

Fedco 12-2025 – Minutes – Final for Publication & Distribution – 17.12.2025

**KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY
6 DECEMBER 2025, ON MS TEAMS,
COMMENCING AT 08.30**

ITEM	Sub Item	Sub Item	MINUTES
1			<p>ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>Attendance & Apologies To record attendance and apologies.</p> <p>Federal Councillors in Attendance: Cllr JM Hubbard (Chairman of the Federal Council) – JH Cllr V (M) Alberts (Chairman – Exco) – MA Cllr C Chelchinsky (Vice-Chairman – DOGSPC) – CC Cllr L Coetsee (Chairman – NAPC) – LC Cllr RD Jukes (Chairman – FS&NCPC) – RJ Cllr N Redtenbacher (Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council & Chairman – DOGSPC) – NR Cllr DC Sparg (Chairman – EC&BPC) Cllr LC Thornhill (Chairman – WCPC) – LT Cllr MW Vorster (Chairman – KZNPC) – MV</p> <p>KUSA Staff in Attendance: Mrs PLE Midgley (General Manager) – PM Mr BG Robinson (KUSA Secretary) – GR Mr B Delily (Finance & HR Administrator) – BD [Note: Mr Delily's presence was required only up to Item 3.4.] Mrs C Patterson-Abrolat (Club Affairs Administrator) – CPA Mrs N Shortland (Shows & Judges Administrator) – NS</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all present to this virtual assembly of the Federal Council and bid a special word of welcome to Cllr Louis Coetsee, the new Chairman of NAPC, who was attending his first constituted meeting of the Federal Council. She wished him all the best during his tenure as Federal Councillor.</p> <p>She reminded the Federal Council that, although two days had been scheduled for deliberations at this Ordinary Meeting of the Federal Council, the meeting could, conceivably, be concluded in a day and urged everybody to work towards the latter outcome.</p> <p>Leave of absence granted: The Chairman informed the meeting that the following absences have been pre-advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr DC Sparg – DS, who would only be able to join the meeting late morning due to work commitments.• Cllr L Coetsee – LC, who had to take a dog to the vet for an emergency caesarean and would be joining as soon as he was back home.• Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez – NdP, who would not be attending the meeting. <p>The were no objections to leave of absence being granted to the above for the periods requested.</p> <p>Announcements:</p>

		<p>The Chairman requested GR to inform the Federal Council of the majorities required for motions to carry.</p> <p>GR advised as follows:</p> <p>Majorities required for decisions to carry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments to the Articles and Schedules: Should nine Federal Councillors be present at the time the item was put to the vote, it would require six (6) votes (clear two-thirds) in favour and, should eight Federal Councillors be present at the time the item was put to the vote, it would also require six (6) votes (two-thirds rounded) in favour. • Any other non-constitutional matters: Should nine Federal Councillors be present at the time the item was put to the vote, it would require five (5) votes (simple majority rounded) in favour and, should eight Federal Councillors be present at the time the item was put to the vote, it would also require five (5) votes (clear simple majority) in favour. <p>Noted.</p> <p>The Chairman informed the meeting that she would be changing the sequence in which Agenda Items are discussed in order to ensure the presence of all Federal Councillors when matters are put to the vote. At her discretion, she would also defer the discussion of Agenda Items which fall within a particular Federal Councillor's sphere of responsibility, or interest, till that Federal Councillor was present in the meeting. There were no objections.</p> <p>Reported Deaths of present or past Members of KUSA: The Chairman requested all present to observe a brief period of silence in remembrance of the following persons who had passed away since Fedco 06-2025, or who had passed away on an undeterminable date prior to that which, regrettably, had not been advised to KUSA at the time:</p> <p>Dr HRA van der Merwe (EC) Mrs LE Picot (GAU) Miss MC Wilson (GAU) Mr L Jansen (GAU)</p> <p>Noted, with sadness. On behalf of the Federal Council and KUSA, the Chairman expressed her sincere condolences to the families and friends of all the deceased and called for a brief period of silence in memory of the deceased.</p> <p>[Note: GR said that a social media post had been brought to his notice in which it is alleged that Mr CJ Huyzers, currently a Life Vice-President of KUSA, had passed away some years ago. He had not been able to confirm this with anybody but, given the fact that Mr Huyzers and his wife, Rose, retired from judging many years ago when they were both at an advanced age, his passing was probably not outside the realms of possibility.]</p>
	2.1	MINUTES OF FEDCO 06-2025 MEETING – ORDINARY MEETING – 27 & 28 June 2025
	2.1.1	<p>The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Federal Council held on Friday, 27 & Saturday, 28 June 2025, were confirmed and adopted, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed LT, seconded DS.</p>
	2.1.2	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda</p> <p>No matters were raised.</p>
	2.2	MINUTES OF FEDCO 07-2025 – SPECIAL MEETING – 24 & 30 July 2025
	2.2.1	<p>The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Federal Council held on Thursday, 24 July & Wednesday, 30 July 2025, were confirmed and adopted, unanimously.</p>

			Proposed LT, seconded DS.
		2.2.2	Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda No matters were raised.
	2.3		MINUTES OF FEDCO 08-2025 – SPECIAL MEETING – 25 August 2025
		2.3.1	The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Federal Council held on Monday, 25 August 2025 , were confirmed and adopted, unanimously . Proposed LT, seconded DS.
		2.3.2	Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda No matters were raised.
3			ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
	3.1		Annual Report by the Chairman The Chairman presented her Annual Report which was applauded by several Federal Councillors. Noted, with thanks and appreciation.
	3.2		Article 12.5 – Declaration of Interests The Article reads: <i>“Any member nominated to sit on the Federal Council, Executive Committee of the Kennel Union as well as the Executive Members (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) of any Provincial Council of the Kennel Union, shall declare within one (1) month of appointment to the Secretary in writing all their interests, of whatsoever nature, in dog related activities. Where the governing body of the Kennel Union, or such person or persons to whom the authority is delegated, determine that any interests are in conflict with those of the Kennel Union, such nominated members’ appointment shall ipso facto be terminated.</i> <i>At Fedco 06-2025, Fedco directed that the Declarations of Interests of Fedco Members should be updated annually, immediately after the AGMs of their Councils, and be received in time for confirmation at the Ordinary Meeting of the Federal Council in December each year.</i>
		3.2.1	Fedco Members The members of Fedco have all submitted their Declarations of Interests to the KUSA Secretary, and none have been found to be in conflict with the interests of the Kennel Union. Noted and confirmed.
		3.2.2	Exco Members As had been advised by the KUSA Secretary on 04.12.2025, at its Ordinary Meeting on 03.12.2025, the NAPC had elected Ms P (Petro) Byleveld as its Representative on the Executive Committee to serve out the remainder of the quadrennial term vacated by Mr Louis Coetsee. Ms Byleveld’s interests having been declared and found to be free of conflict with those of the Kennel Union, and her appointment having been accepted by the Provincial Council Chairmen Members of the Federal Council as required under Article 14.4, the Chairman wished Ms Byleveld a pleasant and productive tenure as a member of the Executive Committee. The other members of Exco have all submitted their Declarations of Interests to the KUSA Secretary, and none have been found to be in conflict with the interests of the Kennel Union. Noted and confirmed.
	3.3		Annual Financial Statements (AFS) and Auditors’ Report for the Year Ended 31.08.2025

			<p>Documents had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>On 28.11.2025, the General Manager had circulated KUSA's Annual Financial Statements (AFS) and Auditors' Report for the Year Ended 31.08.2025 to the Members of the Federal Council. The AFS were accompanied by two spreadsheets – one, the Income Statement with explanatory notes and, two, the Income Statement reflecting actuals vs budget. These documents were supplemented by the AFS of the various Provincial Councils and the FTLC.</p> <p>On 25.11.2025, pre-circulation to Fedco, the audited AFS and supporting documentation had been scrutinised by the Budget Committee. The members of the Budget Committee found no cause for concern and endorsed the veracity of the AFS and authorised their presentation to Fedco for approval.</p> <p>PM informed Fedco that this year's audit had been far more rigorous than in previous years. Having adopted a new auditing system, the Auditors deemed it necessary to do a total review of KUSA's accounting processes and demanded far more information from the KUSA Office than usual. Retrospectively, such intensive reviews seem to be a cyclical occurrence and, hopefully, for the next year or two, the organisation's financial disclosures would not be subjected to such exacting assessment.</p> <p>In the absence of any questions from the Federal Council, the Chairman moved for the adoption of the audited AFS. On a proposal from LT, seconded by MA, KUSA's Annual Financial Statements and Auditors' Report for the Year Ended 31.08.2025 were approved, unanimously.</p>
	3.4		<p>Appointment of Auditor</p> <p>The Chairman solicited the views of PM on the reappointment of Sprigg Abbott Inc. PM stated that she believed it would be counter-productive to change auditors, especially not after such a stringent audit as had been explained under Item 3.3.</p> <p>With no further questions or comments forthcoming, on a proposal from RJ, seconded by JH, KUSA's current Auditors, Sprigg Abbott Inc., were appointed, unanimously, for the ensuing Financial Year, ending 31.08.2026.</p>
<p>With the items requiring his presence having been dealt with, PM requested the excusal of BD from the meeting. The request was sanctioned, unanimously, with BD bade a pleasant weekend by all present.</p>			
	3.5		Article 16.2.2
		3.5.1	<p>Election of Chairman of the Federal Council and Election of President of KUSA – Article 16.2.2.1</p> <p>The current Chairman of the Federal Council, Cllr JM Hubbard, and the President of KUSA, Mrs DE Powell, retire on 31.12.2028.</p>
		3.5.2	<p>Election of Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council – Article 16.2.2.2</p> <p>The current Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council, Cllr N Redtenbacher, retires on 31.12.2025.</p> <p>Election of a Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council: The Chairman called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council for a two-year term and received the following:</p> <p>LT, proposed by NR, seconded by RJ</p> <p>There were no further nominations, and the Chairman declared LT unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council for a two-year term, congratulating her.</p> <p>[Note: The Chairman invited LT to address the Federal Council, which she briefly did, thanking her colleagues for their confidence in her abilities. The Chairman thanked NR for her term of</p>

			<p>service as Vice-Chairman and also invited NR to express her views, which she graciously did, thanking the Federal Council for its support during her tenure and congratulating LT on her unanimous election to serve the Federal Council and KUSA in this exalted capacity.]</p>
		3.5.3	<p>Election of Patron of KUSA – Article 16.2.2.3</p> <p><i>“The Federal Council shall elect a Patron; Life Members and Life Vice-Presidents on termination of their fourth year in office.”</i></p> <p>Nominations for Patron of KUSA to be considered by Fedco.</p> <p>After some discussion on the subject, it became evident that no person has, as yet, been identified to be nominated as Patron of the Kennel Union.</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chairman that the matter be deferred to Fedco 12-2026 and, in the interim, that thought should be given to whether an office of Patron was indeed still apt and requisite for a non-profit organisation which had evolved into a financially independent and prosperous enterprise.</p> <p>There were no objections and the matter was deferred to Fedco 12-2026.</p>
		3.5.4	<p>Election of Life Members of KUSA – Article 16.2.2.3</p> <p><i>It was decided at Fedco 12-2019 “to adopt a term of at least four (4) years’ service on either Fedco, or Exco, as a suitable and currently the only criterion for bestowing Life Membership on a person who had served KUSA in a voluntary capacity at the highest level of governance.”</i></p> <p>List of Life Members Mr V (M) Alberts Mrs JD Barrow Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez Mrs JM Hubbard Mr CJ Huyzers [Note: Take account of the comments contained in the Note under Item 1.] Mrs CM Immelman Mrs YC Jefferies Mr RD Jukes Mrs DE Powell Mr DC Sparg Mr BG Robinson Mrs LC Thornhill Mrs L Wilson Adv R Zeeman</p> <p>Based on the single criterion of “at least four (4) years’ service on Fedco and/or Exco” there were three new contenders for Life Membership:</p> <p>Mrs MJ Hancock Mrs CE Patience Mr MW Vorster</p> <p>For discussion and decision.</p> <p>On a proposal from JH, seconded by DS, and supported unanimously, Life Membership of the Kennel Union was bestowed on Mrs MJ Hancock, Mrs CE Patience and Mr MW Vorster.</p> <p>Effective immediately.</p>

			<p>[Note: PM undertook to change the membership statuses of the new Life members and take the necessary action to forestall Membership Renewal Notices being sent to them in future. The KUSA Secretary was charged with advising the members of Fedco's decision.]</p> <p>Effective immediately.</p>
		3.5.5	<p>Election of Life Vice-Presidents – Article 16.2.2.3</p> <p>List of current Life Vice-Presidents: Mrs JD Barrow Mrs S Bloomfield Mr NS Kay Mrs DE Powell Mrs A Olivier</p> <p>Any nominations for Life Vice-Presidents to be considered by Fedco.</p> <p>No new Life Vice-Presidents were nominated.</p>
		3.5.6	<p>Appointment of Legal Adviser to KUSA</p> <p>The Chairman read out an email from Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez, dated 01.12.2025, in which he informs the Federal Council that he would no longer be available for appointment as the in-house Legal Adviser of KUSA.</p> <p>Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez mentioned that he had relocated to the Southern Cape and that his involvement in Clubs has been diminished to a few honorary positions. Having served the Kennel Union for the past 22 years in various capacities, he wished to spend more time with his family and indulge in pursuits his time-constraints did not permit in the past.</p> <p>In thanking those who had supported him and worked with him over the years, Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez wished Fedco, Exco and the KUSA Office all the best for the future.</p> <p>On behalf of the Federal Council, the Chairman thanked Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez for his service and dedication to KUSA over many years and wished him every success in his further endeavours.</p> <p>Noted with thanks and appreciation to Brig Gen (retd.) Du Preez.</p>
		3.5.7	<p>Article 16.2.3 – Appeals Committee <i>“The Federal Council shall nominate at least three (3) members of the Federal Council, who shall act as an Appeals Committee on behalf of the Federal Council to consider any appeals lodged in terms of the Disciplinary Rules.”</i></p> <p>[Note: It was customary to elect all Provincial Council Chairmen of the Federal Council and the Vice-Chairman of DOGSPC to serve on the Appeals Committee, if so appointed, under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Federal Council, who shall be an <i>ex officio</i> member of any Appeals Committee. When required, the Chairman of the Federal Council shall appoint two (2) additional members of the Federal Council to consider any Appeal.]</p> <p>Appointment of all Provincial Council Chairmen of the Federal Council and the Vice-Chairman of DOGSPC to serve on the Appeals Committee, if and when appointed by the Chairman of the Federal Council.</p> <p>Having reminded Fedco of the customary procedure set out in the Note above, it was agreed, unanimously, that all Provincial Council Chairmen of the Federal Council and the Vice-Chairman of DOGSPC would be eligible to serve on the Fedco Appeals Committee (FAC), if and when two (2) members were so appointed by the Chairman of the Federal Council.</p>

	3.6	<p>K9 Administration Upgrade Project</p> <p>MA's Report on the K9 Administration Upgrade Project, prepared for Exco 11-2025, the essence of which had also been reported to Fedco at the Fedco Discussion Forum (FDF) Session 7 on 19.11.2025, had been shared with the Federal Council ahead of Fedco 12-2025. This Report was published on the KUSA website at the time of its release.</p> <p>Supplementing MA's Report, a brief Project Status Report had been submitted by Srsbsns and also circulated to Fedco in advance of the meeting. While echoing much of what had been reported by MA, the Srsbsns Report sets out:</p> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete all soft launch fixes and validations. • Finalise backend workflows for admin efficiency (approvals, queues, notifications, etc.). • Prepare and sanitise all data required for live membership onboarding. • Conduct a final round of system verification before full release. <p>Timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft Launch: In progress • Issue Resolution & Stabilisation: Ongoing through January–February • Production Environment & Data Preparation: Underway • Full Membership Adoption (Go-Live): End of March <p>Key considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid turnaround of soft launch issues is essential to maintain the end-March rollout schedule. • Any additional workflow changes requested during this phase may impact the timeline. • Data import accuracy and system performance under membership load will be key success factors. <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The project has transitioned successfully into the soft launch stage, marking a major milestone. With Priority 1 tasks complete and real-world testers in the system, we are now focused on stabilisation, workflow refinement, and preparing the production environment. The team remains on track for full membership adoption by the end of March, pending the resolution of issues raised in the soft launch period.</p> <p>In his subsequent Report to Exco 12-2025, MA assessed the state of the project as follows:</p> <p>“As of December, I am pleased to report that the KUSA Online Portal has entered a significant new phase. Following the progress outlined in previous updates, the system is now undergoing a soft launch.</p> <p>At present, the KUSA staff are actively using the Portal and familiarising themselves with its functionality and workflows. This hands-on phase is an important step in ensuring that the KUSA Office is fully prepared to support members as they begin transitioning to the new system. As expected at this stage, a small number of minor issues and bugs have been identified, the developers are continuing to resolve. We eagerly await the completion of these fixes, which will allow staff to resume testing and further familiarise themselves with the system.</p>
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		<p>In terms of rollout planning, member onboarding will commence in a phased manner from January. This approach allows for controlled onboarding rather than moving all members onto the system simultaneously, reducing risk and allowing lessons learned in early phases to be applied as the rollout progresses. The intention is that, by the end of March 2026, full member onboarding will be completed, and the system will be operating at full functional capacity in the production environment.</p> <p>Data migration into the production environment is nearing completion. The remaining work largely involves final verification and confirmation to ensure that all member data and historical records are correctly reflected before wider access is granted. Initial feedback on the migrated data has been positive, and we are awaiting final confirmation that all checks have been completed.</p> <p>The new payment gateway is now fully integrated and functioning within the Portal, removing one of the most significant risks identified earlier in the project. With payment processing stable and the overall system environment proving reliable under real-world use by the office, the project is well-positioned for the next phase of rollout.</p> <p>In summary, the project remains on track. December marks a transition from development and testing into controlled real-world use, with a clear and measured plan in place for full member onboarding in the new year. The focus for the coming months will be on supporting users, refining workflows based on real usage, and completing the transition to the new platform.</p> <p>We are entering 2026 with strong momentum and confidence in a successful rollout.”</p> <p>PM thanked MA for his assistance and insights and for her being able to avail herself of his oversight over the past number of months. It had been particularly gratifying to her to be able to discuss the state of the project with somebody who was not only knowledgeable, but also had the knack of compiling progress reports which were within the grasp of the entire dog community.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.7	KUSA Office – Lease & Relocation
	3.7.1	KUSA Office – Lease Agreement Nil
	3.7.2	<p>KUSA Office – Stor-Age Unit (Fedco 08-2021 Item 3.3, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.10.3, Fedco 06-2022 Item 3.5.3, Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.7.2, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.4.2, Fedco 12-2023 Item 3.7.2, Fedco 06-2024 Item 3.4.2, Fedco 12-2024 Item 3.7.2, Fedco 06-2025 Item 3.4.2)</p> <p>In August 2025, LT, MA, and PM met at the Stor-Age Unit to get a clearer understanding of what would be required for the disposal of the items stored in the unit. The scale and enormity of the task quickly dawned when the boxes containing Paintings/Prints, Trophies, Porcelain Figurines and Memorabilia were identified. The boxes were split into three and taken home to be opened, their contents photographed and catalogued, and returned the following week to be placed back into storage.</p> <p>Items considered suitable for display and of possible interest to the public were identified, catalogued and offered on a loan basis to the Dog Museum (www.museumofdogs.co.za), situated at 95 Keerom Street, Gardens, Cape Town. Numerous trophies, posters, Royal Doulton plates and paintings, that had previously been displayed in the Boardroom/Library at 68 Bree Street, have subsequently been put on display at the Dog Museum, all under a loan agreement drafted and signed by LT on behalf of KUSA.</p>

