

## **KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA**

### **SCHEDULE 04A – REGULATIONS FOR QUALIFYING & RE-QUALIFYING SHOWS (1989)**

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1. The Executive Committee shall have power delegated by the Federal Council to grant, withhold or cancel permission to hold any Show and to issue licences therefor in accordance with the Regulations relating thereto.
2. Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows may be held by:
  - 2.1 All Breed Clubs
  - 2.2 Group Clubs
  - 2.3 Specialist Clubs
  - 2.4 Clubs being neither All Breeds Clubs, Group Clubs or Specialist Clubs which previously were accorded Championship status but have lost it.
- 3.1 Every application for a licence to hold a Qualifying Show or Re-Qualifying Show shall be made not less than six (6) calendar months before the proposed date, on an official Kennel Union form, signed on behalf of the applicant by the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, who shall give their full residential addresses, setting out the information required therein, and such application shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed, a Draft Schedule, and a letter or letters of acceptance from all its Judges and a specimen Entry form.
- 3.2 Unless dispensation is granted by the Federal Council, no Qualifying or Re-qualifying Show for any Breed, Group or Discipline shall exceed one (1) day's duration, and no Qualifying Show or Re-qualifying Show shall be held on the same day as a Championship Show, where the same Breed, Group or Discipline is being exhibited, unless the venue is more than 160 kilometres from the venue of the Championship Show.
- 3.3 No Qualifying Show or Re-Qualifying Show shall be held at the same venue or on the same date as any Non-Championship Show where the same Breeds or Groups are being exhibited.
  - 3.3.1 Before applying to hold a Qualifying Show, a New Club must have held two (2) Non-Championship Shows.
  - 3.3.2 No New Club shall be permitted to hold more than one Qualifying Show and one Non-Championship Show in any one calendar year and may only hold a Championship Show in the next calendar year, following that in which it has qualified to hold a Championship Show.
  - 3.3.3 A Club which has lost Championship status in any one calendar year may apply to hold a Re-qualifying Show in the same calendar year.
  - 3.3.4 A Club, which has lost Championship status, shall be permitted to hold a

Championship Show in the same calendar year as that in which it has re-qualified to hold a Championship Show.

- 3.3.5 No Club shall be permitted to hold a Qualifying Show or Re-Qualifying Show without having obtained a Kennel Union Licence therefor.
- 4.1 The Show Licence application, signed by the officers of the applicant Club, shall constitute an undertaking given by each of them, binding themselves jointly and severally to hold and conduct the Show under and in accordance with the Regulations of the Kennel Union, to guarantee the payment of all prize monies and to submit to and adopt any decision of the Federal Council, Executive Committee or Provincial or Liaison Council to whom the Federal Council may delegate its powers.
- 4.2 Such application referred to in Regulation 4 shall also constitute an agreement by such officers and each of them that any decision given against them or any of them under the Disciplinary Rules (Schedule 01) may be published as contemplated in Rule 13 of Schedule 01.
- 4.3 Any notice sent by email to any of such officers sent to the email addresses given in the application shall be deemed full and sufficient notice to them or any of them of any proceedings, matter, or decisions of the Federal Council or Executive Committee, or relating to the conduct of the Show, or in respect of any other matter whatsoever arising out of or in connection with such Show.
- 4.4 Notwithstanding and in addition to the provisions in Schedule 01, the Executive Committee shall have power to impose a fine upon any Club, the officers or members of which have in the course of conducting a Show breached these Regulations.
- 4.5 The management of a Qualifying Show or Re-Qualifying Show shall be the responsibility of the Show Manager who shall be a member in good standing of the Kennel Union and appointed by the committee of the show-holding Club.
- 4.6 Every Show shall be deemed to have started two (2) hours before the time judging commences, as stated in the Show Schedule. Every Show shall be deemed to have closed one (1) hour after completion of the judging or of the event as the case may be.
- 5.1 The Executive Committee or any Committee, Provincial or Liaison Council to whom the Federal Council may delegate its powers, shall appoint a person well experienced in the current Regulations of the Kennel Union and especially this Schedule, to be styled the Kennel Union Representative, to attend every Qualifying Show or Re-Qualifying Show whose function shall be to observe that the Show is conducted properly in terms of these Regulations.
- 5.2 Every Kennel Union Representative who, at the time of his appointment shall be a Kennel Union member of good standing, shall be required to submit a detailed written report to the Kennel Union within seven (7) days of the close of the Show he/she attended in such capacity, reporting on the procedure, conduct and management of such Show with special reference to observance of Regulations for Qualifying Shows/Re-Qualifying Shows; together with a certification on the form prescribed indicating whether, or not, the show- holding Club has qualified to hold a Championship Show in the next calendar year.

