The Federal Council or Executive Committee shall issue a Champion or Grand Champion Certificate, as the case may be, to the owner of every dog qualifying for each such award under the provisions of Schedule 3 Regulation 42 and any relevant Schedule of Regulations forming part of the KUSA Constitution.

42.1.4 Any dog which has achieved any type of Championship Status as described in this Regulation 42, or under any Schedule forming part of this Constitution, shall not be described as such until the Federal Council or Executive Committee has confirmed the appropriate award and the relevant Championship Certificate has been issued, notice of which shall thereafter be published in the official Kennel Union Journal.

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