		<p>The emptying of the storage unit will need to be done in a phased manner, the next logical step being the disposal, either via sale or donation, of redundant furniture and equipment, such as metal shelving, metal cabinets, outdated desktop computers, wooden furniture, display cabinets, bookshelves, fridge, microwave oven, etc. There were obviously costs involved and quotations would need to be obtained for the removal and transport of some of the items.</p> <p>Apart from the items of historical or sentimental value still in storage that needed to be catalogued and, possibly, some added to the items already entrusted to the care of the Dog Museum, the fate of the furniture and appliances mentioned needed to be decided. Some views were aired, but MA's thought of perhaps auctioning the items off to members seemed to meet with general approval. The options would obviously be fully explored by LT, MA and PM in the new year and appropriate action taken to clear the storage unit of items surplus to requirement.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.8	<p>Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), No. 4 of 2013 (Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.8, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.5, Fedco 12-2023 Item 3.8, Fedco 06-2024 Item 3.5, Fedco 12-2024 Item 3.8, Fedco 06-2025 Item 3.4, Fedco 07-2025 Item 3.2)</p> <p>Fedco 07-2025: <i>The proposed Privacy Policy, marked up with certain edits by NR, was tabled for consideration by the Federal Council. The Chairman explained that, in drafting the Privacy Policy, she had relied heavily on the Privacy Policies of the Malaysian Kennel Club (MKC) and the Philippine Canine Club, Inc. (PCCI) and that, although she had assumed consent by the MKC and the PCCI, it was her intention to formally seek their agreement to the use of their content in KUSA's document.</i></p> <p><i>It was agreed that, apart from the two foreign Kennel Clubs' consent, the document should be thoroughly proofread before publication.</i></p> <p><i>Subject to the above, the adoption of the Privacy Policy and the allied spreadsheet, setting out the KUSA Forms and Guidelines impacted by the Privacy Policy, was approved, unanimously, on a proposal from MV, seconded by NR.</i></p> <p>Subsequent to Fedco 07-2025, in getting the document ready for publication, the Privacy Policy was subjected to an invasive edit by the KUSA Office, not so much to change content, but rather to assuage its style and tone and customise the envisaged privacy protection to KUSA's operations. The revised draft was circulated to members of the Federal Council in advance of Fedco 12-2025 for final scrutiny.</p> <p>NR identified a few additional typos and some areas requiring grammatical attention and MA indicated that, from a technical perspective, he might have a few further suggestions.</p> <p>It was agreed, unanimously, that PM, GR and MA should meet as soon as practicable to collaborate on a final version and that the KUSA Office should then proceed to publication at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the proposer and seconder for the previous version of the Privacy Policy would hold for the revised version, i.e. proposer, MV and seconder, NR, with no objections.</p>
		<p>3.8.1 Provincial Councils – Appointment of POPIA Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer (Fedco 06-2022 Item 3.6.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.8.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.5.1, Fedco 12-2023 Item 3.8.1, Fedco 06-2024 Item 3.5.1, Fedco 12-2024 Item 3.8.1, Fedco 06-2025 Item 3.5.1)</p>

		<p>Update on the statuses of the various Provincial Councils to be provided by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Information on record: DOGSPC – Information Officer: Ms N Redtenbacher; Deputy Information Officer: Mrs ME Dempsey NAPC – Information Officer: Mr KR Duranty; Deputy Information Officer: Ms P Byleveld WCPC – Information Officer: Ms N Nissen EC&BPC – Information Officer: Mr DS Sparg FS&NCPC – Information Officer: Mr NA Kotze KZNPC – Information Officer: Mrs DJ Hewer; Deputy Information Officer: Mrs MJ Hancock</p> <p>The above appointments were noted and confirmed.</p>
	3.9	<p>Subscriptions & Fees – Document issued pursuant to Schedule 07</p>
	3.9.1	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 07 – Subscription & Fees – to Provide for Concessionary Rates for Annual Affiliations Fees and Show Licence Fees for KUSA-affiliated Clubs based in Namibia</p> <p>Proposed by the FS&NCPC.</p> <p>Proposal: To amend the Schedule 07 Fees charged to KUSA-affiliated Clubs in Namibia which conduct their operations and hold their Shows under the Regulations of KUSA. By reducing Annual Affiliation Fees and Show Licence Fees of Namibian-based Clubs, it is believed that KUSA will make a critical contribution to the sustainability and survival of Clubs in Namibia and enable them to host more events and increase their public engagement. This proposal aligns with KUSA's objectives of encouraging canine activities not only in Namibia but, in time, also in other regional territories.</p> <p>Motivation: Item 3.6.4 (Note 3) from the Minutes of Fedco 06-2025 refers: <i>Pursuant to the above discussion, RJ raised the possibility of concessionary Affiliation Fees for Namibian Clubs and, perhaps, in the future, other over-border Clubs. This was debated, during which PM argued that costs such as Show Licence Fees and Show Returns might also be considered when investigating how best to accommodate Clubs in Namibia financially.</i></p> <p>KUSA has long served as a beacon of canine excellence and governance across Southern Africa. Namibian-based Clubs rely on KUSA's internationally recognised framework to host events that meet high standards of professionalism and are fully committed to upholding KUSA's Regulations, Breed Standards and administrative processes.</p> <p>Current Challenges Clubs in Namibia face several logistical and financial challenges that impact their ability to host Shows, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased operational costs due to travel, accommodation and import requirements for international judges and exhibitors; • Limited sponsorship and exhibitor bases, resulting in reduced income from entry fees or support; and • Border and regulatory complexities, which further increase the costs and viability of running events. <p>A reduced fee structure would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deter the possible closure of Clubs; • Encourage more frequent Shows and wider participation across the region; • Foster closer collaboration and integration within the KUSA community;

- Promote canine excellence and responsible dog ownership in Namibia;
- Assist smaller or newer Clubs to grow and become financially self-sustaining in the long term; and
- Enhance KUSA's footprint and prestige across Southern Africa.

Proposed additions to Schedule 07 – Subscription and Fees – Line Items 13.2.7, 13.2.8, 13.2.9, 14.1.7, 14.1.8, 14.1.9, 14.2.5, 14.2.6, 14.2.7 & 14.3:

Insertions in **underlined bold type**

13 AFFILIATION FEES

<u>13.2.7</u>	<u>Namibian All-breeds Club</u>	<u>R1,600.00</u>
<u>13.2.8</u>	<u>Namibian Group Club</u>	<u>R1,200.00</u>
<u>13.2.9</u>	<u>Namibian Specialist Breed Club & Specialist Multi-breed Club</u>	<u>R 800.00</u>

14 LICENCE FEES

14.1 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

<u>14.1.7</u>	<u>Namibian All-breeds Club</u>	<u>R1,000.00</u>
<u>14.1.8</u>	<u>Namibian Group Club</u>	<u>R 650.00</u>
<u>14.1.9</u>	<u>Namibian Specialist Breed Club & Specialist Multi-breed Club</u>	<u>R 300.00</u>

14.2 QUALIFYING SHOWS

<u>14.2.5</u>	<u>Namibian All-breeds Club</u>	<u>R1,000.00</u>
<u>14.2.6</u>	<u>Namibian Group Club</u>	<u>R 650.00</u>
<u>14.2.7</u>	<u>Namibian Specialist Breed Club & Specialist Multi-breed Club</u>	<u>R 300.00</u>

14.3 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

<u>14.3.1</u>	<u>All-breeds Club</u>	<u>R 384.00</u>
<u>14.3.2</u>	<u>Group, Specialist and Specialist Multi-breed Clubs</u>	<u>R 226.00</u>
<u>14.3.3</u>	<u>Namibian All-breeds Club</u>	<u>R 250.00</u>
<u>14.3.4</u>	<u>Namibian Group, Specialist and Specialist Multi-breed Club</u>	<u>R 180.00</u>
<u>14.3.5</u>	<u>Breed Working Test (held on a separate Licence)</u>	<u>R 423.00</u>
<u>14.3.6</u>	<u>Breed Assessment, Aptitude Tests, etc. (Schedule 05F)</u>	<u>R 385.00</u>
<u>14.3.7</u>	<u>Shooting Ratings, Gundog Hunting Tests, Natural Agility Tests & Versatile Tests for Pointing Breeds</u>	<u>R 385.00</u>
<u>14.3.8</u>	<u>Demonstration Events (i.e. "Fun Event" Charity Show, Demonstration for educational or charity purposes)</u>	<u>Free on app</u>
<u>14.3.9</u>	<u>Special Event held under Schedule 05E separate from any Championship Show</u>	<u>R 406.00</u>

[Note: Due to the inconsistency of listing Line Items between 13 AFFILIATION FEES, 14.1 CHAMPIONSHIP LICENCE FEES and 14.3 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW LICENCE FEES in the current document, all Line Items under 14.3 have been renumbered.]

For decision.

On a **proposal from RJ, seconded by LT**, the amendments to Schedule 07 to provide for concessionary rates for Namibian-based Clubs pertaining to Club **Affiliation Fees** and **Licence Fees for Championship and Non-championship Shows** were **approved, unanimously**.

		<p>Debate ensued on implementation, given the constitutional requirement that two months' notice needed to be given for changes to Schedules, which would normally set the implementation date at 01.03.2026. However, by submitting their Show Licence Applications and Fees only after 01.03.2023, the Namibian Clubs would not be able to avoid incurring Penalties for their late Applications. To permit the Clubs in question to be able to submit their Show Licence Applications under the concessionary Show Licence Fees earlier, while also taking advantage of the one-month gap before Penalties start accruing, the following procedure was agreed, unanimously:</p> <p>On 08.12.2025 (the day after Fedco 12-2025), the KUSA Office would give the mandatory two months' notice to the KUSA membership for the changes to Schedule 07 to become effective on 08.02.2026. This should afford the Namibian Clubs sufficient time to submit their Applications for Show Licences at the revised rates, while still avoiding the imposition of Penalties.</p> <p>Regarding Club Affiliation Fees, it was decided, unanimously, that the present fees charged to the Namibian Clubs would remain due and payable as per the KUSA Constitution. It was further agreed, unanimously, that the KUSA Office should raise a credit note for the difference between the current and concessionary rates, which credit would be available to offset against the Show Licence Fee due.</p>
	3.10	<p>Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary – Schedule 08</p> <p>No updates to report.</p>
4		MATTERS RELATING TO AFFILIATED CLUBS
	4.1	<p>Suspension of Club Privileges and possible Loss of Affiliation – Article 9.3 (Fedco 12-2017, Fedco 06-2019, Fedco 6-2020, Fedco12-2020, Fedco 06-2021, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1, Fedco 12-2023 Item 4.1, Fedco 06-2024 Item 4.1, Fedco 12-2024 Item 4.1, Fedco 06-2025 Item 4.1)</p> <p><i>“Should a Club find itself in default as a result of any of the transgressions cited under Articles 9.1.2 to 9.1.4 above, it shall be ineligible to be granted a Licence for a Championship Show. If still in default by 31 August of any year, it will be suspended from the privilege of participating in any meeting of its Provincial Council, irrespective of whether its affiliation had been renewed by 31 October in terms of Article 9.2, until the default is remedied or, if it remains unremedied, till the next constituted Ordinary Meeting of the Federal Council where the Club will be tabled for disaffiliation. At such Ordinary Meeting, the Federal Council shall take account of any actions the Club in question had taken during the preceding default period to remedy whatever breaches had occurred and take such decisions as deemed appropriate at the time.”</i></p>
	4.1.1	<p>Article 9.1.3 (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6.1, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.1.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.1.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1.1, Fedco 12-2023 Item 4.1.1, Fedco 06-2024 Item 4.1.1, Fedco 12-2024 Item 4.1.1, Fedco 06-2025 Item 4.1.1)</p> <p>“Failure to submit minutes of Annual and/or Special General Meetings together with audited Financial Statements and balance sheets, where applicable, in terms of Article 8.6.2.”</p> <p>(\$) reported at Fedco 12-2022 (36 months) indicated in red (#) reported at Fedco 06-2023 (30 months) indicated in red (!) reported at Fedco 12-2023 (24 months) indicated in red (&) reported at Fedco 06-2024 (18 months) indicated in red (@) reported at Fedco 12-2024 (12 months) indicated in red (%) reported at Fedco 06-2025 (6 months) indicated in red</p> <p>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaskan Malamute Club of Gauteng (!\$@%) (Fin Yr-end 31/07/2023, AGM due 31/10/2023); no documents received as yet for 2022, 2023 or 2024.

			<p>[Note: The Club's intention to close down and donate its assets to Goldfields Grounds, as notified to the KUSA Office on 08/10/2024, were still valid. NR advised the Club was still struggling to get the signatories changed on the Unit Trusts issued in the Club's name.]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dalmatian Club (&%) (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); no documents received as yet for 2023, 2024 or 2025. <p>[Note: NR reported that her enquiries revealed that this Club would either opt for voluntary disaffiliation, or there might be a possibility of it being taken over by new Dalmatian enthusiasts.]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goldfields Kennel Club (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2024, AGM due 31/03/2025); financial statements outstanding. • Klun French Bulldog Club of Gauteng (Fin Yr-end 31/03/2025, AGM due 30/06/2025); documents outstanding for 2025. • Mpumalanga Bulldog Club (%) (Fin Yr-end 28/02/2024, AGM due 31/05/2024); no documents received as yet for 2022; only financial statements received for 2023; no documents received for 2024 and 2025. • Mpumalanga GSD Club (!&@%) (Fin Yr-end 30/06/2025, AGM due 30/09/2025); financial statements outstanding. • SA Alsatian and All-breeds Training Club (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2024, AGM 31/03/2025); no documents received as yet. <p>Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biewer Terrier Club of Gauteng (%) (Fin Yr-end 28/02/2024, AGM due 31/05/2024); 2025 documents received but financials audited by Treasurer. • Boxer Club, Gold Reef (Fin Yr-end 30/11/2024, AGM due 28/02/2025); financial statements outstanding. • Dog Training Club of Bredell (!&@%) (Fin Yr-end 31/12/24, AGM due 31/03/25); all AGM documents received for 2023 and 2024 except financials which are outstanding for both years. 2025 documents outstanding. • Highveld Belgian Shepherd Dog Club (Fin Yr-end 30/06/25, AGM due 30/09/25); no documents received as yet. • North West GSD Club (!&%) (Fin Yr-end 31/10/23, AGM due 31/01/24); ongoing efforts to rescue the Club with an interim meeting held 01.09.2025 – no documents received as yet. <p>[Note: It was agreed to write off the 2019 financial statements, but that the Club needed to be closely monitored in future.]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Areas French Bulldog Club (Fin Yr-end 28/02/2025, AGM due 31/05/2025); no documents received. • Northern Boxer Club (Fin Yr-end 30/09/2024, AGM due 31/12/2024); no documents received. • Shar Pei Club of Gauteng (%) (Fin 28/02/2024, AGM due 31/05/2024); no documents received for 2024 or 2025. <p>[Note: JH advised that the Club was in the process of getting its documentation to KUSA.]</p> <p>Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grahamstown & Districts Kennel Club (&%) (Fin Yr-end 31/03/2025, AGM due 31/05/2025); financial statements outstanding. <p>[Note: CPA informed the meeting that this Club had submitted Annual Financial Statements, but needed to convene an SGM to have them accepted by the membership.]</p> <p>Free State & Northern Cape (incl. Namibia) Provincial Council (FS&NCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Free State Bull Terrier Club (!&%) (Fin Yr-end 31/08/23, AGM due 30/11/23); financial statements not received for 2023 onwards – the Club is having
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		<p>problems accessing the bank account. NR seemed to recall that she had seen an AGM Notice for the Club on social media at some stage.]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free State Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club (Fin Yr-end 30/06/2025, AGM due 30/09/2025); no documents received as yet. [Note: LC advised that he had been in contact with the Club and that the AFS will be completed in the next week, with an AGM to follow. LC predicted changes to the management of the Club at the AGM.] <p>KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil <p>Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil. <p>[General Note: With regard to the discussions under this Item 4.1.1, MA appealed to the Provincial Council Chairmen to take cognisance of the proposal under Item 4.3.1 and, in the case of Clubs finding themselves in serious and/or protracted default, to trigger the remedy contemplated in the new Clause 5.1.4 in the Provincial Councils' Constitutions.]</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	4.1.2	<p>Article 9.1.4 (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6.2, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 12-2023 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 06-2024 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 12-2024 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 06-2025 Item 4.1.2)</p> <p>"9.1.4 Failure to adhere to Kennel Union Constitutional requirements in respect of:</p> <p>9.1.4.1 Any event to be held, being held, or which was held under a Kennel Union licence</p> <p>9.1.4.2 Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary of KUSA, Schedule 08."</p> <p>PENALTIES & SHOW RETURNS – Shows up to and including 06.12.2025.</p> <p>[Note: Outstanding penalties in brackets; those not yet calculated appear as (TBC).]</p> <p>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gauteng Golden Retriever Club (R250) – had until 08/11/2025 to pay <p>Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil <p>Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil <p>Free State & Northern Cape (incl. Namibia) Provincial Council (FS&NCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil <p>KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil <p>Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil

			<p>Noted.</p>
		4.1.3	<p>Article 9.2 (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6.2, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.1.3, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1.3, Fedco 12-2023 Item 4.1.3, Fedco 06-2024 Item 4.1.3, Fedco 12-2024 Item 4.1.3, Fedco 06-2025 Item 4.1.3)</p> <p><i>Whenever an Affiliated Club's annual affiliation fee remains unpaid one (1) month after the date of renewal, the Secretary shall send a written demand calling for payment forthwith and in the event of the fee remaining unpaid on the thirty-first (31st) day of October, the Club in default shall be removed from the list of Affiliated Clubs.</i></p> <p>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaskan Malamute Club of Gauteng [Note: Refer to Note under Item 4.1.1] Dalmatian Club [Note: Refer to Note under Item 4.1.1] Klun French Bulldog Club of Gauteng [Note: NR explained the impasse around this Club and the possible steps to be taken to resolve it. LT also provided some historical context to this Club.] <p>Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Areas French Bulldog Club <p>Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil <p>Free State & Northern Cape (incl. Namibia) Provincial Council (FS&NCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Free State Bull Terrier Club [Note: See Note under Item 4.1.1.] <p>KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil <p>Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil <p>[General Note: MA expressed the view that, given the additional powers vested in the Provincial Councils with immediate effect, it would make sense to place a moratorium on the disaffiliation of all the above Clubs till Fedco 06-2026 to see whether some of these Clubs could be saved. This suggestion found favour with all present.]</p> <p>It was decided, unanimously, to place a moratorium of the disaffiliation of the above Clubs till Fedco 06-2026 to enable the Provincial Council Chairmen to activate, where necessary, the new Clause 5.1.4 in the Provincial Councils' Constitutions.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
		4.1.4	<p>Article 8.6.3</p> <p>[paraphrased] The Club shall ensure that the names and contact details of the Club's Officers (Chairman, Vice- Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer) are sent to KUSA for recording each time there is a change and shall further ensure that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer, as well as any Committee Member with financial banking powers, i.e. with signing or transacting powers, in whatever form, on any of the Club's bank accounts, are members in good standing of the Kennel Union.</p>

		<p>[Notice to Clubs: The above Regulation directs, <i>inter alia</i>, that Clubs must elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and that these four Officers need to be members in good standing of KUSA.</p> <p>The KUSA Office can only provide Fedco with information supplied by the affiliated Clubs. If interim appointments of Officers are made, or other constitutional breaches remedied, the KUSA Office needs to be notified without delay so that KUSA's records may be updated.]</p> <p>(\$) reported at Fedco 12-2022 (36 months) indicated in red (#) reported at Fedco 06-2023 (30 months) indicated in red (!) reported at Fedco 12-2023 (24 months) indicated in red (&) reported at Fedco 06-2024 (18 months) indicated in red (@) reported at Fedco 12-2024 (12 months) indicated in red (%) reported at Fedco 06-2025 (6 months) indicated in red</p> <p>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaskan Malamute Club (%@&) Chairman's membership due 15/09/2024, lapsed 15/10/2024 Vice-Chairman's membership due 15/03/2025, lapsed 15/04/2025 Treasurer's membership due 15/03/2025, lapsed 15/04/2025 [Note: Refer to Note under Item 4.1.1] • Klun French Bulldog Club of Gauteng Treasurer's membership due 15/05/2025, lapsed 15/05/2025 No Secretary • Mpumalanga Bulldog Club Secretary's membership due 15/09/2025, lapsed 15/10/2025 • SA Alsatian and All-breeds Training Club Secretary's membership due 15/04/2025, lapsed 15/05/2025 • SA Mastiff Club Chairman's membership due 15/10/2025, lapsed 15/11/2025 Secretary's membership due 15/10/2025, lapsed 15/11/2025 <p>Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biewer Terrier Club of Gauteng (\$#!&@%) Vice-Chairman & Treasurer are same person • Dog Training Club of Bredell Chairman & Secretary are the same person • Northern Areas French Bulldog Club (%) Chairman's membership due 15/06/2025, lapsed 15/07/2025 Treasurer not appointed Secretary's membership due 15/02/2024, lapsed 15/03/2024 • Northern Boxer Club Secretary deceased and not replaced • Northern Transvaal Bull Terrier Club Vice-Chairman's membership due 15/12/2024, lapsed 15/01/2025 Secretary's membership due 15/09/2025, lapsed 15/10/2025 <p>Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil <p>Free State & Northern Cape (incl. Namibia) Provincial Council (FS&NCPC)</p>
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At this point, the Chairman paused the meeting for a 10-minute tea break and LC requested to be excused for a while to enable him to fetch his dog from the vet. He undertook to rejoin the meeting immediately upon his return.			
		4.1.5	<p>Article 9.4</p> <p><i>"Whenever a Club has been disaffiliated under provisions Articles 9.1 and 9.2, it may submit a request to the Federal Council for reinstatement to the list of Affiliated Clubs and the Federal Council may, on consideration of all the circumstances, grant reinstatement on such terms and conditions as may be decided, including payment of all sums due and payable to the KUSA and provided such appeal is received by the Secretary within fifteen (15) months from the date of the Federal Council's meeting at which the decision to disaffiliate the Club was taken."</i></p> <p>Nil.</p>
		4.1.6	<p>Dissolution of Clubs</p> <p>The following Clubs closed since Fedco 06-2025:</p> <p>Cape Welsh Corgi Club Collie Club of South Africa Free State Kennel Club Madiba Bay Agility Club Pomeranian Club of Gauteng</p> <p>[Note: Alaskan Malamute Club (DOGSPC) has advised its imminent closure. Refer to the Note under Item 4.1.1.]</p> <p>Noted.</p>

		4.1.7	Voluntary disaffiliation of Clubs from KUSA The following Clubs declared their voluntary disaffiliation from KUSA: Nil.																																																														
		4.1.8	New Clubs Brakfontein Dog Training Club EC&BPC Jikeleza Dog Training Club EC&BPC Winelands Bull Terrier Club WCPC Noted.																																																														
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		Gauteng Golden Retriever Club Highveld Whippet Club Irish Wolfhound Club of Gauteng Marks Park All-breeds Dog Training Club Pretoria Toy Dog Breeders' Club Rainbow Hungarian Vizsla Club Shetland Sheepdog Club Sporting Dogs' Association Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions Alaskan Malamute Club Gauteng [Note: Closure of Club awaited. Refer Note under Item 4.1.1] Dalmatian Club Eastern Transvaal Bull Terrier Club Goldfields Supporters Club of Southern Gauteng German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern Areas & Surrounds Highveld GSD & ABT Club Highveld Hound Club Highveld Pomeranian Breeders' Association Highveld Rottweiler Club IGP Training Club of Southern Areas & Surrounds Jolly Dog School Junior Kennel Club of Gauteng Klun French Bulldog Club of Gauteng Meridian Rottweiler League Mpumalanga Bulldog Club Roodepoort & Districts Kennel Club SA Alsatian and All-Breeds Training Club SA Bull Terrier Club SA Bulldog Club Saint Bernard Club of Transvaal Transvaal Terrier Club Vereeniging & Districts Kennel Club Working & Herding Breeds Association Golden Reef Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC) Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions Beagle Association of Gauteng Birch Acres Dog Training Club Golden City Fox Terrier Club Highveld Belgian Shepherd Dog Club IGP Club of Northern Areas Jacaranda City Kennel Club K9 Sport Specialist GSD Club of Gauteng Limpopo Bull Terrier Club North West Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club Northern Areas Agility & Dog Jumping Club Northern Areas Terrier Club Pretoria Shepherd Dog Club Pretoria Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club SA Ladies Kennel Association Saint Bernard Association of Northern Gauteng	In progress In progress In progress In progress In progress In progress In progress In progress Date of current Constitution 01/05/2005 01/09/1995 01/07/2009 12/09/2015 23/11/2018 01/03/2009 10/09/2011 17/11/2016 13/05/1999 26/08/2020 08/02/2019 23/10/2007 01/05/2008 15/11/1985 02/06/2017 01/06/1990 12/06/2021 18/01/2011 14/01/2013 13/02/1998 01/06/2012 04/12/2012 01/07/2009 Adoption Date 11/07/2024 25/11/2023 13/04/2022 20/09/2020 18/03/2025 16/07/2024 21/08/2021 16/10/2021 24/02/2024 19/09/2023 15/08/2023 16/03/2024 17/06/2025 25/02/2024 20/08/2024
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		TKC Kennel Club	12/03/2024
		Utility Breeds Club of Gauteng	28/04/2024
		Working Deutsch Drahthaar Club	18/05/2022
		Working Deutsch Kurzhaar Club	19/04/2024
		Working Weimaraner Club	28/08/2023
		Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them	
		Praetor Rottweiler Club of Tshwane	In progress
		Rotek GSD Club of Northern Areas	In progress
		Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions	Date of current Constitution
		Biewer Terrier Club of Gauteng	15/01/2013
		Boxer Club - Gold Reef	28/01/2018
		Dog Training Club of Bredell	01/07/2007
		Goldfields Supporters Club of Northern Gauteng	12/09/2015
		Jubilee Toy Dog Club of SA	01/03/2007
		North West GSD Club	01/11/2019
		Northern Areas French Bulldog Club	22/08/2021
		Northern Boxer Club	13/03/2018
		Northern Transvaal Bull Terrier Club	20/03/2012
		Northern Tshwane Kennel Club	18/09/2020
		Rottweiler Working & Breeding Association of Gauteng	03/02/2012
		Shar Pei Club of Gauteng	01/10/2009
		Transvaal Working Trials Association	29/01/2008
		Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)	
		Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions	Adoption Date
		Algoa Hound Club	19/10/2024
		Bay GSD IGP Sport Club	22/02/2022
		Brakfontein Dog Training Club	22/04/2025
		Eastern Cape Gundog Association	15/08/2023
		Herding Club of the Eastern Cape	26/01/2023
		Jikeleza Dog Training Club	22/04/2025
		Uitenhage Kennel Club	17/12/2024
		Walmer & Suburban Kennel Club	21/11/2023
		Wild Coast Dog Training Club	24/11/2021
		Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them	
		Baakens Valley Working & Herding Breeds Club	In progress
		Border Dog Training Club	In progress
		Grahamstown & District Kennel Club	In progress
		Terrier Club - Eastern Cape	In progress
		Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions	Date of current Constitution
		East London Kennel Club	25/03/2021
		Port Elizabeth Kennel Club	22/09/2015

		Port Rex Kennel Club 05/07/2016 Queenstown & Districts Kennel Club 01/07/2019 Western Suburbs Dog School 01/11/2006 Free State & Northern Cape (incl. Namibia) Provincial Council (FS&NCPC) Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions Adoption Date Bloemfontein Kennel Club 22/03/2023 Central Free State Bull Terrier Club 29/06/2025 Free State Terrier Club 17/06/2025 Kimberley Kennel Club 22/03/2023 Northern Free State Bull Terrier Club 20/05/2025 Northern Free State Kennel Club 22/03/2022 Sasolburg Kennel Club 03/05/2024 Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them Windhoek Dog Club In progress Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions Date of current Constitution Free State Bulldog Club 13/05/2016 Free State Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club 21/08/2005 Hochland Dog Club 10/09/1996 Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (S.V. Nam) 19/11/2015 KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC) Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions Adoption Date Barks GSD Club of KZN 17/08/2021 Bluff Dog Club 18/04/2023 Durban & Districts Kennel Club 01/03/2024 Golden Retriever Club of KZN 14/10/2023 Hibiscus Kennel Club 22/03/2023 Highway Kennel Club 22/04/2025 KwaZulu-Natal Junior Kennel Club 28/10/2023 KwaZulu-Natal Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club 18/04/2023 KZN Carting Club 18/04/2023 Margate Kennel Club 06/04/2021 Natal Border Collie Club 08/10/2025 Natal GSD Club 15/01/2022 Natal Gundog Club 18/04/2023 Natal Sporting Hound Association 22/04/2025 Natal Terrier Club 20/05/2025 Natal Working & Herding Breeds Association 18/04/2023 Northern Natal Kennel Club 18/04/2023 Pinetown Dog Training Club 24/01/2024 Siegerhunde GSD Club 31/03/2024 Zululand Kennel Club 18/04/2023 Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them
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			Highway Agility Club KwaZulu-Natal Boxer Club KZN Dog Athletics Association Umbogintwini Dog Training Club	In progress In progress In progress In progress
			Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions	Date of current Constitution
			Natal Rottweiler Association	21/03/2009
			Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)	
			Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions	Adoption Date
			Australian Shepherd Club of Western Cape	18/03/2025
			Cape Bullmastiff Club	06/03/2024
			Cape Field Trial Club	22/11/2022
			Cape Gundog Club	22/04/2025
			Cape Heritage Bull Terrier Club	17/10/2023
			Cape Hound Club	18/06/2024
			Cape Terrier Club	16/05/2023
			Cape Town Kennel Club	20/08/2024
			George Kennel Club	16/09/2025
			Kennel Association	18/04/2023
			Liesbeek Kennel Club	23/07/2025
			Matrix GSD Western Cape	14/01/2025
			Mother City Poodle Club	20/08/2024
			Outeniqua Kennel Club	16/09/2025
			Overberg Kennel Club	20/08/2024
			Pack GSD Club of the Western Cape	23/09/2021
			South Cape IGP Club	22/01/2025
			Swartland Kennel Club	16/07/2024
			Versatile Pointing Dog Club	18/04/2023
			West Coast Kennel Club	16/07/2024
			Western Province Boxer Club	15/04/2025
			Western Province Bull Terrier Club	19/09/2023
			Western Province Kennel Club	10/06/2025
			Whale Coast Kennel Club	20/08/2024
			Working & Herding Breeds Club of the Cape	14/01/2025
			Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them	
			Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of WC	In progress
			Cape Bulldog Club	In progress
			Cape Handlers Dog Club	In progress
			Cape Utility Dog Club	In progress
			French Bulldog Club of the Western Cape	In progress
			Hottentots Holland Kennel Club	In progress
			Sirius Western Cape IGP Dog Club	In progress
			Victory Toy Dog Club	In progress
			Western Cape Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	In progress
			Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions	Date of current Constitution

			<div>Breede Rivier Vallei Kennel Club12/06/2003</div> <div>Cape Rottweiler Club01/03/2009</div> <div>Dobermann Club of the Cape16/05/1994</div> <div>Western Province Rottweiler Club14/06/2001</div> <div>Noted.</div>
		4.2.2	<div>Proposed amendments to Standalone Championship Show-holding Specialist Club Constitutions</div> <div>Submitted by DOGSPC on behalf of Highveld Whippet Club</div> <div>[Note: Refer to the Principal Proposal and Motivation under Item 10.1.2 (Proposed amendments to Schedule 03 – Regulations for Championship Shows – to Permit Standalone Championship Show-holding Specialist Clubs to occasionally hold Shows in different Centres to accommodate its country-wide Membership, subject to Exco approval.)]</div> <div>Proposed addition to Standalone Championship Show-holding Specialist Club Constitutions:</div> <div>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u></div> <div>3. HEADQUARTERS AND ADDRESS OF THE CLUB</div> <div>The headquarters of the Club shall be as determined from time to time by the Committee, but shall be in the geographical area covered by <i>[INITIALISM OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL]</i> and the Club's Dog Shows shall take place within this area, or at any neutral venue as may be declared by KUSA from time to time.</div> <div><u>Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Club is the sole Specialist Breed Club for [INSERT BREED (plural)] affiliated to KUSA, it may apply to the Executive Committee to hold its annual Championship Show in a geographical area covered by another Provincial Council, or to hold an additional Championship Dog Show in such other geographical area (refer to Article 29.2 of the KUSA Constitution). In adjudicating either application, the Executive Committee shall be obliged to apply the criteria contemplated in Schedule 03 Regulation 2.1.1.</u></div> <div>For decision.</div> <div>On a proposal by NR, seconded by MA, the above amendment to Club Constitutions of Standalone Championship Show-holding Specialist Clubs was approved, unanimously, and the replacement of such Clubs' Constitutions with updated versions was authorised, unanimously.</div> <div>Effective 01.03.2026.</div>
	4.3		<div>Provincial Council Constitutions</div>
		4.3.1	<div>Amendments to Provincial Council Constitutions</div> <div>[Note: Acceptance of proposed amendments to Provincial Council Constitutions are at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Federal Council and for noting by all other parties.]</div> <div>Proposed amendments to the Constitutions of the Provincial Councils</div> <div>Motivation:</div> <div>The following amendments to Provincial Councils' Constitutions are proposed as part of the ongoing quest to keep the Provincial Councils' Constitutions current and relevant and to align them with the KUSA Constitution and Club Constitutions to avoid conflict. Where clauses are</div>