## 1. SHOW SCHEDULES

- 6.1 The show-holding Club shall publish a Schedule of the Show, which shall display the

KUSA logo in a format, version and size specified by the Kennel Union Office, and which shall contain, inter alia:

- 6.1.1 the names of the Club's officers;
- 6.1.2 venue
- 6.1.3 date of Show
- 6.2 the names of each Registered Helper
- 6.3 the classification of Breeds which may be exhibited, subject to such classification being in accordance with the Regulations set out in Schedule 02 for Classification, Registration and Transfer of Registered Ownership of Dogs;
- 6.4 the names of the Judges of each Breed, the Groups and Variety Classes;
- 6.5 the definitions of Classes for which competition is offered, subject to all such definitions being in accordance with Appendix 1 of Schedule 03, (Regulations for Breed Championship Shows);
- 6.6 the amount of entry, benching and other fees;
- 6.7 the trophies, special prizes and prize money offered with conditions of competition therefor, and the names, if any, of guarantors of prizes (see also Regulation 36 of this Schedule);
- 6.8 the conditions under which dogs are eligible to compete for Group Challenges and Best in Show;
- 6.9 the following notices to exhibitors:
  - 6.9.1 puppies under four (4) months are not eligible for exhibition;
  - 6.9.2 a dog is not eligible for entry in Variety Classes unless also entered and exhibited in a Breed Class, except a veteran, which may be entered in any Veteran Variety Class;
  - 6.9.3 the mating of bitches within the precincts of the Show is forbidden;
  - 6.9.4 whether, or not, bitches in season are admitted for exhibition;
  - 6.9.5 for exhibition only, all exhibits must be entered in at least one (1) Breed Class
  - 6.9.6 conditions attracting immediate disqualification are set out in Regulation 31 of Schedule 03 Regulations for Breed Championship Shows;
- 6.10 All notices of forthcoming Qualifying Shows or Re-Qualifying Shows which are published by affiliated Clubs shall contain a statement that all Exhibitors/Handlers are personally responsible for the control of their dogs at all times and shall be personally liable for any claims which may be made in respect of injuries which may arise or be caused by their dogs. Such notice shall be prominently displayed at the venue on the day of the show in such a manner and in such places so as to ensure that any person entering the venue will see the said notice. Furthermore, all Exhibitors/Handlers shall sign a declaration in the following form:

**Declaration by the Registered Owner / Authorised Agent**

By attaching my signature to this form, or where the form is submitted electronically, by inserting my full name and surname I, the Registered Owner of, or I, the Authorised Agent for, the dog hereby entered for exhibition, affirm that I have read and understood the full contents of this Entry Form and hereby declare that:

