

APPENDIX 2: KUSA JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP LEARNING PROGRAMME

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This learning programme provides for two levels of entry, one for Junior Handlers and one for Licensed Judges.

1. REQUIREMENTS FOR JUNIOR HANDLERS

1.1. QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- 1.1.1. An applicant wishing to apply to join the KUSA Junior Showmanship Learning Programme must meet the following criteria:
 - 1.1.1.1. must be at least 18 years of age
 - 1.1.1.2. must be a permanent resident of South Africa or Namibia
 - 1.1.1.3. must be a member of KUSA in good standing
 - 1.1.1.4. must have participated in Child, Junior or Open Showmanship competition
 - 1.1.1.5. must have at least three (3) years' demonstrated involvement which must include experience in at least one, preferably more of the following:
 - a) ownership within the immediate family unit or co-ownership of a KUSA-registered dog
 - b) exhibition of a KUSA-registered dog to breed Championship
 - c) exhibition of a KUSA-registered dog at Championship level
 - d) breeding within the immediate family unit or co-breeding of a KUSA-registered litter
 - e) ring stewardship at Championship and/or Non-Championship shows
 - f) membership of a KUSA-affiliated breed or group club
 - g) ringcraft and/or socialisation training
 - h) participation in any canine working discipline
 - i) club administration, committee work, etc
 - j) show organisation
 - k) any other KUSA-approved canine activity

1.2. APPLICATION

- 1.2.1. The applicant must gather the following material in support of his/her application to begin the KUSA Junior Showmanship Learning Programme:
 - 1.2.1.1. a comprehensive curriculum vitae recording the following:
 - a) motivation for wanting to judge
 - b) a summary of involvement in canine activities and achievements (Reg. 1.1.1.)
 - 1.2.1.2. a sponsorship letter on a club letterhead endorsed by the Club Chairman of a KUSA-affiliated Breed or Group Club in support of the applicant's application.
 - 1.2.1.3. the completed application form
- 1.2.2. This application, together with all supporting documents must be forwarded to the Secretary of the applicant's Provincial Council.

1.3. INTERVIEW

- 1.3.1. On receipt of the application, the Secretary of the Provincial Council will forward it to the Provincial Breed Judges' Sub-Committee (PBJSC) for their perusal and discussion.
- 1.3.2. The PBJSC will arrange an interview with the applicant, at which there will be no fewer than two PBJSC members. Allowance is made for PBJSC members from any province to stand in as interviewers.
- 1.3.3. During the interview, the applicant will be granted the opportunity to elaborate on his/her experience in canine activities and motivation to become a Junior Showmanship Judge.
- 1.3.4. The PBJSC may guide the applicant towards what to expect in the learning programme and in the activity of judging.
- 1.3.5. The PBJSC will advise the Provincial Council of their decision regarding the suitability or unsuitability of the applicant. This decision will not be further debated at the Provincial Council.
- 1.3.6. Should the application be successful, the registration fee will be due to KUSA. On receipt of payment, the application will be confirmed by the KUSA office and the Candidate Junior Showmanship Judge will be allocated a personal judge's number and all necessary learning material and guidelines will be forwarded to him/her.
- 1.3.7. Should the application be unsuccessful, the PBJSC will need to provide reasons why it is felt the applicant is not yet ready to join the programme and advise in which area the applicant needs to gain further experience. The applicant will have the opportunity to reapply once all the criteria have been met.

1.4. PRACTICAL TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT

- 1.4.1. The Candidate Junior Showmanship Judge attends a training and assessment workshop initiated and arranged by the PBJSC at a specified date.
- 1.4.2. Determined by the intake of Candidate Judges, the practical training and assessment workshop will be offered up to twice a year, preceding the examination sessions as determined by the KUSA Judges Department or the National Breed Judges Sub-Committee (NBJSJC).
- 1.4.3. The presentation will cover the content of the Examination.
- 1.4.4. Following the presentation and demonstration, the Candidate Junior Showmanship Judge will have the opportunity to try out and practice the techniques just learned.
- 1.4.5. The assessment will record the Candidate Junior Showmanship Judge's successful completion of the task according to an objective, standardised series of criteria.
- 1.4.6. Learner or Licensed Judges may also attend the training course for refresher purposes but any assessment voluntarily undertaken will not be counted towards their level of study.