		<p>inserted, or deleted, it obviously triggers the renumbering of the rest of the clauses at that numbering level.</p> <p>The primary purpose of the latest proposed amendments is to insert a further empowering clause under Powers, permitting the Provincial Council Chairmen to intervene, or delegate such intervention, when Clubs are relegated to “Ineligible Member Club” status in an effort to restore their good standing (Amendment 5). The rest of the amendments are of a housekeeping nature in the ongoing quest to improve the efficacy of Provincial Council Constitutions.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Amendment 1:</p> <p>To insert a <i>new</i> sub-clause 4.1.3.2.3 under sub-clauses 4.1.3 → 4.1.3.2 of the Objectives to emphasise the necessity of Clubs complying with their Constitutions and Bylaws and for Standing Sub-Committees complying with the By-laws and Terms of Reference, as the case may be.</p> <p><u>4.1.3.2.3 the compliance of Member Clubs with their constitutions and Standing Sub-Committees with their By-laws or Terms of Reference, as the case may be.</u></p> <p>Amendment 2:</p> <p>To insert the word “constituted” into clause 4.1.10 of the Objectives to make it clear that Provincial Councils’ proposals may only be tabled at <i>constituted</i> meetings of Fedco.</p> <p>4.1.10 To receive and consider proposals from Members of [INITIASLISM OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL] on any issue, including proposals to amend the KUSA Constitution, or any Schedule thereof and, after due consideration, to approve (with or without amendment), or reject, any such proposal and to forward those approved to KUSA for tabling of at the next <u>constituted</u> meeting of the Federal Council.</p> <p>Amendment 3:</p> <p>To insert the words “and signed” into clause 4.1.18 of the Objectives to make it clear that the Provincial Councils’ Audited Financial Statements must also be <i>signed</i> by the Auditor or Independent Financial Practitioner.</p> <p>4.1.18 To provide KUSA with financial statements, audited <u>and signed</u> by the qualified auditor or Independent Financial Practitioner appointed in terms of Clause 16.1.11, before 30 November of each year.</p> <p>Amendment 4:</p> <p>To remove clause 5.1.1.1 from the list of Powers of the Provincial Councils, since the function of approving Clubs’ shows has devolved on the KUSA Office.</p> <p>[5.1.1.1 consider and approve, in the first instance (but always subject to KUSA’s overriding right of confirmation, or otherwise), all applications made by Member Clubs of [INITIASLISM OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL] for dates to hold conformation shows or</p>
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		<p>other events and, if it so chooses, to issue licences in respect of Non-Championship Shows;]</p> <p>Amendment 5:</p> <p>To insert a new cause 5.1.4 under Powers which, in the case of maladministered Clubs, will permit the Chairman of the Provincial Council to petition the Executive Committee to authorise the Provincial Council Chairman to appoint a person vested with the powers to take such actions and implement such measures to restore the sound governance of the Club.</p> <p>5.1.4 <u>As an action of last resort, compel an Ineligible Member Club to remedy its constitutional breaches or governance failures by petitioning the Executive Committee to authorise the Chairman (of [INITIASLISM OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL]) to appoint a person to act in the place of the Chairman of the Club, such person to be vested with the powers to take such actions and implement such measures to restore the sound governance of the Club and thereby the rescission of its Ineligible Member Club status.</u></p> <p>Amendment 6:</p> <p>To insert the words “and signed” into clause 16.1.4 under Annual General Meetings to make it clear that the Provincial Councils’ Audited Financial Statements must also be <i>signed</i> by the Auditor or Independent Financial Practitioner.</p> <p>16.1.4 At the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman shall report on the activities of [INITIASLISM OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL] during the period since the last Annual General Meeting, and the Treasurer shall present the Financial Statements, audited <u>and signed</u> by, at the very least, an Independent Financial Practitioner.</p> <p>Amendment 7:</p> <p>To insert the words “and signed” into clause 19.1 under Audited Financial Statements to make it clear that the Provincial Councils’ Audited Financial Statements must also be <i>signed</i> by the Auditor or Independent Financial Practitioner.</p> <p>19.1 [INITIASLISM OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL] shall submit its books of account and financial records for annual audit to the auditor or Independent Financial Practitioner appointed at the Annual General Meeting by no later than the 30 September of each year and, following their approval at the Annual General Meeting, shall forward its audited <u>and signed</u> accounts of income and expenditure and [INITIASLISM OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL]’s Statement of Financial Position (balance sheet) to KUSA before 30 November of each year.</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>On a proposal from RJ, seconded by MA, the above amendments to the Provincial Council Constitutions, approved by the Federal Council at the Fedco Discussion Forum (FDF) Session 5 on 22.10.2025, were ratified unanimously.</p> <p>Implementation upon signature of the Ninth Iteration of the six Provincial Council Constitutions by the General Manager.</p>
5		<p>MATTERS RELATING TO THE FÉDÉRATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE (FCI)</p>

	5.1	<p>FCI Non-Mandatory Commissions (Fedco 12-2020 Item 3.11.2, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.8.2, Fedco 06-2022 Item 5.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 5.2, Fedco 06-2023 Item 5.2, Fedco 12-2023 Item 5.2, Fedco 06-2024 Item 5.2, Fedco 12-2024 Item 5.1, Fedco 06-2025 Item 5.1)</p> <p><i>As agreed at Fedco 12-2015, representatives should either be Fedco Members, Conveners of National Sub-Committees, or persons deemed suitable by Fedco. Appointees needed to have a thorough knowledge of the Dogsport/subject in question.</i></p> <p><i>The following persons were appointed, or re-appointed, at Fedco 06-2024 to serve as KUSA's representatives on the FCI's Non-Mandatory Commissions:</i></p> <p><i>Agility – Mr Rob Hall</i> <i>Breeding – Cllr Ron Juckes</i> <i>Dog Dancing – Ms Kathy Clayton</i> <i>Flyball – Ms Liesl Twyman</i> <i>Hoopers – Cllr Carolyn Chelchinskey</i> <i>Rally Obedience – Mrs Chantal Ross-Germishuys</i> <i>Rescue Dogs – Mrs Robyn Harflett</i> <i>Shows – Cllr Jenny Hubbard</i> <i>Show Judges – Cllr Jenny Hubbard, assisted by the KUSA Office</i> <i>Utility Dogs – Cllr Nikki Redtenbacher</i> <i>Education and Public Relations – Cllr Lori Thornhill</i> <i>Mondioring – Mr Keith Duranty</i></p> <p>For review and confirmation.</p> <p>The above Representatives on FCI Non-Mandatory Commissions were reviewed and confirmed.</p>
6		FEDCO MATTERS
	6.1	<p>Fedco Portfolios (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.13, Fedco 06-2022 Item 6.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 6.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 6.1, Fedco 12-2023 Item 6.1, Fedco 04-2024 Item 7.1, Fedco 06-2024 Item 6.1, Fedco 12-2024 Item 6.1, Fedco 06-2025 Item 6.1)</p> <p>Fedco Members' Portfolios as reviews and updated at the Fedco Discussion Forum (FDF) Session 6 on 03.11.2025:</p> <p>Cllr JM Hubbard Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Budgets, Finance, Breed Health, Extraordinary Registrations</p> <p>Cllr RD Juckes DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Dog Dancing, Working Trials (Classic), Trick Dog & Property Acquisition</p> <p>Cllr DC Sparg Agility, Dog Jumping, Field Trials, Obedience</p> <p>Cllr LC Thornhill DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Rally Dog, Digital Communication – KUSA Web & Social Media, Budgets, Finance</p> <p>Cllr MW Vorster Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Flyball, Carting, Budgets, Finance & Property Acquisition,</p> <p>Cllr C Chelchinskey Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Agility, Dog Jumping, Scent Work & Hoopers</p> <p>Cllr N Redtenbacher Showmanship (Child, Junior & Adult), Internationale Gebrauchshunde Prüfungsordnung (IGP), Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Rally Dog, Digital Communications – KUSA Web & Social Media.</p>

		<p>Cllr L Coetsee Mondioring, Rescue Dogs & Tracking Trials</p> <p>Cllr M (V) Alberts Breed Shows, Information Technology</p> <p>Mr BG Robinson, KUSA Secretary, has been allocated the following Portfolios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KUSA Constitution and Schedules • Club Constitutions & Bylaws • Provincial Council Constitutions & Bylaws • Breed Council and Liaison Council Constitutions & Bylaws • Media & Press – Liaison Officer <p>Areas of responsibility not specifically identified above are to be dealt with by the KUSA Office under the guidance of the General Manager.</p> <p>For review and confirmation.</p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by MA, the Fedco Portfolio-holders above, as reviewed at the Fedco Discussion Forum (FDF) Session 6 on 03.11.2025, were confirmed, unanimously.</p>
7		MATTERS RELATING TO THE ARTICLES
	7.1	<p>Constitution and Schedules List</p> <p>The addition of Schedules approved by the Federal Council under Articles 6.1 & 41</p> <p>Nil.</p>
	7.2	<p>Amendment to the Articles of KUSA</p> <p>Nil.</p>
8		MATTERS RELATED TO DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS – SCHEDULE 01
	8.1	Disciplinary Hearings
	8.1.1	<p>Case 2024-02 – KUSA vs Ingram</p> <p>The Fedco Appeals Committee (FAC) heard the above case preliminarily on 15, 17 & 18.08.2025 (on Ms Teams), and on Tuesday, 19.08.2025 (face-to-face), finalised the hearing on Wednesday, 29 October 2025, during which proceedings the following Findings were made:</p> <p>Findings of FAC</p> <p>The FAC considered the Grounds for Appeal <i>seriatim</i> and found, by majority vote:</p> <p>Ground 1: DSC's failure to consider or address relevant procedural issues raised by the appellant</p> <p>Having carefully looked at the procedural requirements of KUSA's Disciplinary Rules, and the process followed, the FAC was happy that due process had been followed. The FAC thus rejected this point as a reason for appeal, and declined to overturn the findings of the DSC on this Ground.</p> <p>Ground 2: DSC's failure to consider or address the appellant's version of events</p> <p>Following careful scrutiny of all documents before them, the FAC concluded that the Appellant was involved in falsely declaring a Dual Sire mating as a natural mating and had not applied his mind fully to the application documents being submitted to KUSA. Given that the late Mr DW Thompson was a mentor to the Appellant, it was reasonable to expect that the Appellant</p>

		<p>would have used this opportunity more fully to improve his knowledge of procedures, which would have prevented the occurrence of this regrettable situation.</p> <p>However, the DSC took into consideration that the Litter Registration Application – Breed Register had been signed by the late Mr DW Thompson and not by the Appellant. Moreover, while the application received by KUSA was sent from the Appellant’s email address, it did not bear the Appellant’s name or provide any evidence that it had been scrutinised by the Appellant. On a balance of probabilities, the FAC could not be fully certain of the role played by the Appellant and found this sufficient cause to uphold the Appeal. The FAC thus rejected the finding of the DSC on this Ground.</p> <p><i>Ground 3: The DSC’s errors of fact</i></p> <p>The FAC noted the Appellant’s misunderstanding the process of attending the DSC hearing but as this argument was not grounds for an Appeal, it was not considered further.</p> <p><i>Ground 4: The penalties imposed on the appellant by the DSC</i></p> <p>The FAC considered the penalties imposed by the DSC on the Appellant and looked at each in light of the decision made on Grounds 1, 2 and 3. The FAC thus ruled that:</p> <p><i>Issue 1 – Matters relating to the Application for Registration of a Complete Litter resulting from an undeclared Dual Sire mating</i></p> <p>1.1 In terms of Schedule 01 Rule 11.1.1, the Respondent is expelled from membership of KUSA for a period of ten (10) years, which penalty is suspended in full, provided that the Respondent is not found in breach of any Regulation as described in Schedule 02 or Schedule 03 during the period of suspension.</p> <p>Given the FAC’s finding based on Ground 2, the FAC ruled that the decision be overturned in full. However, the FAC would like to caution the Appellant that, as a member of KUSA, he is bound by the Rules and Regulations of the organisation and should make every effort to apply his mind in full to similar applications in the future.</p> <p>1.2 In terms of Rule 11.1.2 of Schedule 01, the Respondent is excluded from acting as an Officer (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer) of a Club for a period of five (5) years.</p> <p>Given the FAC’s finding based on Ground 2, and the overturning of Penalty 1.1 above, the FAC ruled that the decision be overturned in full. However, the FAC would like to caution the Appellant that as a member of KUSA, and a representative of a Club, he is seen as a person in authority and should ensure that he sets a shining example for others and familiarises himself with the Rules and Regulations of the organisation, or at least becomes conversant with the location of such information, when required.</p> <p>1.3 In terms of Schedule 01 Rule 11.1.5, the Respondent is disqualified from officiating as a Judge at any Show or event held under KUSA licence, or from officiating as a Judge at any Shows licensed by a National Canine Organisation (NCO) holding any category of membership or contract partnership of the FCI, or from officiating as a Judge in any non-FCI country at a Show or event held under the jurisdiction of an</p>
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			<p>NCO with which KUSA has arrangements of mutual recognition and reciprocity, for a period of five (5) years.</p> <p>Given the FAC's finding based on Ground 2, and the overturning of Penalty 1.1 above, the FAC ruled that the decision be overturned in full.</p> <p>1.4 In terms of Schedule 01 Rule 11.1.6, a fine in the amount of two thousand five hundred rands (R2,500.00) in part compensation of the costs KUSA had incurred in the course of its investigation and in rectification of the contamination of its Primary Breed Register, caused by the misconduct of the Respondent.</p> <p>Given the FAC's finding based on Ground 2, and the overturning of Penalty 1.1 above, the FAC ruled that the decision be overturned in full and that the fine paid be refunded to the Appellant.</p> <p>The rulings of the FAC in respect of 1.1 to 1.3 above shall become effective upon the date of signature of this Record of Proceedings and Minutes by the Chairman of the FAC.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
		8.1.2	<p>Case 2024-04 – KUSA vs Botes</p> <p>The Fedco Appeals Committee (FAC) heard the above case on Thursday, 17.07.2025, and the Minutes and Record of Proceedings reflect the following Finding, followed by the Penalties imposed on the Appellant:</p> <p>FAC Finding: <i>In reaching its finding, the FAC not only took into account KUSA's obligations as a Registering Authority and Breeders' Society under the Animal Improvement Act, 62 of 1998, as contemplated in Article 1.2, but also its responsibility to give effect to its key object of functioning as a world-class Registering Authority and Breeders' Society for canines as a full member of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI).</i></p> <p><i>In acquiring membership of KUSA on a voluntary basis, members subject themselves to KUSA's and the FCI's regulatory frameworks, as well as the statutory provisions of National legislation which apply to KUSA. In operating a Register which relies exclusively on trust and honesty for its veracity, there can be no tolerance by KUSA of deception and chicanery.</i></p> <p><i>Considering the case in its totality, the FAC concluded that, on a balance of probabilities, there was sufficient evidence to uphold the finding of the DSC made on 13 February 2025, that the Appellant had wilfully compromised KUSA's Primary Breed Register by registering the offspring of a Rottweiler Dam imported in whelp as imports in flagrant contravention of the International Breeding Rules of the FCI, and doing so in circumvention and violation of Schedule 02 Appendix "C" Regulation 6.4 of the KUSA Constitution.</i></p> <p>Penalties: <i>In setting the penalties, the FAC took into account that, unless otherwise proven in the future, the Appellant was a first offender but, given the premeditation with which the fraud on KUSA had been perpetrated, could find no mitigating circumstances to sway them to impose more lenient penalties on the Appellant. There is an expectation on the part of the KUSA membership and the broader purebred dog community that contraventions of this nature should not go unpenalised, and it's incumbent on the FAC to take the necessary steps to ensure, to whatever extent possible, that the Primary Breed Register was protected against contamination and, if brought into disrepute, that its integrity was restored.</i></p> <p><i>From the evidence presented, the wanton violation of the KUSA Primary Breed Registry seemed to be a recurring problem, and it was the FAC's responsibility to impose penalties commensurate with the gravity of the offence perpetrated to serve as a deterrent to others</i></p>

		<p>contemplating to indulge in similar covert activities. Moreover, it was the duty of the FAC to send, through its imposition of penalties, a clear message that such fraudulent activities would not be tolerated by KUSA.</p> <p>Taking the above into account, the FAC considered the penalties imposed on the Appellant (erstwhile Respondent) by the DSC and agreed, unanimously, to uphold the penalties imposed by the DSC, i.e.:</p> <p>2 In terms of Schedule 01 Rule 11.1.1, the Appellant is expelled from membership of KUSA for a period of ten (10) years, which penalty is suspended in full, provided that the Respondent is not found in breach of any Regulation as described in Schedule 02 during the period of suspension.</p> <p>3 In terms of Rule 11.1.2 of Schedule 01, the Appellant is excluded from acting as an Officer of a Club (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer) for a period of five (5) years.</p> <p>4 In terms of Schedule 01 Rule 11.1.3, the Appellant is disqualified from registration, recording, exhibition or evaluation of a dog owned by him or registered or recorded in his name, or jointly with another or others, or in the name of a nominee, or of the progeny of such a dog, for a period of five (5) years. The Respondent may, however, transfer dogs during this period.</p> <p>5 In terms of Schedule 01 Rule 11.1.5, the Appellant is disqualified from taking part in the management of any Show or event held under KUSA licence or licensed by a National Canine Organisation (NCO) holding any category of membership or contract partnership with the FCI, or officiating in any non-FCI country at a Show or event held under the jurisdiction of an NCO with which KUSA has arrangements of mutual recognition and reciprocity for a period of five (5) years. This includes acting as a Helper.</p> <p>6 In terms of Schedule 01 Rule 11.1.6, a fine in the amount of two thousand rands (R2,000.00) per puppy is imposed in part compensation for the costs KUSA has incurred to date in relation to this case. This excludes the KUSA fee relating to possible amendments to the Certificates of Registration issued for the six (6) puppies.</p> <p>In terms of Schedule 01 Rule 12.13.3, read with Rule 11.1.4; and Rule 11.1.8, read with Schedule 03 Regulation 33.2, the FAC imposed the following additional Penalties:</p> <p>7 The removal of the 'Imported' status of the six dogs comprising the C-litter.</p> <p>8 The withdrawal of any awards made to those dogs at any KUSA-licensed Show or Event and the withdrawal of all KUSA titles earned by them.</p> <p>9 The cancellation of the registrations of the C-litter dogs in terms of Schedule 02 Regulation 12.1.</p> <p>Similarly, the cancellation of the registrations of any offspring of the C-litter, whether produced by any C-litter Dam, or by one of the C-litter Sires to another Dam, and informing the Registered Owners of all the implicated dogs (C-litter and their offspring) of the cancellations and the reason(s) therefor.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	8.1.3	Case 2024-05 – KUSA (Austen & NFSKC) vs Pieterse, Van den Doel & Katts