1. I am aware that only Members of the Kennel Union are entitled to enter and have dogs in their registered ownership compete in any Championship Dog Show, Championship Obedience Class, Championship Working Trial, or any other Championship event licensed by the Kennel Union, save for Breed Classes offered at Specialist Club Championship Shows where entries will also be open to non-members, and am in full compliance with this requirement at the time of entry and shall remain in full compliance up to and including the time of exhibition of the dog hereby entered.
2. The dog hereby entered is eligible to be exhibited at a KUSA-licensed Dog Show and its Registration Certificate is free from any endorsement restricting such exhibition.
3. By entering, exhibiting or handling a dog at any Show held under a Kennel Union licence, or by permitting a dog in my registered ownership to be so exhibited or handled by another person who is not a member in good standing of KUSA, I agree to be bound by the KUSA Constitution in its entirety, including all the Schedules thereto ("the Constitution").
4. I am aware that it is against the Constitution for a dog that has either suffered from, or been exposed to, any infectious or contagious disease(s) within six (6) weeks prior to the Show, or that is suffering from such disease(s) at the time of the Show, to attend a Show and that the contravention of this Regulation might render me liable for disciplinary action under Schedule 01 Rule 4.
5. That the dog hereby entered for exhibition is entered to be exhibited entirely at my own risk. Accordingly, unless specifically authorised to be off-lead by a Judge while in the ring carrying out a licensed activity as part of the competition, or while engaged in a practice session prior to participating in the Show, I shall ensure that the dog hereby entered is at all times properly confined, either in an animal crate of suitable size, or on a lead/leash, either hand-held, or securely anchored.
6. I acknowledge that a dog is capable of causing damage, injury or harm to other dogs, persons or property at the Show and I accept full responsibility for the safety and behaviour of the dog hereby entered for the duration of the Show, to the extent that I accept personal liability in respect of any claim made in respect of any damage or injury caused by the dog and/or my failure to adequately prevent such catastrophe.
7. I indemnify KUSA, its Officials and Officers, the KUSA-affiliated show-holding Club and its Officers, and any employee(s) of the Club, against any and all claims of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising that may be levelled against them, jointly or severally, in respect of any damage or injury or harm caused by the dog hereby entered and/or any failure on my part to adequately control the dog, or arising out of any act, omission, conduct or utterance by me, my appointed agent(s), handler(s), representative(s) or employee(s).
8. I am fully responsible and liable for any damage, injury, or harm caused to any person, animal or property arising out of any action by a minor child for whom I am legally responsible and who may be accompanying me, or handling the dog hereby

entered, such legal responsibility to continue for the duration of the Show and thereafter during the continued presence of the child on the grounds or in the buildings or amenities where the Show is held. I indemnify and hold harmless KUSA, its Officials and Officers, the KUSA-affiliated show-holding Club, and the Officers and employees of the Club, against any and all claims of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising that may be levelled against them, jointly or severally, in respect of any damage, harm or injury caused by any minor child for whom I am legally responsible at the Show.

9. I am fully aware that persons on whom *persona non grata* status has been imposed by KUSA are not permitted to attend Shows and I am further aware that I am fully responsible and liable for any damage, injury or harm caused to any person, animal or property arising out of any action of a person attending the Show as my employee, assistant or guest and whom may, or may not, handle the dog hereby entered, such legal responsibility to continue for the duration of the Show and thereafter during the continued presence of the person on the grounds or in the buildings or amenities where the Show is held. I indemnify and hold harmless KUSA, its Officials and Officers, the KUSA-affiliated show-holding Club and, the Officers and employees of the Club, against any and all claims of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising that may be levelled against them, jointly or severally, in respect of any damage, harm or injury caused by any person attending the show as my employee, guest, assistant or handler of my dogs entered at the Show. I further understand and accept that disciplinary action may be lodged against me in this regard as provided for in terms of Schedule 01 Rule 2.3.2.
10. My appointed agent(s), hander(s), representative(s), employee(s), guest(s), assistant(s), any minor child for whom I am legally responsible, and the dog hereby entered for exhibition, shall enter the Show premises, buildings and amenities entirely at my/their own risk and I hereby indemnify and hold harmless KUSA, its Officials, Officers, Members, employees and agents, from and against any and all claims, damages, injury, death, liabilities, judgements, awards, costs, losses and expenses (including all forms of legal fees) caused by, or resulting from, any of the aforesaid at the Show.
11. I am familiar with Schedule 03 Regulation 44 with regard to the cancellation or postponement of Shows and the refund or retention (fully or partially) of Show Entry Fees and unreservedly accept and agree to it.
12. This Entry Form and the information recorded on it is complete, accurate and true and the document is entirely free of misstatement or any false declaration.
13. Should any information on this Entry Form be found to be inaccurate or fraudulent to any degree whatsoever, I am aware that I may be liable for disciplinary action in terms of Schedule 01 Rule 4, resulting in any awards and/or prizes won by the dog hereby entered being withdrawn and/or cancelled.