1.5. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1.5.1. Seminar
The candidate must attend at least one official training session/seminar on Judging Junior Showmanship, which will include applicable Rules & Regulations. Following the seminar and assessment there will be a written and a practical test on all content covered.
- 1.5.2. Judging appointments
The candidate is required to judge:
 - 1.5.2.1. a minimum of three (3) Child Handler and three (3) Junior Handler classes at Non-Championship show level
 - 1.5.2.2. a minimum of six (6) handlers in total, distributed as at least three (3) Child Handlers and at least three (3) Junior Handlers
- 1.5.3. Evaluations
 - 1.5.3.1. Evaluations must be written on a minimum of six (6) handlers in total
 - 1.5.3.2. Evaluations must be submitted on all handlers in the respective classes
 - 1.5.3.3. The Evaluation should detail a full description of the proficiency levels of the handlers and reasons given for placings.
 - 1.5.3.4. Evaluations must be submitted to KUSA within 1 month of the show.
- 1.5.4. Assessment
The candidate must request for an Assessor to be in attendance at one of the appointments. Assessment will be conducted on ring procedure, consistency, technical knowledge and behaviour towards the handler exhibitors.

1.6. SUPPORT MATERIAL

- 1.6.1. The Candidate Junior Showmanship Judge will receive comprehensive support material that will include, inter alia:
 - 1.6.1.1. study guides to cover the material to be examined
 - 1.6.1.2. detailed guidelines on how to work through the KUSA Junior Showmanship Learning Programme
 - 1.6.1.3. detailed guidelines on the structure of the examination and how to prepare for it

1.7. EXAMINATION: JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

- 1.7.1. On the successful completion of the whole module, the candidate may apply to sit the Junior Showmanship examination, usually in June or November.
- 1.7.2. The format of the examination will be multiple choice questions.
- 1.7.3. The Junior Showmanship paper will carry 100 marks with a minimum requirement of 70%
- 1.7.4. The duration of the examination shall be no longer than 1 hour.
- 1.7.5. Exam candidates will be notified by KUSA of their success or failure in the examination and a percentage mark shall be given.
- 1.7.6. If the candidate is unsuccessful he/she may register to rewrite the examination.
- 1.7.7. No further correspondence will be entered into once the candidates have been advised of their examination results.

1.8. FURTHER STUDY

On the successful completion of the Junior Showmanship course and examination, the Junior Showmanship Judge who applied as a Junior Handler may sit the Paper 1 for Breed Judges (Anatomy, Conformation & Movement of Dogs, KUSA Rules & Regulations, Judges' Ethics) and, if successful, proceed directly to Level 2: Learner Judge.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED JUDGES

2.1. QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- 2.1.1. A breed judge who has a genuine interest in nurturing and guiding tomorrow's handlers through the activity of judging Junior Showmanship must be a Licensed Judge of at least one breed or group, having successfully met the requirements for Paper 1 and at least one Paper 2.
- 2.1.2. A Licensed Judge may study for the Junior Showmanship qualification as well as one other Level 2 group or breed judging qualification.

2.2. APPLICATION

A Licensed Judge wishing to apply to become a Junior Showmanship Judge must submit the required application form and fee to the Judges' Department at KUSA

2.3. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.3.1. Seminar
The candidate must attend at least one official training session/seminar on Judging Junior Showmanship.
- 2.3.2. Judging appointments
The candidate is required to judge:
 - 2.3.2.1. a minimum of three (3) Child Handler and three (3) Junior Handler classes at Non-Championship show level
 - 2.3.2.2. a minimum of six (6) handlers in total distributed as at least three (3) Child Handlers and at least three (3) Junior Handlers
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 - 2.3.3.4. Evaluations must be submitted to KUSA within 1 month of the show.
- 2.3.4. Assessment
The candidate must request for an Assessor to be in attendance at one of the appointments. Assessment will be conducted on ring procedure, consistency, technical knowledge and behaviour towards the handler exhibitors.

2.4. SUPPORT MATERIAL

- 2.4.1. The Candidate Junior Showmanship Judge will receive comprehensive support material that will include, inter alia:
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 - 2.4.1.2. detailed guidelines on how to work through the KUSA Junior Showmanship Learning Programme
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