		<p>The Disciplinary Sub-Committee (DSC) heard the above case on Friday, 16.03.2025, and the Minutes and Record of Proceedings reflect the following Finding, followed by the Penalties imposed on the Respondents:</p> <p>DSC Finding: <i>After careful consideration of all the submitted evidence, documents, still images, video clip and affidavits, the DSC unanimously reached the following decision, on a balance of probabilities, with regard to Case 2024-05 before them that the complaint against the Respondents was fully substantiated by the presented evidence in that the Respondents had acted in a manner that was improper, disorderly, disrespectful, and damaging to the reputation of KUSA.</i></p> <p>Penalties: <i>Taking into consideration the nature of the misconduct, and the fact that they were first offenders, the DSC imposed the following penalty on each of the three (3) Respondents:</i></p> <p><i>In terms of Rule 11.1.7 of Schedule 09, the Respondents are each hereby reprimanded and warned regarding the above contravention of Schedule 03 and 09 as outlined in this document.</i></p> <p>No Notice of Appeal was given by any of the Respondents.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	8.1.4	<p>Case 2025-01 – Olivier vs Fyfe</p> <p>The Disciplinary Sub-Committee (DSC) heard the above case on Thursday, 28.10.2025, and the Minutes and Record of Proceedings reflect the following Finding, followed by the Penalties imposed on the Respondent:</p> <p>Finding:</p> <p><i>The DSC thoroughly perused the documentation before them to determine whether the Respondent had indeed infringed the two main points of the complaint. In particular, they noted the various photographs of the dog in question, and the comments made by the Complainant, the Respondent, the breeder of the dog and other members of dogdom and broader society. These were weighed and assessed, on a balance of probabilities, to determine whether or not the Respondent had indeed infringed the Rules and Regulations she allegedly breached.</i></p> <p><i>The DSC further noted that cyber-bullying was becoming more prevalent within dogdom and had the potential to discredit the sport and damage the credibility of those involved in dog-showing, whether they were competing as exhibitors, officiating as Judges, or acting in the capacity of Show Officials. This, in turn, tarnishes the image of KUSA and its licensed activities, purebred dogs, and KUSA membership in the eyes of the general public.</i></p> <p><i>It had been brought to the attention of the DSC that an application for KUSA membership had been received from the Respondent's husband on 16 June 2025, which was duly processed on 18 June 2025. On 20 June 2025, the KUSA Office received and processed an application from the Respondent to transfer five (5) of her dogs into her husband's name after disciplinary action had been instituted against her by the Complainant.</i></p> <p><i>Taking the Respondent's alleged transgressions of KUSA Regulations and Codes into account, compounded by the pre-emptive transfers of dogs, ostensibly to avoid the imposition of sanctions against them in an anticipated guilty finding, and in consideration of the papers, screenshots and other evidence entered into the record of this Case 2025-01, the DSC found, unanimously, and on a balance of probabilities, that the complaint had been fully</i></p>

		<p>substantiated by the Complainant.</p> <p>Penalties:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 In terms of Schedule 01 Rule 11.1.2, the Respondent is excluded from taking part in, or having any connection with, or attending or participating or handling a dog at a Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial or Field Trial or any other event held under KUSA licence, or from acting as an officer of a Club for a period of thirty-two (32) weeks. 2 In terms of Schedule 01 Rule 11.1.3, the Respondent is disqualified from registration, recording, transfer, exhibition or competition or evaluation of a dog owned by him or her or registered or recorded in his or her name, or jointly with another or others, or in the name of a nominee, for a period of thirty-two (32) weeks 3 The DSC ruled that the Penalties as described above would run concurrently and these Penalties shall take effect on Thursday, 20 November 2025 and terminate on Wednesday, 1 July 2026 <p>The Respondent has been notified of her right of appeal as per Schedule 01 Rule 12.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	8.2	<p>Disciplinary Rules – Schedule 01</p> <p>8.2.1 Proposed Amendments to Schedule 01 – Disciplinary Rules – to stay the transfer of dogs in the Registered Ownership of Respondents in Disciplinary Cases at the discretion of the Executive Committee</p> <p>Submitted by the Executive Committee and brought forward by the Chairman of the Federal Council.</p> <p>[Note: This Item is the Principal Proposal and should be considered in conjunction with the Companion Proposal under Item 9.4.2 (Proposed amendment to Schedule 02 – Regulations for the Classification, Registration and Transfer of the Registered Ownership of Dogs – to stay the transfer of dogs in the Registered Ownership of Respondents in Disciplinary Cases at the discretion of the Executive Committee.)]</p> <p>Proposal: To introduce a new Rule into Schedule 01 to act as a controlled transfer mechanism, requiring approval by the Executive Committee, when dogs are transferred out of the registered ownership of Respondents in Disciplinary Cases.</p> <p>Motivation: The purpose of this proposed new Rule is to prevent the trend of Respondents in Disciplinary Cases transferring dogs out of their registered ownership once advised that a case has been set down for hearing by a Disciplinary Sub-Committee (DSC). This is ostensibly done with the intent of avoiding sanctions or penalties being imposed on the dogs, which practice undermines and compromises the disciplinary process and adversely affects the DSC's ability to set appropriate penalties in certain cases.</p> <p>It is, however, recognised that the disciplinary processes can be protracted in certain cases, during which time the Respondent may have legitimate reasons to transfer dogs into the registered ownership of others, for instance, as part of the sale of puppies, or due to changes in breeding arrangements, family or administrative circumstances. It is, therefore, not proposed</p>

		<p>to impose a blanket moratorium on all transfers, but rather to have transfers of Respondents' dogs assessed for innocuousness and fairness prior to authorising them.</p> <p>The proposed new Rule balances these considerations by introducing a controlled transfer mechanism, requiring Exco approval, rather than a complete prohibition. This should ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • legitimate, routine transfers (e.g. sale of puppies) may continue without prejudice to buyers; and • whereas transfers intended to circumvent the possible effects of the disciplinary process can be identified and stayed. <p>Addition of a new Rule 9.4 to Schedule 01:</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u>.</p> <p>9.4 Transfer of Ownership Pending Hearing</p> <p><u>9.4.1 From the date on which the Respondent is notified of a Disciplinary Sub-Committee (DSC) hearing in terms of Rule 9.1, no dog owned, co-owned, registered or recorded in the Respondent's name, whether solely, jointly, or in the name of a nominee, may be transferred, assigned or otherwise disposed of without the approval of the Executive Committee.</u></p> <p><u>9.4.2 Any application for transfer during this period must be submitted to the Executive Committee through the Secretary and must include full written reasons and supporting documentation. The Executive Committee may grant or refuse approval at its discretion.</u></p> <p><u>9.4.3 Any transfer of ownership effected in contravention of Rule 9.4.1 shall be deemed invalid for all purposes of proceedings under Schedule 01, and the dog concerned shall be treated as though it remains under the Respondent's ownership for the duration of the disciplinary process, including the imposition of any penalties.</u></p> <p><u>9.4.4 This restriction remains in force until the conclusion of all disciplinary proceedings, including the expiration of the appeal period or the final determination of an appeal, if lodged.</u></p> <p>On a proposal from MA seconded by RJ, the amendments to Schedule 01 Regulation 9 – Disciplinary Rules – were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes.</p>
9		MATTERS RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION, REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER OF THE REGISTERED OWNERSHIP OF DOGS – SCHEDULE 02
	9.1	Breed Standards
	9.1.1	<p>Breed Standards Committee</p> <p>Following the death of Mr RB Jenkins, Cllr JM Hubbard was appointed to the Breed Standards Committee at the Fedco Discussion Forum Session 01, held on 10.07.2025, joining Mr MW Vorster on this Committee.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	9.1.2	<p>Breed Standards automatically amended/revised under the <i>KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</i></p> <p>GUNDOG GROUP</p>

		<p>The Royal Kennel Club, UK Hungarian Vizsla Spaniel (Cocker) Spaniel (English Springer)</p> <p>HERDING GROUP The Royal Kennel Club, UK Old English Sheepdog</p> <p>HOUND GROUP The Royal Kennel Club, UK Afghan Hound Basset Hound Deerhound Saluki</p> <p>TERRIER GROUP The Royal Kennel Club, UK Bull Terrier Cairn Terrier Fox Terrier (Smooth) Fox Terrier (Wire) Irish Terrier Norfolk Terrier Scottish Terrier Staffordshire Bull Terrier West Highland White Terrier</p> <p>TOY GROUP The Royal Kennel Club, UK Chihuahua (Long Coat) Chihuahua (Smooth Coat) Miniature Pinscher</p> <p>UTILITY GROUP The Royal Kennel Club, UK Bulldog Dalmatian Schipperke</p> <p>WORKING GROUP The Royal Kennel Club, UK Bullmastiff</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2026.</p>
	9.1.3	<p><i>List of Breed Standards to be amended to correct typographical and other errors:</i></p> <p>[Note: Amendments appear in red. Text that needs to be italicised also <u>appears underlined in red</u>.</p> <p>GUNDOG GROUP The Royal Kennel Club, UK</p>

		<p>Retriever (Flat-coated) – KC [07-2025] SIZE AND WEIGHT: <u>Preferred</u> height: Dogs: 59 – 61,5 cm (23–24 ins), Bitches: 56,5 – 59 cm (22–23 ins). <u>Preferred weight in hard condition</u>: Dogs: 27 – 36 kg (60–80 lbs), Bitches: 25 – 32 kg (55–70 lbs).</p> <p>Spaniel (Cocker) – KC [03-2016] Height <u>approximately</u>: Males 39 – 41 cm Females 38 – 39 cm</p> <p>HERDING GROUP Shetland Sheepdog COLOUR: Any other colour or combination of colours unacceptable. [Merle unacceptable.]</p> <p>HOUND GROUP Deerhound – KC [03-2016] SIZE: Males: minimum <u>desirable</u> height at the withers 76 cm. Females: minimum <u>desirable</u> height at the withers 71 cm.</p> <p>TERRIER GROUP Cairn Terrier – KC [01-2017] SIZE Height at withers: <u>Approximately</u> 28cm – 31cm (approx. 11” – 12”). Height in proportion to weight. Weight: Ideally 6kg – 7.5kg</p> <p>Fox Terrier (Wire) – KC [01-2017] SIZE Height <u>at the withers not exceeding</u> 39 cm (15 ½ ins) in dogs, bitches slightly less. <u>Ideal weight in show condition</u> 8 kg (18 lbs) for dogs, bitches slightly less.</p> <p>UTILITY GROUP Bulldog – KC [07-2023] The Origin of the Breed is noted as [Franco-Belgian]. This is incorrect and should read Great Britain.</p> <p>Shih Tzu – KC [07-2025] SIZE Height at withers <u>not more than</u> 27 cm (10½ ins), type and breed characteristics of the utmost importance and on no account to be sacrificed to size alone. Weight: 4.5–8 kgs (10–18 lbs). Ideal weight 4.5–7.5 kgs (10–16 lbs).</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2026.</p>
	9.1.4	<p>Breed Standards to be converted on the strength of referenda conducted under the KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</p> <p>GUNDOG GROUP</p> <p>English Setter</p> <p>In October 2025, at the request of the Breed Standards Committee, the KUSA Office issued a referendum, as prescribed by the KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards, to convert KUSA’s current Breed Standard for the English Setter, that of The Royal Kennel Club, UK, to the county-of-origin Breed Standard. Since Great Britain is the country of origin of the English Setter, it should stand to reason that, apart from differences in layout, the two Breed Standards are, in essence, identical in content.</p>

		<p>As further prescribed by the <i>KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</i>, KUSA extracted a list of Breeders of English Setters who had registered litters during the past seven (7) years, as well as a list of persons who had taken transfer of one or more English Setters into their Registered Ownership during the same seven-year period. From these lists, non-members were eliminated, since they were not eligible to participate in any poll conducted by KUSA.</p> <p>On 01.10.2025, the KUSA Secretary wrote to the Breeders and Registered Owners who met the survey criteria – two (2) in total – fully motivating the proposed conversion to the FCI Breed Standard, also providing a comparative analysis of the two Breed Standards compiled by the KUSA Office, as well as links to both Breed Standards. The survey participants were sent Voting Forms with a return deadline of 14.10.2025</p> <p>Neither of the two respondents returned Voting Forms and their votes in favour of conversion and two (2) votes in favour of conversion were therefore acquired by acquiescence, which fallback position was clearly set in the referendum conditions as a consequence of failure to respond.</p> <p>In view of the above, a majority vote in favour of adopting the FCI Breed Standard under the nomenclature of English Setter was achieved.</p> <p>For ratification and adoption.</p> <p>On a proposal from MV, seconded by JH, the result of the referendum was ratified, unanimously, and the adoption of the FCI Breed Standard for the English Setter was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2026.</p> <p>HERDING GROUP</p> <p>Collie (Smooth)</p> <p>In October 2025, at the request of the Breed Standards Committee, the KUSA Office issued a referendum, as prescribed by the <i>KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</i>, to convert KUSA's current Breed Standard for the Collie (Smooth), that of The Royal Kennel Club, UK, to the county-of-origin Breed Standard. Since Great Britain is the country of origin of the Collie (Smooth), it should stand to reason that, apart from differences in layout, the two Breed Standards are, in essence, identical in content.</p> <p>As further prescribed by the <i>KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</i>, KUSA extracted a list of Breeders of Collies (Smooth) who had registered litters during the past seven (7) years, as well as a list of persons who had taken transfer of one or more Collies (Smooth) into their Registered Ownership during the same seven-year period. From these lists, non-members were eliminated, since they were not eligible to participate in any poll conducted by KUSA.</p> <p>On 01.10.2025, the KUSA Secretary wrote to the Breeders and Registered Owners who met the survey criteria – three (3) in total – fully motivating the proposed conversion to the FCI Breed Standard, also providing a comparative analysis of the two Breed Standards compiled by the KUSA Office, as well as links to both Breed Standards. The survey participants were sent Voting Forms with a return deadline of 14.10.2025</p> <p>Two (2) of the three respondents returned Voting Forms in favour of conversion and one (1) vote in favour of conversion was therefore acquired by acquiescence, which fallback position was clearly set in the referendum conditions as a consequence of failure to respond.</p>
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		<p>Standards, as well as links to both Breed Standards. The survey participants were sent Voting Forms with a return deadline of 14.10.2025</p> <p>Three (3) of the seven respondents returned Voting Forms in favour of conversion and four (4) votes in favour of conversion were therefore acquired by acquiescence, which fallback position was clearly set in the referendum conditions as a consequence of failure to respond.</p> <p>In view of the above, a majority vote in favour of adopting the FCI Breed Standard under the nomenclature of Boston Terrier was achieved.</p> <p>For ratification and adoption.</p> <p>On a proposal from MV, seconded by JH, the result of the referendum was ratified, unanimously, and the adoption of the FCI Breed Standard for the Skye Terrier was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2026.</p> <p>Lhasa Apso</p> <p>In November 2025, at the request of the Breed Standards Committee, the KUSA Office issued a referendum, as prescribed by the KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards, to convert KUSA's current Breed Standard for the Lhasa Apso, that of The Royal Kennel Club, UK, to the FCI's county-of-patronage Breed Standard, based on that of The Royal Kennel Club.</p> <p>As further prescribed by the KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards, KUSA extracted a list of Breeders of Lhasa Apsos who had registered litters during the past seven (7) years, as well as a list of persons who had taken transfer of one or more Lhasa Apsos into their Registered Ownership during the same seven-year period. From these lists, non-members were eliminated, since they were not eligible to participate in any poll conducted by KUSA.</p> <p>On 21.11.2025, the KUSA Secretary wrote to the Breeders and Registered Owners who met the survey criteria – four (4) in total – fully motivating the proposed conversion to the FCI Breed Standard, also providing a comparative analysis of the two Breed Standards compiled by the KUSA Office. The survey participants were sent Voting Forms with a return deadline of 28.11.2025</p> <p>None of the four respondents returned the Voting Form and a vote of four (4) in favour of the conversion was therefore acquired by acquiescence, which fallback position was clearly set in the referendum conditions as a consequence of failure to respond.</p> <p>In view of the above, a majority vote in favour of adopting the FCI Breed Standard under the nomenclature of Lhasa Apso was achieved.</p> <p>For ratification and adoption.</p> <p>On a proposal from MV, seconded by JH, the result of the referendum was ratified, unanimously, and the adoption of the FCI Breed Standard for the Lhasa Apso was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2026.</p> <p>WORKING GROUP</p> <p>Mastiff</p>
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	9.1.5	<p>Adoption of FCI Breed Standards for breeds without registration activity in the Kennel Union for the past seven (7) years</p> <p>Proposal to convert the Breed Standards of breeds with no recorded registration history for the past seven years from RKC (UK) Breed Standards to FCI Breed Standards</p> <p>Submitted by the Breed Standards Committee and brought forward by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: With the assistance of the KUSA Office, the Breed Standard Committee has identified four (4) breeds with no recorded history of registrations for at least the past seven (7) years. In keeping with KUSA's commitment to the FCI to incrementally adopt its Nomenclature and Breed Standards over an undetermined period, the Breed Standards Committee believes that adopting FCI Breed Standards for breeds that are seldom, if ever, imported into South Africa, or had declined in popularity to the point of obscurity, goes some way towards demonstrating KUSA's goodwill and its ongoing efforts to achieve conversions whenever possible.</p> <p>During the previous conversions of this kind, seven (7) years of non-activity was deemed as a fair benchmark for the conversion of Breed Standards of breeds which no longer (or have never) enjoyed popularity in South Africa. Without the need for referenda, these seamless conversions are nonprejudicial to KUSA members but, importantly, bear testimony to KUSA's <i>bona fides</i> towards the FCI.</p>

		<p>Using the above criterion, the Breed Standards of the following breeds are proposed for conversion to FCI Breed Standards:</p> <p>TERRIER GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parson Russell Terrier – RKC [01-2017] – FCI No 339 [10-2017] <p>TOY GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese Chin – RKC [01-2019] – FCI No 206 [06-2016] <p>UTILITY GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tibetan Terrier – RKC [01-2018] – FCI No 209 [10-2017] <p>WORKING GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaskan Malamute – AKC [01-2017] – FCI No 243 [03-2023] <p>For decision and adoption.</p> <p>On a proposal from MV, seconded by NR, the adoption of the FCI Breed Standard for the above four breeds was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2026.</p>
	9.1.6	<p>American Bully Breed Standard</p> <p>Fedco 08-2025:</p> <p><i>On a proposal from NR, seconded by JH, the amendment to Schedule 02 Regulation 7 was approved, unanimously, and the “window period” for the migration of cropped-eared dogs was set at eighteen (18) months.</i></p> <p><i>[Note: No commencement date for the “window period” was decided, since this date would need to be coordinated and agreed with the American Bully community, once the spokespersons have been fully briefed on the decisions of the Federal Council taken at this Special Meeting.]</i></p> <p>The interim Breed Standard for the American Bully to be adopted by KUSA was under negotiation with the spokespersons for the American Bully community and this work is in progress.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	9.2	<p>Breed Health – BOAS/RFGS (Fedco 12-2019 Item 9.8, Fedco 06.2020 item 8.3, Fedco 06.2022 Item 8.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 9.1 Fedco 12-2023, Item 9.1, Fedco 06-2024 Item 9.2 Fedco 12-2024 Item 9.2, Fedco 06-2025 Item 9.2)</p> <p><i>LT informed the Federal Council that, led by Spain and Italy, a new testing protocol has been introduced across Europe. NCOs were therefore no longer solely reliant on Cambridge University’s BOAS-testing regimen. The Federal Council would recall that KUSA’s overtures to breed Clubs and breeders of affected breeds to promote BOAS-testing had met with tepid response, as did KUSA’s efforts to interest the University of Pretoria’s Faculty of Veterinary Science in partnering with KUSA on the BOAS project.</i></p>