- 6.11.1 the time by which dogs are required to be present;
- 6.11.2 the time judging is to commence and the proposed order of judging (where this differs from the order of breeds listed in Schedule 02 Appendix 'A' this shall be clearly indicated on the Schedule);
- 6.11.3 the closing date for acceptance of entries;
- 6.11.4 a separate Entry Form which must be in accordance with the approved form, a specimen of which is available from the Secretary.

7. Whenever a Show Committee reserves the right to cancel or amalgamate Classes, amend the prize list, or to return entries, prominent notice thereof shall be displayed in the Schedule and timeous notice of intention to exercise such right shall be given to exhibitors.
8. **Show Schedule:**  
The provisions of Championship Show Regulation 6 (Schedule 03) shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.
9. **Entry for Exhibition:**
  - 9.1 The Shows Committee shall not take gate entries for a Qualifying Show or Re-Qualifying Show.
  - 9.2 Entries must close at the time indicated in the Schedule which shall not be less than five (5) days and not more than thirty (30) days before the Show opens.
  - 9.3 The Show Secretary shall be held responsible for any violation of Regulation 9.1 and may be held liable for disciplinary action under Schedule 01.
    - 9.4.1 When an Entry Form is submitted to a show-holding Club, the dog shall be solely and unconditionally the property of the exhibitor and at the time of exhibition it shall be registered with the Kennel Union or in a registry formally recognised by the Kennel Union in a written agreement.
    - 9.4.2 No dog shall be accepted for entry in a Qualifying Show where the registration number of the dog is omitted from the appropriate section of the Entry Form. Insertion of the letters "R.A.F." or "T.A.F." is not acceptable and will invalidate the entry.
  - 9.5 In order to constitute a valid entry, the Exhibitor shall complete in ink or typescript, in accordance with the provisions thereon and the Show Schedule, a separate entry form for every dog entered by him, which shall be signed by him or his authorised agent and shall be accompanied by the correct and appropriate fees within the time limitation for closing entries.
  - 9.6 All Entry Forms shall be preserved by the Shows Committee for twelve (12) months from the last day of the Show.
  - 9.7 No Officer of the Show-holding Club shall complete any Entry Form except his own, nor shall he alter or amend any Entry Form after the entry has been made, nor shall he permit the alteration of or amendment to any entry form after the entry has been made save and except for the correction of bona fide errors by Exhibitors in entries for the Minor Puppy, Puppy, Junior and Graduate Classes in respect of age determination where such errors are discovered by the Officers of the show-holding Club after acceptance of the entry.
  - 9.8 Any dog which has been exhibited at an unrecognised Show shall, ipso facto be disqualified from entry.
  - 9.9 A Show Committee may reserve the right to refuse entry and may exercise such right on good cause and reasonable grounds.
  - 9.10 For the purpose of making an entry, in estimating the number of prizes won, wins in Variety, Baby Puppy and Minor Puppy Classes do not count for entry in Breed Classes, wins at Open Show, Limited Shows and Match Meetings do not count, and wins at

Championship Shows awarded after the date of entry do not count.

- 9.11 Within fifteen (15) working days after the completion of a Show, the Show Secretary shall forward to the Secretary a list showing the total number of dogs entered and the total entries, together with fees as specified in Subscriptions and Fees (Schedule 07).
- 9.12 A KUSA Representative may not enter, exhibit or handle a dog registered in his/her name at any Kennel Union-licensed event held at the same venue on the day that he/she is officiating, nor in the same Discipline held under the same licence on any day.
- 9.13 A Judge at a Show may not enter or handle a dog in the same Discipline (Breed, Obedience, Working Trials, IGP, Dog Jumping and Agility, Carting), as that in which he/she is officiating. A Judge at a Show may not handle a dog in any Discipline on the day/s that he/she is officiating.
- 9.14 A Judge, appointed to judge Junior Showmanship only, may enter a dog registered in his ownership in Breed and Dogsport, and may handle any dog in Breed and Dogsport, on the same day at the same venue, under the same or different licence, as he is officiating.
- 9.15 No Steward may handle a dog before a Judge for whom he/she was stewarding unless requested by the Judge to exhibit the entry.
- 9.16 Any Exhibitor who enters a dog after disqualification under Regulation 32 is liable to disciplinary action under Schedule 01.
- 9.17 Any Entry Form shall be forwarded to the Secretary whenever called for within twelve (12) months from the day of the Show.
- 9.18 Any dog exhibited contrary to these Regulations shall be liable for disqualification and cancellation of any awards gained, whether, or not, an objection has been lodged under Regulation 31.