			<p><i>JH and MV had undertaken to garner as much information as possible on the new testing protocol at the FCI's General Assembly, after which the practicability of the implementation of this simpler testing procedure in South Africa would be investigated and, hopefully, pursued.</i></p> <p>Work in progress.</p>
	9.3		<p>Breed Health – HD/ED (Fedco 06-2019 Item 8.21.1 & 8.21.2, Fedco 12-2021 Item 4.3.3, Fedco 06-2022 Item 8.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 9.2, Fedco 12-2023 Item 9.3, Fedco 06-2024 Item 9.3, Fedco 12-2024 Item 9.3, Fedco 06-2025 Item 9.3)</p> <p>The Chairman advised that she was awaiting feedback from various sources before she would be in a position to report to the Federal Council.</p> <p>No further developments to report.</p>
	9.4		<p>Proposed Amendments to Schedule 02</p>
		9.4.1	<p>Fedco round robin to approve the deletion of newly introduced Sub-regulation 3.1.6 from Schedule 02 – Regulations for the Classification, Registration & Transfer of Registered Ownership of Dogs</p> <p>At Fedco 06-2025, under Item 9.4, the Federal Council approved a number of requirements for the registration of imported dogs, <i>inter alia</i> "The State Veterinarian Clearance Certificate". It has subsequently been brought to the attention of the KUSA Office that such Certificate is not made available to either owners, or animal travel agents, thereby rendering the requirement unachievable and impracticable.</p> <p>The above round robin sought the expeditious deletion of Sub-regulation 3.1.6, currently impeding the registration of imported dogs.</p> <p>The above round robin, issued on 24.10.2025, was concluded on 27.10.2025, without dissent.</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by RJ, the deletion of Sub-regulation 3.1.6 from Schedule 02 – Regulations for the Classification, Registration & Transfer of Registered Ownership of Dogs – secured by Fedco round robin was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective retrospectively on conclusion of the Fedco round robin.</p>
		9.4.2	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 02 – Regulations for the Classification, Registration and Transfer of the Registered Ownership of Dogs – to stay the transfer of dogs in the Registered Ownership of Respondents in Disciplinary Cases at the discretion of the Executive Committee</p> <p>Submitted by the Executive Committee and the KUSA Office (housekeeping) and brought forward by the Chairman of the Federal Council.</p> <p>[Note: This Item is the Companion Proposal and should be considered in conjunction with the Principal Proposal under Item 8.2.1 (Proposed Amendments to Schedule 01 – Disciplinary Rules – to stay the transfer of dogs in the Registered Ownership of Respondents in Disciplinary Cases at the discretion of the Executive Committee.)]</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation:</p> <p>Refer to Principal Proposal under Item 8.2.1 and to remedy a procedural misstatement in, and make house style adjustments to, existing text.</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Regulation 10:</p>

			<p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>10. TRANSFER OF REGISTERED OWNERSHIP OF A DOG</p> <p>An application for the transfer of registered ownership for each individual puppy in a litter, may be submitted simultaneously to the application for registration of the litter, on the proviso that the breeder attaches to the application for registration of a complete litter, an official application for transfer of registered ownership at simultaneous time of registration of litter, signed by the breeder [and each of the new registered owners]. The <u>C</u>[e]certificates of <u>R</u>[e]gistration will be sent directly to the designated registered owners.</p> <p>Alternatively, whenever the owner of a dog wishes the Kennel Union to record a transfer of the registered ownership of such dog, application shall be made on the reverse side of the Certificate of Registration for such dog, signed and dated by the transferor and the transferee and accompanied by the fee prescribed in terms of Schedule <u>07</u>. Certificates which have been separated, altered by Tippex or other means, mutilated or have had the format changed will not be acceptable to the KUSA. <u>Upon receipt of an application for the transfer of a dog, such application shall be processed and a new Certificate of Registration sent to the designated Registered Owner, save where approval of the transfer of the dog in question has been refused by the Executive Committee under the provisions of, <i>inter alia</i>, Schedule 01 Rule 9.4.</u></p> <p>On a proposal from MA, seconded by RJ, the amendments to Schedule 02 Regulation 10 – Regulations for the Classification, Registration and Transfer of the Registered Ownership of Dogs – were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes.</p>
10			MATTERS RELATING TO SHOWS – SCHEDULE 03 ET AL
	10.1		Matters relating to Schedule 03 – Regulations for Championship Shows
		10.1.1	<p>Dogs with TEOs exceeding a 12-month period</p> <p>Clause 14.5 of the TEO Manual states: <i>The Owner of any Implicated Dog, which has been issued with a confirmed TEO, <u>has a maximum period of 12 (twelve) months from the date of the TEO (the date the TEO was confirmed by the Executive Committee) to successfully complete the requirements as provided for in Step 1, 2 and 3 of this Manual, failing which, the Executive Committee will apply to the Federal Council to have the Implicated Dog permanently barred from entry to and exhibition at any future KUSA-licensed Shows/Events subject to compliance with the procedure as provided for in Clause 11.11 hereof.</u></i></p> <p>The following dogs have TEOs in excess of 12 months:</p> <p>Saint Bernard – Baynest Maverick (ZA010834B22) American Akita - King's Throne J-Diamond (ZA001150C23)</p> <p>For decision.</p> <p>On a proposal from RJ, seconded by DS, and approved, unanimously, the two Implicated Dogs above were permanently barred from entry to and exhibition at any future KUSA-licensed Shows/Events.</p> <p>Effective immediately.</p>
		10.1.2	Proposed amendments to Schedule 03 – Regulations for Championship Shows – to Permit Standalone Championship Show-holding Specialist Clubs to occasionally hold

		<p>Shows in different Centres to accommodate its country-wide Membership, subject to Exco approval</p> <p>Submitted by DOGSPC on behalf of Highveld Whippet Club.</p> <p>[Note: This Item is the Principal Proposal and should be considered in conjunction with the Companion Proposal under Item 4.2.2 (Proposed amendments to Standalone Championship Show-holding Specialist Club Constitutions.)]</p> <p>Proposal: Current KUSA regulations provide for dispensation to be granted by the Executive Committee for a Championship Show to be held outside the Centre in which the Show-holding Club is domiciled. However, to the best of our knowledge, such a dispensation has either rarely, or never, been granted.</p> <p>This creates a practical limitation for Specialist Breed Clubs, where only one such Club for a particular Breed is affiliated to KUSA within Southern Africa. Exhibitors and enthusiasts of these Breeds are often spread across multiple Provinces and the restriction to the Club's domiciled Province limits accessibility and broader participation in such events. The Committees of such Clubs are often comprised of members from all over the country.</p> <p>In view of the above, it is proposed that an amendment be made to Schedule 03 Regulation 2.1 to allow greater flexibility for standalone Specialist Breed Clubs. In cases where only one Specialist Club for a particular Breed is affiliated to KUSA, we request that such Clubs be permitted to host their annual Championship Shows in Provinces other than the one in which they are domiciled. This would better facilitate participation by exhibitors of the said Breed residing in different Provinces and promote inclusivity and national Breed development.</p> <p>Motivation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialist Breed Clubs often serve a geographically dispersed membership base; • Restricting Championship Shows to the domiciled Province limits access for exhibitors in other regions; • Moving the Show to different Centres would distribute the burden on long-distance travel more evenly among exhibitors; • This amendment would encourage greater participation, support equitable access and contribute to the advancement of Breeds across the country and promote inclusivity and accessibility for exhibitors located in other Provinces; • This flexibility would align KUSA's mission to promote and advance purebred dogs across all regions of Southern Africa; and • Any application to hold the Show in a different Centre would still be subject to Exco scrutiny and approval. <p>It is not envisaged that the option of "lending licences" would be a suitable solution, as an affiliated Group or All-breeds Club could not lend a licence to a Breed Specialist Club, since these Clubs are bound by their own Constitutions, as well as the KUSA Articles, to host Shows for all Breeds.</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 03 Regulation 2.1:</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>2.1 Unless dispensation is granted by the Executive Committee, no Championship Show shall exceed two (2) days duration and no Championship Show shall be held outside the Centre in which the <u>S[s]how-holding C[e]lub</u> is domiciled.</p> <p><u>2.1.1 Notwithstanding Regulation 2.1 above, if the Club is a standalone Specialist Breed Club (the sole Club for a particular breed affiliated to KUSA), it may apply</u></p>
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		10.1.3	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 03 – Regulations for Championship Shows – Eliminating the restriction on Judges to refrain from judging Junior Showmanship when officiating for Breed or Dogsport at Championship Shows held on the same day at the same venue, under the same or different licence</p> <p>Submitted by DOGSPC on behalf of Pretoria Kennel Club.</p> <p>[Note: This is the Principal Proposal to be considered in conjunction with the Companion Proposals under Items 10.4.1 (Proposed amendments to Schedule 04 – Regulations for Non-championship Shows – Eliminating restriction on Judges to refrain from judging Junior Showmanship when officiating for Breed or Dogsport at Non-championship Shows held on the same day at the same venue, under the same or different licence) & 10.5.1 (Proposed amendments to Schedule 04A – Regulations for Qualifying and Re-Qualifying Shows – Eliminating the restriction on Judges to refrain from judging Junior Showmanship when officiating for Breed or Dogsport at Qualifying and/or Re-Qualifying Shows held on the same day at the same venue, under the same or different licence.)]</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <p>Current regulations prohibit Judges who are exhibiting dogs at Championship and Non-championship Shows from judging any Breed or Dogsport Class at the same or other event on the same day at the same venue, including Junior Showmanship. The intent behind this rule is to preserve impartiality and avoid conflicts of interest in Breed and Dogsport judging. However, this restriction unduly limits the availability of qualified Judges for Junior Showmanship, a competition in which the handling skills of young exhibitors are assessed, not the quality of the dogs presented. Junior Showmanship constitutes a distinct discipline from Breed and Dogsport judging and, therefore, does not pose a conflict of interest.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Distinct Purpose and Criteria: Junior Showmanship judging evaluates the presentation, handling ability, knowledge and sportsmanship of the Child and/or Junior Handlers. The quality, breed or conformation of the exhibit is not part of the assessment criteria. This is fundamentally different from Breed and Dogsport judging, where the exhibit itself, and its quality, is the focus of evaluation/assessment. 2. Reduced Risk of Conflict of Interest: Since Junior Showmanship does not involve evaluating dogs for breeding merit or awards toward titles, the concern regarding potential favouritism toward certain kennels, breeders or exhibits is significantly diminished. 3. Increased Availability of Qualified Judges:

			<p>Many qualified Junior Showmanship Judges are often also active exhibitors and the current restrictive Regulations exclude these skilled professionals from exhibiting, if they choose to judge, or from judging, if they choose to exhibit. Allowing them to judge Junior Showmanship, as well as exhibit in Breed and compete in Dogsport, would increase the pool of qualified officials, thereby helping to support the development of young Handlers as well as supporting Clubs.</p> <p>4. Support for Youth Development: Junior Showmanship is a foundational programme for introducing young people to Breed and Dogsport and nurturing their development. Expanding the available judging pool enhances educational opportunities and provides juniors with access to a broader range of experienced mentors and evaluators.</p> <p>The current regulations severely restrict Clubs from offering Junior Showmanship Classes, especially in situations where no other Judge on the panel is qualified to officiate for Junior Showmanship. Clubs are losing out on either entry fees, where a Judge is prohibited from exhibiting in any Breed Class, or competing in any Dogsport Class, or on the opportunity of offering Junior Showmanship Classes if Judges cannot be contracted.</p> <p>Allowing Junior Showmanship Judges to enter and exhibit in Breed and compete in Dogsport at Championship and Non-championship Shows, as well as officiating for Junior Showmanship at the same Show, or any other Show taking place on the same day at the same venue, would greatly alleviate the difficulties experienced by Clubs and officiating Judges, still maintaining the spirit of impartiality in judging while recognising Junior Showmanship as a distinct, educational discipline.</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 03 by insertion of <i>new</i> Regulation 7.10.3:</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p><u>7.10.3.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.</u></p> <p>For decision.</p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by RJ, the above amendment to Schedule 03 – Regulations for Championship Shows – was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2026.</p>
		10.1.4	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 03 Appendix 1</p> <p>Nil</p>
		10.1.5	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 03 Appendix 2</p> <p>Nil</p>
		10.1.6	<p>Proposed amendment to Schedule 03 Appendix 3 – Official Show Entry Form</p> <p>Proposal to amend the Official Show Entry Form – Field Trials to include “landowners” under the indemnifications</p> <p>Submitted by the Field Trial Liaison Council</p> <p>[Note: This is a Companion Proposal to be considered in conjunction with the Principal Proposal under Item 12.6.2 (Proposed amendment to Schedule 05C(1) to permit dogs to compete as NFC (Not for Competition.)]</p>

		<p>Motivation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm the change already made to the Official Show Entry Form – Field Trials, to incorporate NFC entries granted under dispensation at Fedco 06-2025. 2. Include landowner under those indemnified in clause 14. <p>Proposed amendments to the Official Show Entry Form – Field Trials</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Clause 14 Field trial competitions might be dangerous, and I hereby indemnify KUSA, the affiliated Club conducting the Field Trial and the Officers of the Club <u>and the landowners</u> against any and all claims of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising that may be levelled against them jointly and severally.</p> <p>[Note: Revised Official Show Entry Form – Field Trials attached to the Agenda.]</p> <p>For decision.</p> <p>On a proposal from DS, seconded by NR, the amendments to the Official Show Entry Form – Field Trials, to incorporate NFC entries and indemnify landowners, were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2026.</p>
	10.2	Any Matters Relating to Schedule 03A – Regulations for FCI International Dog Shows
	10.3	Any Matters Relating to Schedule 03B – Regulations for FCI A2O Championship Shows
	10.4	Any Matters Relating to Schedule 04 – Regulations for Non-championship Shows
	10.4.1	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 04 – Regulations for Non-championship Shows – eliminating restriction on Judges to refrain from judging Junior Showmanship when officiating for Breed or Dogsport at Non-championship Shows held on the same day at the same venue, under the same or different licence</p> <p>Submitted by DOGSPC on behalf of Pretoria Kennel Club</p> <p>[Note: Refer to the Principal Proposal and Motivation under Item 10.1.3 (Proposed amendments to Schedule 03 – Regulations for Championship Shows – Eliminating the restriction on Judges to refrain from judging Junior Showmanship when officiating for Breed or Dogsport at Championship Shows held on the same day at the same venue, under the same or different licence) and the Companion Proposal under Item 10.5.1 (Proposed amendments to Schedule 04A – Regulations for Qualifying and Re-Qualifying Shows – Eliminating the restriction on Judges to refrain from judging Junior Showmanship when officiating for Breed or Dogsport at Qualifying and/or Re-Qualifying Shows held on the same day at the same venue, under the same or different licence.)]</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 04 by the insertion of a new Regulation 11.10:</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p><u>11.10. 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.</u></p> <p>For decision.</p>

			<p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by RJ, the above amendment to Schedule 04 – Regulations for Non-championship Shows – was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2026.</p>
	10.5		<p>Any Matters Relating to Schedule 04A – Regulations for Qualifying and Re-Qualifying Shows</p>
		10.5.1	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 04A – Regulations for Qualifying and Re-Qualifying Shows – Eliminating the restriction on Judges to refrain from judging Junior Showmanship when officiating for Breed or Dogsport at Qualifying and/or Re-Qualifying Shows held on the same day at the same venue, under the same or different licence</p> <p>Submitted by DOGSPC on behalf of Pretoria Kennel Club</p> <p>[Note: Refer to the Principal Proposal and Motivation under Item 10.1.3 (Proposed amendments to Schedule 03 – Regulations for Championship Shows – Eliminating restriction on Judges to refrain from judging Junior Showmanship when officiating for Breed or Dogsport at Championship Shows held on the same day at the same venue, under the same or different licence) and the Companion Proposal under Item 10.4.1 (Proposed amendments to Schedule 04 – Regulations for Non-championship Shows – Eliminating restriction on Judges to refrain from judging Junior Showmanship when officiating for Breed or Dogsport at Non-championship Shows held on the same day at the same venue, under the same or different licence)]</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 04A by the insertion of a new Regulation 9.14:</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p>[Note: Renumber previous Regulations 9.14 to 9.17 as 9.15 to 9.18]</p> <p>For decision.</p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by RJ, the above amendments to Schedule 04A – Regulations for Qualifying and Re-Qualifying Shows – were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2026.</p>
11			<p>MATTERS RELATING TO JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP</p>
	11.1		<p>Fedco 06-2025 Item 19.2.3 Junior Showmanship – National Initiative (Extract):</p> <p><i>After further discussion, during which the possibility of establishing Provincial Sub-Committees for Junior Showmanship and, ultimately, a National Sub-Committee, was explored, the Chairman elicited the opinion of all the Federal Councillors on this concept. The members of Fedco all signalled their approval for Sub-Committees for Junior Showmanship (under whichever appellation the organisers decide) to be established in the various Provincial Councils and, once three Provincial Sub-Committees were in place, the formation of a National body, with a Convener elected from their number. If all went according to plan, NR foresaw the criterion of three Provincial Sub-Committees being achieved still within the current year, which should make the tabling of a proposal to approve a National Sub-Committee possible at Fedco 12-2025.</i></p> <p><i>NR offered her assistance to draft a letter to Provincial Councils to launch the proposed initiative, in which they would be urged to establish Sub-Committees for Junior Showmanship. It would be prudent to send the letters ahead of the Provincial Councils' AGMs, in sufficient</i></p>

		<p><i>time to afford them the opportunity to get the Sub-Committees in place in time for their AGMs to be held before the end of October. Early August would, conceivably, be the appropriate time for the despatch of the letters.</i></p> <p><i>With all in agreement, the Chairman requested NR to also draft proposed Bylaws for the Provincial Council Sub-Committees for Junior Showmanship, which she undertook to do in consultation with PM and JH.</i></p> <p>Fedco 12-2025 Junior Showmanship – National Initiative Progress Report by Nikki Redtenbacher – Fedco Junior Showmanship Portfolio-holder</p> <p>In alignment with the broader strategic framework for the development of Junior Showmanship programmes countrywide and given the dormancy of the FCI's Non-mandatory Commission for Youth and the subsequent withdrawal of KUSA's Representative to this Youth Commission, it was resolved, at Fedco 06-2025, to establish Provincial Sub-Committees under each Provincial Council, with the long-term objective of forming a National Junior Showmanship Sub-Committee. This initiative aims to elevate the pre-eminence and visibility of Junior Showmanship on a National platform, advocates for the skills development of Junior Handlers as well as strengthening regional representation, standardising youth engagement and ensuring continuity in national-level coordination and development. The implementation timeline was initially projected for end-2025, to ensure seamless transition and onboarding in time for the 2026 year.</p> <p>As of beginning September 2025, the implementation of the Provincial Sub-Committees was delayed. The delay has also consequently affected the proposed timeline for the National Sub-Committee formation and handover, now projected for the first half of 2026.</p> <p>Key contributing factors to the delay include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Scheduling of Provincial AGMs: Several Provincial Councils held their Annual General Meetings significantly earlier in 2025 than in previous years. This severely limited the available time within which to draft the required documentation and left limited opportunity for the proper nomination, vetting and endorsement of members to the Junior Showmanship Sub-Committees within the current governance cycle. • Quadrennial Term Conclusion: The current National Sub-Committee quadrennial term concludes on 31 December, 2025. Given the overlap of this term, coupled with the much earlier Provincial Council AGM dates, it was determined, in consultation with the KUSA Secretary and General Manager, that it would be both practical and administratively sound to align new Sub-Committee formation with the start of the next four-year term (beginning January 2026). It was also confirmed that the formation of, initially, Ad-hoc Sub-Committees in the respective Provinces by Provincial Councils does not need to take place at their AGMs and that this could be launched and implemented at any Ordinary Meeting of the respective Provincial Councils. <p>Revised Timeline</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Milestone</th><th>Revised Target Date</th><th>Remarks</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Circulation of 'draft letter to Provincial Councils' to launch the proposed initiative and proposed 'Bylaws for the Provincial Council Sub-Committees for Junior Showmanship' to Fedco</td><td>January 2026</td><td>To allow Fedco time for review and endorsement</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Milestone	Revised Target Date	Remarks	Circulation of 'draft letter to Provincial Councils' to launch the proposed initiative and proposed 'Bylaws for the Provincial Council Sub-Committees for Junior Showmanship' to Fedco	January 2026	To allow Fedco time for review and endorsement
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			<p>Approval and establishment of Sub-Committees for Junior Showmanship in the various Provincial Councils by Fedco</p> <p>February 2026</p> <p>Fedco approval at 2026/02 Special Meeting (<i>if scheduled as in 2025</i>)</p>
			<p>Formation of Provincial Ad-hoc Junior Showmanship Sub-Committees</p> <p>March – April 2026</p> <p>Dependent on Provincial Council meeting schedules</p>
			<p>Compilation and Ratification of Provincial Ad-hoc Junior Showmanship Sub-Committees Appointments</p> <p>April – May 2026</p> <p>Coordinated via Provincial Council Secretaries</p>
			<p>Approval of the formation of the National Sub-Committee</p> <p>June 2026</p> <p>Tabling of a proposal to approve a National Sub-Committee possible at Fedco 06-2026</p>
			<p>Whilst the establishment of the Junior Showmanship Provincial and National Sub-Committees has experienced unavoidable delays, the revised 2026 implementation timeline ensures the process remains aligned with governance cycles and allows for a structured and inclusive appointment process. Continued oversight and communication will ensure the seamless transition and sustained development of Junior Showmanship at all levels.</p> <p>We look forward to engaging with the youth of our Sport in 2026, allowing their participation and involvement in the national process to drive this initiative forward, thereby promoting Junior Showmanship, encouraging wider inclusivity, engagement and growth overall.</p> <p>Noted with thanks and appreciation to NR.</p>
12			MATTERS RELATING TO DOGSPORT
	12.1		Schedule 05A – Regulations for Obedience Classes
	12.2		Schedule 05B(01) – Regulations for Working Trials (Classic)
	12.3		Schedule 05B(04) – Regulations for Working Utility Dog (WUD)
	12.4		Schedule 05B(02) – Regulations for International Working Trials and International Tracking Trials (IGP)
		12.4.1	Schedule 05B(02) Appendix B – FCI Guidelines for International Utility Dog Trials and International Tracker Dog Trials IGP
		12.4.2	Schedule 05J – Regulations for KUSA Registered Helpers (IGP)
	12.5		Schedule 05B(03)TT – Regulations for Tracking Trials
		12.5.1	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05B(03) – Regulations for Tracking Trials</p> <p>Submitted by NAPC on behalf of the NAPC TT Sub-Committee</p> <p>Proposal: Housekeeping</p> <p>Proposed amendment to Schedule 05B(03) Regulation 7.4:</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>7.4 General Procedure, laying and running the track After placing the <u>third</u> [second] article, the Tracklayer must continue for several more paces in the same direction as the last leg and then return by a detour to the Judge. If the end of the track has not been reached twenty (20) minutes from the starting time, the track must be abandoned at the instruction of the Judge. The Tracklayer.....</p> <p>For decision.</p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by JH, the above amendment to Schedule 05B(03) – Regulations for Tracking Trials – was approved, unanimously.</p>

			Effective 01.03.2026.
	12.6		Schedules 05C (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) & (7) – Regulations for Field Trials
		12.6.1	<p>Annual Report from the Chairman of the Field Trial Liaison Council</p> <p>2025 was generally a busy year in all the disciplines of the field trialling community, with significant activity and positive development especially in the Gundog Hunting Tests and Versatile Hunting Tests fraternities.</p> <p>The majority of disciplines were successful in holding well-attended Field Trials and Tests across the country. On the upside, a total of 370 dogs ran in Retriever Trials, 12 in Natural Ability Tests, 85 in Shooting Ratings, 13 in Versatile Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds and 20 in Gundog Hunting Tests.</p> <p>A number of Retriever Clubs and Versatile Breed Clubs also managed to hold Working Tests and workshops during the season, which enabled dogs and Handlers to get some extra training and trial experience, (including a “New Retriever Course” held in the Cape to introduce new dogs and Handlers to the sport, which was partially subsidised by FTLC).</p> <p>Several of the disciplines also submitted updates to KUSA on their Schedule 05C Regulations during the course of the year, to enable these to be implemented in the season ahead. A further discipline under field-trialling was also developed in the form of Schedule 05C(7) “The National Blood Tracking Standard”, which opens an entirely new segment of dogdom for dogs utilised for blood tracking.</p> <p>The “Not for Competition” (NFC) temporary amendment to Schedule 05C(1) – Retrievers – was implemented through the 2025 season and, following review by a special meeting of the Retriever Clubs, it was agreed to submit this addition to the Regulations as a permanent amendment to Schedule 05C(1). It was found to have really boosted numbers at the Trials and given Handlers greater opportunity to develop their dogs more effectively before competing at higher stakes.</p> <p>Despite the FTLC’s best endeavours to continue its initiative to focus on improving judging skills in all disciplines and of trying to attract new Judges to the sport, this continues to be hampered by a lack of new members. We did, however, manage to add a few new Judges to our lists and provide ongoing exposure to a number of relatively new Hunt Tests for Retriever, and Spaniel Field Trial Judges during the course of the year.</p> <p>A number of tests under Schedule 05(C)5 and Schedule 05(C)6 were offered by the WDDC and Cape Clubs and the WDDC further presented a “Blood Tracking Seminar and Workshop” to introduce this new discipline to the field-trialling community.</p> <p>A proposed Field Trial Calendar has been set for 2026, which we hope to see rolled out as the new season breaks. I extend my sincere gratitude to the Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, and representatives of the FTLC for all their hard work in making 2025 a success and I trust 2026 will be an exciting year for the field-trialling community.</p> <p>For those readers interested in learning more or in participating in Field Trials, the FTLC website (http://www.kusa.co.za/fieldtrials) contains up-to-date information and links to the Field Trial Clubs.</p> <p>Noted with thanks and appreciation to the Chairman of the FTLC.</p>
		12.6.2	<p>Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(1) – Regulations for Retriever Field Trials</p> <p>Proposed amendment to Schedule 05C(1) to permit dogs to compete as NFC (Not for Competition)</p>

		<p>Submitted by Field Trial Liaison Council</p> <p>[Note: This is the Principal Proposal to be considered in conjunction with the Companion Proposal under Item 10.1.6 (Proposal to amend the Official Show Entry – Field Trials to include “landowners” under the indemnifications.)]</p> <p>Proposal: Addition of NFC to the Schedule as per dispensation granted by Fedco 06-2025.</p> <p>Motivation: FTLC had been given permission by Fedco to hold NFC stakes during 2025 on a trial basis. Clubs who had implemented the addition, found it to be working well.</p> <p>At a Special Meeting of Retriever Clubs, held on 12 August 2025, the Representatives unanimously voted for the permanent inclusion of the NFC in Schedule 05C(01).</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05C(1) Regulation A 3.4</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p><u>A.3.4 NOT FOR COMPETITION (NFC)</u></p> <p><u>Preamble: NFC is to allow a dog that has qualified out of a stake to compete in NFC for experience, before moving to the next Class.</u></p> <p><u>A.3.4.1 Not for Competition (NFC) entries may only be accepted in stakes not carrying eligibility towards the title of Champion, i.e. Maiden and Novice Stakes.</u></p> <p><u>A.3.4.2 Schedule 05C(1) Rules to be strictly adhered to by all entrants at all times.</u></p> <p><u>A.3.4.3 NFC Entries will not be eligible for prizes or qualifications, and may not be awarded any “Club Certificate”. NFC entrants attaining 70% or more are not awarded SAHR points.</u></p> <p><u>A.3.4.4 NFC Entries will be included in the catalogue, clearly marked NFC.</u></p> <p><u>A.3.4.5 NFC Entrants will be permitted to enter a stake until such time as the dog has attained the standard of 70% or more three (3) times before moving on to the next higher stake.</u></p> <p>For decision.</p> <p>On a proposal from DS, seconded by NR, the proposed amendments to Schedule 05C(1) – Regulations for Retriever Field Trials – were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2026.</p>
	12.6.3	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(2) – Regulations for Flushing Spaniel Field Trials
	12.6.4	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(3) – Regulations for Hunt Point Retrieve Field Trials
	12.6.5	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(4) – Regulations for Shooting Rating Field Trials
	12.6.6	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(5) – Regulations for Gundog Hunting Tests
	12.6.7	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(6) – Regulations for Versatile Tests – Pointing Breeds
	12.6.8	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(7) – Regulations for Hunting Dog Tracking, Blood Tracking and Tracking Shoe Tests
	12.7	Schedule 05D – Regulations for Dog Jumping Grades

	12.7.1	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05D</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05D – Regulations for Dog Jumping</p> <p>Submitted by National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation Broaden stipulations for NFC entries and housekeeping amendment</p> <p>Proposed amendments to 05D Regulation 1.5.13</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>1.5.13 NFC Entries (Not for Competition Entries) Handlers shall be able to enter their dogs <u>into Dog Jumping Grades</u> as “Not for Competition” (NFC) at any KUSA Show [only]. The dog entered as NFC should be clearly marked as such on the Entry [Sheet] <u>Form and Score Sheet prior to the commencement of the Show and may not be changed to a competitive entry on the day.</u></p> <p><u>Any NFC dogs will run last in their respective Class.</u> The H[h]andler will be allowed in the ring for the maximum course time.</p> <p>No dispensation in respect of Regulation 3.7, Disciplining of Dogs shall be permitted.</p> <p>Dispensations in respect of Regulations 3.9 and 7.17 are allowed. The dog may not be rewarded with food in the ring.</p> <p>Dispensation allowing a competitor to compete in a lower height than eligible is permitted, but not to compete in a higher height than eligible.</p> <p>No dispensation in respect of Regulation 2.11 shall be permitted even if another H[h]andler is entered to handle the dog.</p> <p>NFC entries shall be identified by the J[j]udge/S[s]cribe to the other competitors when the H[h]andler enters the ring and shall not be marked or be eligible for prizes or be able to qualify.</p> <p>For decision.</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by DS, the proposed amendments to Schedule 05D – Regulations for Dog Jumping – were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes.</p>
	12.8	Schedule 05F (9.1.5) – Regulations for Aptitude Tests
	12.9	Schedule 05G – Regulations for Dog Carting
	12.10	Schedule 05L – Regulations for Agility (Appendix A to and including I)
	12.10.1	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05L – Regulations for Agility</p> <p>Submitted by National Agility Sub-Committee</p> <p>Proposed amendments to 05L Regulation 6.6 and 9.5:</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Proposal 1: Tighten to prevent further misinterpretation and abuse of NFC rules</p>

		<p>Motivation: There have been complaints about certain Handlers entering NFC prior to the Show and then, after walking the course, or even halfway through the Class, they suddenly change to competitive, but they are last on the draw order every time.</p> <p>One may change from NFC to “for competition” before any course-building takes place, so as soon as the first course-building takes place for Contact that’s the cut-off, regardless of the grade. The same will apply to Non-Contact. Handlers can change from ‘for competition’ to NFC prior to the start of each Grade.</p> <p>6.6 NOT FOR COMPETITION (NFC)</p> <p>6.6.1 Handlers may enter their dogs as ‘Not for Competition’ (NFC) at any KUSA Show (refer to Regulations 6.1 and 6.6.4).</p> <p>6.6.2 [The] A dog may be entered as ‘NFC’ on the day of the event, provided it is done prior to the course being built for each respective Grade and must be clearly marked on the [entry and] score sheet. [The handler and dog will be allowed in the ring for the maximum course time.] <u>The Handler and dog will run last in the relevant Class.</u></p> <p>6.6.3 <u>A dog entered for ‘NFC’ may be changed to ‘for competition’ on the day provided it is done prior to the course being built and the dog must run first in its relevant Class.</u></p> <p><u>6.6.4</u> No dispensation in respect of Regulation 10.10 shall be permitted. Dispensations in respect of Regulations 9.3 and 9.5 are allowed, however the dog may not be rewarded with food in the ring. [The handler and dog will run last in the respective class.]</p> <p>[Note: Aso see changes to this Regulation in Proposal 2 below.]</p> <p>6.6.[4] <u>5</u> Dispensation allowing a <u>H[h]</u>andler to compete in a lower height category than eligible may be permitted but not to compete in a higher height category than eligible. Dispensation allowing a <u>H[h]</u>andler to compete in a lower Grade than eligible may be permitted but not to compete in a higher Grade than eligible.</p> <p>6.6.[5] <u>6</u> ‘NFC’ entries shall be identified by the Judge/Scribe to the other competitors when the <u>H[h]</u>andler enters the ring and shall be observed throughout by the Judge but not marked and shall not be eligible for prizes or Qualifications. <u>The Handler and dog will be allowed in the ring for the maximum course time (MCT).</u></p> <p>6.6.[6] <u>7</u> No dispensation in respect of Regulation 6.8 shall be permitted even if another <u>H[h]</u>andler is entered to handle the dog.</p> <p>Proposal 2: Clarification on rewarding of dogs in the ring</p> <p>Motivation: There have been numerous requests for the regulation on the “rewarding of dogs’ to be clarified in order to prevent food/treats being dropped on the course. Currently, there are no guidelines for a Judge if there is any contravention of the Regulation. It doesn’t define/stipulate what concealment is, nor what the consequences will be for different incidents/scenarios that may occur due to a Handler carrying an item on their person. This unfairly places the Judge in a very difficult position to make a decision not covered in the Regulations and this results in the</p>
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		<p>rule being applied inconsistently between Judges around the country, further frustrating Handlers. Handlers have requested clarification on this regulation.</p> <p>6.6 NOT FOR COMPETITION (NFC)</p> <p><u>6.6.4</u> No dispensation in respect of Regulation 10.10 shall be permitted. Dispensations in respect of Regulation[s] 9.3[and 9.5] <u>is [are] allowed.</u> however the dog may not be rewarded with food in the ring. The handler and dog will run last in the respective class.] <u>A toy will be allowed without any restriction, however, food/treats will not be allowed in the ring whether concealed on the Handler or in his hand, or in the toy (refer to Regulation 9.5).</u></p> <p>[Note: See changes to this Regulation in Proposal 1 above]</p> <p>9.5 REWARDING DOGS</p> <p>9.5.1 [Baiting, the offering of any goods, food substance or other inducement whilst in the ring attracts immediate disqualification.] <u>Food/treats will not be allowed in the ring, whether concealed on the Handler or in his hand. Anyone carrying food/treats into the ring will be eliminated.</u></p> <p><u>9.5.2 A concealed toy will be allowed, but must be concealed prior to entering the ring. It must remain concealed while the Handler is under Judge's orders (before the start) until the dog has completed the round (exited the ring). Any visible toy on the Handler, or if it is dropped on the ground, will result in an elimination. This includes partially visible toys sticking or bulging out of Handler's clothing.</u></p> <p><u>9.5.3 No audible toys will be allowed. Any audible toys (squeak, bell, etc.) carried by the Handler will result in an elimination.</u></p> <p><u>9.5.4</u> However, words of praise and encouragement are permitted by the Handler whilst in the ring.</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendments to Schedule 05L – Regulations for Agility – were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2026.</p> <p>[Note: CC brought to the Federal Council's attention that a Judges' Refresher Course was scheduled for the week following Fedco 12-2025 and that the Convener of the NAgSC was eager to inform the attendees of the proposed changes to Schedule 05L with regard to the NFC Regulations and the Regulations governing the use of toys in the ring. The National Convener had, therefore, appealed to Fedco to permit the disclosure of these regulatory changes ahead of the publication of these Minutes.</p> <p>Given the ideal opportunity presented by the Judges' Refresher Course, Fedco's consent to the National Convener's appeal was unanimous.]</p>
	12.10.2	Schedule 05L Appendix A – FCI Agility World Championships
	12.10.3	Schedule 05L Appendix B – FCI Agility Obstacle Guidelines
	12.10.4	Schedule 05L Appendix C – Regulation for the selection of Dogs to Compete at the FCI Agility World Championships
		Proposed amendments to Schedule 05L App C – Selection of KUSA Dogs to Compete at the FCI Agility World Championships
		Submitted by National Agility Sub-Committee