**10. Exhibits only at a Show:**

The provisions of Schedule 03 Regulation 8 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**11. Height and Weight Classes:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 9 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**12. Catalogue:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 10 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**13. Disinfection:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 11 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**14. Licences:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 12 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**15. Veterinary Examination:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 13 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**16. Exclusion of Dogs:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 14 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**17. Exhibition of Dogs Suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 15 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**18. Exhibition of Dogs:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 16 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**19. Use of Sound Amplifiers and Fire Arms:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 17 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**20. Withdrawal from Competition:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 18 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**21. Judging:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 19 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**22. Judges:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 20 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis

**23. Challenge Certificates and Reserve Challenge Certificates:**

Official Kennel Union Challenge Certificates and Reserve Challenge Certificates, Best Puppy, Best of Breed and Reserve Best of Breed Certificates shall not be awarded at Qualifying Shows or Re-Qualifying Shows.

**24. Competition for Groups Winners, Best Puppy in Show and Best in Show**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 24 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**25. Classification:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 25 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows *mutatis mutandis*.

**26. Age Restriction:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 26 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows *mutatis mutandis*.

**27. Kennel Union Constitution and Show Regulations:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 27 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows *mutatis mutandis*.

**28. Public Liability Insurance:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 28 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows *mutatis mutandis*.

**29. Prizes:**

- 29.1 whatsoever for any one class, shall be unlimited. Prize money paid out to winners shall be paid at the sole risk of the Club concerned. The Kennel Union is not responsible for any unpaid prize money for any reason whatsoever.
- 29.2 All prize money shall be paid to winners free of deduction, save and except for bank commission and charges, poundage on postal orders, and in any case where a prize winner is indebted to the show-holding Club.
- 29.3 Whenever an objection has been lodged to a prize-winning dog, the prize money shall not be paid out until the objection has been finally determined and the Secretary has notified the show-holding Club.
- 29.4 All prizes may be distributed to winners at the Show.

**30. Void**

**31. Objections to Dogs and Disqualification:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 31 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows *mutatis mutandis*.

**32. Disqualification and Forfeiture of Prizes:**

- 29.1 If any one of the grounds of objection set forth in Schedule 03, 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:
- 29.2 the Show Committee acting on an objection lodged in terms of Schedule 03, Regulation 31.
- 29.3 the Show Committee acting of its own initiative in terms of Schedule 03, Regulation 31.

29.4 the Executive Committee acting in terms of Schedule 03 Regulation 31.

29.5 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, governing bodies in reciprocity with the Kennel Union and such persons as it shall deem fit.

**33. Fine and Penalties:**

The provision of Championship Show Regulation 33 (Schedule 03) shall apply to Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

34. Void

**35. Ring Numbers:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 35 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**36. Floating Trophies:**

36.1 The conditions under which Floating Trophies can be competed for shall be inserted in the Schedule of every Qualifying Show and Re-Qualifying Show in which they are offered for competition and such conditions may not be amended in respect of that Show.

36.2 The Committee of every Affiliated Club holding a Qualifying Show or Re-Qualifying Show shall forward to the Secretary a list of all Floating Trophies owned by the Club, together with the conditions of competition therefor.

**37. Fraudulent or Discreditable Conduct:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 37 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**38. Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition:**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulation 38 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.

**39. Obedience Classes, Working Trials and Field Trials:**

Obedience Classes, Working Trials and Field Trials or other licensed events may be held at or in conjunction with any Qualifying Show or Re-Qualifying Show, subject to the conduct thereof being in accordance with Kennel Union Regulations for such Class, Trial or event.

**40. Children's Handler Class**

The provisions of Schedule 03, Regulations 8 and 40 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis.



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