		<p>Proposal 1: Pursuing a workable and functional solution.</p> <p>The AWCWG has been dysfunctional for a while with only one or two representatives carrying out the responsibilities. The general feeling is that having one person from each province, plus Boland, does not work as not everyone has a vested interest in the AWC event or Team. Therefore, they do not assist with fundraising or many of the other responsibilities of the AWCWG.</p> <p>The suggestion is to have 2-3 people, as well as the Agility Treasurer, who can facilitate the admin before the AWC Trials and the Team is selected. These appointments are regardless of Provincial Council but rather selected based on interest and intent. Those Handlers who have an interest in going to AWC should be encouraged to start fundraising activities prior to the Team selection and this responsibility doesn't lie with the AWCWG solely. This Working Group can then 'report' back to the NAgSC.</p> <p>Proposed amendments to 05L App C Regulations 3.1, 4.4 and 4.10</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>3.1 COMPOSITION OF THE AWCWG</p> <p>3.1.1 The AWCWG shall be composed of [one (1) Representative from each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee] <u>two (2) to three (3) selected members regardless of Province, [all to be members] who shall be</u> in good standing with KUSA and [must be] <u>shall be over the</u> age of eighteen (18) years. [of age or older]. [The Representatives shall all serve for a period of four (4) years, coterminous with the term of the NAgSC.] <u>If more than three (3) names are received, the NAgSC will select the three most experienced nominations.</u></p> <p><u>3.1.1.1 The Agility Treasurer shall be a member of the AWCWG.</u></p> <p><u>3.1.1.2 The KUSA Representative on the FCI Agility Non-Mandatory Commission shall be a member of the AWCWG.</u></p> <p>[3.1.2 In the event a member resigns from his Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee or has his membership revoked or suspended by KUSA, his representation on the AWCWG will cease automatically.]</p> <p>3.1.[3] <u>2</u> The AWCWG shall elect a Chairman who will be responsible to liaise with and report to the NAgSC within the terms of reference issued by the NAgSC (refer to Regulation 3.2.1) and supplemented by the terms of reference as per Schedule 05(L) Appendices A, C and D.</p> <p>3.1.3 <u>The AWCWG shall serve for a period of one (1) year following appointment. Should a member resign during their term of office, the NAgSC may appoint another member of the Agility community to replace him. The new member will serve out the remainder of the resigning member's term of office. Members may stand for re-election the following year.</u> [The Chairman of the AWCWG shall remain in office coterminous with the term of the NAgSC Convener. Should the Chairman of the AWCWG fail to serve out his term of office, another member of the AWCWG shall be elected to replace him until a new Chairman is elected for the next term.]</p> <p>3.1.[5] <u>4</u> The Agility Treasurer, as appointed by the NAgSC, shall keep a true record of all proceedings and shall be responsible and have the authority to submit invoices</p>
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		<p>received from the AWCWG to KUSA for payment out of the SA Agility Control Account administered on behalf of the NAgSC by KUSA.</p> <p>[3.1.6 The FCI Representative shall be a member of the AWCWG.]</p> <p>3.1.[7] 5 The AWCWG shall be at liberty to [fill casual vacancies and] co-opt additional resources to assist the Working Group, provided that all those [appointed to fill vacancies on the Working Group, or those] co-opted to supplement the Working Group's resources, shall be members in good standing with KUSA. [They will not be entitled to a vote.]</p> <p>4.4 ORGANISATION</p> <p>4.4.5 [Each year] If the KUSA AWC Trials are run on their own, the AWCWG will select two (2) Judges from applicants to officiate at the KUSA AWC Trials. Eligibility, application process and criteria for the selection of the Judges can be found in Schedule 05(L) Appendix E Regulation 4.</p> <p>4.4.6 If the KUSA AWC Trials are held at the same time and venue as the KUSA SAAC, <u>the AWCWG will select the two (2) Judges who receive the most votes from Provincial Agility Sub-Committees and</u> the selected Judges should judge both Events, if possible, <u>(refer to Schedule 05(L) Appendix D Regulation 4.3.3).</u></p> <p>Proposal 2: Housekeeping amendment for clarification.</p> <p>It has happened a few times in recent years that dogs that haven't qualified for SAAC but have entered for AWC trials have been on the podium which means that dogs who have qualified have missed out.</p> <p>The majority vote is that only the dogs that have qualified for the SAAC should be considered for the prizes of the SAAC rounds.</p> <p><u>4.10 AWARDS</u></p> <p><u>4.10.1 If the KUSA AWC Trials are held at the same time and venue as the KUSA SAAC Event, dogs entered only for the KUSA AWC Trials are not eligible for awards in the KUSA SAAC Trial rounds.</u></p> <p>For decision.</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by RJ, the above amendments to Schedule 05L App C – Selection of KUSA Dogs to Compete at the FCI Agility World Championships – as set out under Proposals 1 & 2, were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposal 1: Effective 01.03.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes. Proposal 2: Effective 01.03.2026.</p>
	12.10.5	Schedule 05L Appendix D – Regulations for the KUSA South African Agility Championships
		<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05L App D – Regulations for the KUSA South African Agility Championships</p> <p>Submitted by National Agility Sub-Committee</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p>

		<p>Proposed amendments to 05L App D Terminology, Regulations 3.4.2, 3.7.2, 4.4.2, 4.5, 4.8</p> <p>Proposal 1: Ensure impartiality and fairness.</p> <p>It is important that the running order does not favour or discriminate against any one height category. It could be more favourable for the height category that starts first during the summer months due to the heat and humidity experienced in some provinces. By rotating the height category so that each one starts first and finishes last, is fair for all Handlers and dogs.</p> <p>3.4.2 Requirements for the Courses</p> <p>3.4.2.1 Each Trial of the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials must have a Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility Grade 3 course that must be jumped on the same day. Each round must cater for each height category <u>and the running order must be interchanged so that each height category has a turn to start a round first and finish last. This must be different for the Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility rounds jumped on the same day. The running order must be published prior to the start of the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials. The National Trials Co-ordinator will determine the order and, after obtaining approval from the AWCWG, publish it prior to the start of the first Trial.</u></p> <p>Proposal 2: Housekeeping amendment for clarification</p> <p>There has been some confusion as to who must set the Standard Course Time for Grade 1 and Grade 2 if the SAAC Regional Trials are run under a League Licence. This is done by the Judge on the day if the round is run in conjunction with a show.</p> <p>3.7 Qualifications</p> <p>3.7.2 <u>If the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials are held under an Agility League Licence, the Judge on the day will determine the SCT for Grade 1 and Grade 2 as per Regulation 3.7.1.</u></p> <p>Proposal 3: Tighten the course time.</p> <p>The top dogs in the country should not be competing for the SAAC title using the minimum standard course time of 3.8m/s for Contact and 4.2m/s for Non-Contact. It is felt that the 20% would make it more inclusive so that dogs running at 5.4m/s don't receive time faults when a fast dog sets an outrageous time. For example, in Round 5 Large of the 2025 SAAC, only 4 dogs out of 11 would have been clear under the 15% Rule, whereas 6 out of 11 would have been under the 20% Rule with the rest having time faults. SA doesn't have the depth yet to just implement European standards and don't want numbers to shrink. It is essential that entrants don't become demotivated so that they want to keep entering SAAC and this keep the support pool for our top Handlers going to AWC.</p> <p>4.4.2 Timing for KUSA SAAC</p> <p>4.4.2.1 For each KUSA SAAC round, [the set time in metres per second for Grade 3 will be used to determine the SCT for each height category as per Schedule 05(L) Regulation 42.1.1.1.] <u>the SCT (in seconds) will be determined by the time of the fastest dog, in each height category, with the fewest course faults + 20%, rounded up to the nearest second.</u></p>
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	12.10.6	Schedule 05L Appendix E – Regulations for Agility Judges
	12.10.7	Schedule 05L Appendix F – Regulations for the KUSA National Agility League
		<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05L App F – Regulations for the KUSA National Agility League</p> <p>Submitted by National Agility Sub-Committee</p> <p>Proposed amendments to 05L App F Regulations 8</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Proposal:</p>

		<p>Broaden the scope for Judges</p> <p>Since the idea behind the National Agility League is to raise funds for the KUSA AWC Team, it is important to encourage as many Handlers as possible to enter to maximise incomes.</p> <p>In the smaller provinces, the majority of the Judges are also active Handlers and there maybe one or two non-competitive Judges, if any. The top 5 dogs in the NAL automatically qualify for SAAC and don't have to compete in the SAAC Trials. So, with Judges not gaining points for those rounds that they judge, they don't want to judge as feel that they are adversely disadvantaged compared to other Handlers who gain points for each round. This means that judging is left to only non-competitive Judges or Judges not entering NAL, and if there is no Judge, NAL may not be held.</p> <p>The proposed change still complies with Schedule 05(L) Regulation 6.8, in that the Judge is not competing in the Show, just towards League points.</p> <p>Reasons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will not unfairly benefit the Judge to be allowed to run; • The Judge has not seen the course before it is set up the morning of the round, therefore, they have no better understanding of its handling than any of the other competitors; • If they run their dog(s) first, then they also will not have had the unfair opportunity to observe the traps that catch other Handlers and dogs. <p>8. Judging</p> <p>8.1 The Judge for each round/competition must be a current/active KUSA Championship Show Agility Judge and in good standing with KUSA. He must be appointed or approved by the relevant Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee [and may not enter or handle any dog in the same round/competition as he judges (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 6.8)].</p> <p><u>8.2 The appointed Judge may enter his dog(s) and take part on the day for the sole purpose of obtaining NAL points. On application for the Show or Trial Licence, the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee must appoint an alternate Judge, who is a KUSA-licensed Championship Show Agility Judge, to judge the rounds of the appointed Judge. Neither Judge may see the course ahead of time.</u></p> <p><u>8.3 Should the appointed Judge have entered dog(s), he will be required to run all his dog(s), regardless of height category, prior to the commencement of the Event.</u></p> <p><u>8.4 The Judge's dog(s) may not receive qualifications or prizes and the criteria as per Schedule 05(L) Regulation 6.8.2 are adhered to.</u></p> <p>[8.2]<u>8.5</u> All rounds shall be judged as laid down in Schedule 05(L) Regulations 10 and 13 as well as the FCI Agility Judging Guidelines (Schedule 05(L) Appendix H).</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendments to Schedule 05L App F – Regulations for the KUSA National Agility League – were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2026.</p>
	12.10.8	Schedule 05L Appendix G – Regulations for the Annual National Agility Inter-Provincial Competition
	12.10.9	Schedule 05L Appendix H – FCI Agility Jumping Guidelines
	12.10.10	Schedule 05L Appendix I – FCI Agility Regulations

	12.11		Schedule 05M – Regulations for Flyball (Appendix A & B)
		12.11.1	<p>Fedco round robin to enable Flyball at the KUSA Classic 2025 to be organised to run Division 2 in its entirety, followed by Division 1 based on the fastest time in the preceding speed trials.</p> <p>The above round robin, issued on 28.08.2025, was concluded on 29.08.2025, without dissent.</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>On a proposal from JH, seconded by MA, the dispensation secured by Fedco round robin to deviate from the provisions of Schedule 05M – Regulations for Flyball (Appendix A & B) – at the KUSA Classic 2025, were ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Implementation to be applied at the KUSA Classic 2025, as authorised by round robin resolution.</p>
		12.11.2	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05M – Regulations for Flyball</p> <p>Submitted by National Flyball Sub-Committee</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Proposed amendments to 05M Regulations 2, 3.4, 5.1.1.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4, 9.6, 9.13, 10.2, 10.3, 10.10.1, 11.1, 13, 13.2, 14.3 and Team Sheet Flyball</p> <p>Proposal 1:</p> <p>2.1: In line with Schedule 03 that permits a Club to host a maximum of two (2) Championship Shows per annum;</p> <p>New 2.3 and 2.4 - Clubs hosting Flyball under their Show licences are becoming fewer and it is up to the Flyball Sub-Committees to ensure there are sufficient number of Shows throughout the year to satisfy the needs of competitors. This is also in line with the Agility Schedule 05L.</p> <p>The existing 2.4 is a repeat of section 13 and will be combined with that section (see proposal 11).</p> <p>2. SCOPE OF LICENCE:</p> <p>2.1 A C[e]club entitled to hold a Championship Show may hold Championship Flyball competitions in conjunction with any S[s]how or separately [there from] <u>therefrom</u> but may not hold Championship Flyball competitions more than [once] <u>twice</u> in any one calendar year, <u>in accordance with Article 29.1.</u></p> <p>2.2 [Any club registered with Kennel Union of Southern Africa which is eligible to hold either non-championship or championship shows may hold any part of this schedule in conjunction with such shows or separate there from.]</p> <p><u>2.2 Any Provincial Council Flyball Sub-Committee may apply for not more than four (4) Non-championship Show Licences in any calendar year. These Licences may not be used for the KUSA Flyball Championships of Southern Africa Event.</u></p> <p>[2.4 The judge must announce the number of heats per race to the competing teams prior to the commencement of the competition based on the number of teams competing.]</p> <p><u>2.3 In addition, any Provincial Council Flyball Sub-Committee may apply for not more than four (4) Flyball League Licences in any calendar year, which may only be used for the completion of any non-income generating rounds of the KUSA</u></p>

			<p><u>National Flyball League (KUSA NFL). However, Handlers may be charged an entry fee to cover venue costs, equipment hire and any other hosting costs that may occur.</u></p> <p>[2-3] 2.5 Each Club and Provincial Flyball Council Sub-Committee participating in any part of this Competition shall submit a Draft Schedule under terms of Schedule 03 Regulation 5, where any part of the S[s]chedule falls under those regulations.</p> <p>Proposal 2: Regulation 3 – ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS FOR COMPETITION, subsection 3.4 and combining a portion of section 10.3 Interference with competitors (first paragraph).</p> <p>The first paragraph of Regulation 10.3 refers to uncontrollable behaviour (which is to be combined with 9.6) as well as a dog that is unfit to compete. This fits in better with 3.4.4 of dogs that are ineligible to compete. It does not refer to interference. Also refer to the amendment of section 9.6 “Misbehaviour of dogs at a Show” (referenced under #5 below).</p> <p>3. Eligibility of dogs for competition</p> <p>3.4 The following dogs are ineligible to enter Flyball competitions:</p> <p>3.4.1 Pregnant bitches.</p> <p>3.4.2 Lactating bitches.</p> <p>3.4.3 Bitches in heat.</p> <p>3.4.4 Dogs that are apparently ill or hurt. <u>The Judge may expel from competition any dog which he considers unfit or physically unable to compete. In the case of doubt, an official Veterinarian shall be called to give his opinion, but the Judge's decision is final.</u></p> <p>Proposal 3: Remove Regulation 5.1.1.1 under Flyball Classes</p> <p>Motivation: A Team may substitute dogs after a heat or race not only when there is an injury. This rule was not amended at the time of changing Teams to 6 dogs and deleting reserve dogs.</p> <p>5.1 Team Event Competition Class</p> <p>5.1.1.1 A minimum of four (4) dogs and a maximum of six (6) [6] dogs per T[t]eam.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every dog in the T[t]eam (minimum 4, maximum 6 dogs) must be declared PRIOR to the first race of the competition. Once a competition has begun, there will be no changes to any T[t]eam. - Each T[t]eam must have four (4) dogs running in each heat. [The other two (2) dogs may be substituted at the team's discretion or in the case of injury.] <p>Proposal 4: Remove Regulation 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 – Flyball Classes</p> <p>Motivation: As dogs do not qualify or earn points in these Classes, these sections should be removed from the official Flyball Schedule 05M. These Classes were initially added to the Schedule to promote and attract potential Handlers to the sport. KUSA advised that dogs must be registered, and this was not the intention of these Classes initially – these were to give Handlers and new dogs a starting point and for dogs not ready to compete in Teams, the opportunity to experience the Show environment. It was never intended for KUSA-registered dogs and should any Non-championship Shows host these, it will be run similarly to that of “Elementary Beginners” in Obedience.</p>
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		<p>5.4.3 A box loader / ball holder</p> <p>5.4.4 Hurdle heights will be at 20cm</p> <p>5.4.5 Beginner Teams are not eligible for any points, titles or prizes as per Regulation 7 of this Schedule</p> <p>5.4.6 Times will not be recorded officially but may be used by teams to record team times on their own record sheet.</p> <p>5.4.7 Heats will not be awarded a win or loss or tie.</p> <p>5.4.8 Handlers may run with their dogs or elect a runner to run alongside their dogs to encourage the dog to run to the box / trainer box to pick up the ball</p> <p>5.4.9 Props (i.e. lift jumps, striders and barriers etc. may be used freely)</p> <p>5.4.10 Each team will be given two (2) races with a maximum of three (3) heats per race.]</p> <p>Proposal 5: Combine Schedule 05M section 9.6 Misbehaviour of dogs at a Show and sections of the first paragraph of 10.3 Interference with Competitors.</p> <p>Motivation: Rename 9.6 to Misbehaviour of dogs and Handlers at a Show. Remove the first paragraph of 10.3 as it refers to misbehaviour / uncontrollable behaviour rather than interference. The remaining section of 10.3 to remain.</p> <p>9.6 Misbehaviour of dogs <u>and Handlers</u> at a <u>S[s]how</u>:</p> <p>[Physical disciplining of a dog or s] Serious uncontrollable behaviour of a dog at a Flyball competition may be penalised, at the discretion of the Flyball Judge, by excluding the dog [and/or handler] from further competition at the <u>S[s]how</u> and by ordering the exhibitor of the dog to forfeit any positions or points gained in the competition. [After consultation with the judge, a substitute dog may run in place of the excluded dog.]</p> <p><u>The Judge of a Flyball competition shall remove from competition</u> [any dog, which behaves in an uncontrollable manner, or] <u>any Handler who wilfully interferes with another competitor or his dog.</u></p> <p><u>Physical disciplining of a dog or</u> [H]harsh handling will be severely condemned and will result in immediate elimination, independently of any complaint that could be lodged against the H[h]andler. Any dog that the presiding Judge determines is not [physically able, or] under control, to compete in a safe manner, will be excused from the event.</p> <p>[10.3] <u>9.6.1 Interference</u> [with competitors]</p> <p>[The Judge of a Flyball competition shall remove from competition any dog, which behaves in an uncontrollable manner, or any handler who interferes wilfully with another competitor or his dog. The Judge may expel from competition any dog, which he considers unfit to compete. In the case of doubt, an official veterinarian shall be called to give his opinion but the Judge's decision is final.]</p> <p><u>Definition of interference:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>A dog crossing the imaginary centre line between the lanes and wilfully runs into the section of the opposing Team and/or hampers or blocks or runs in the path of an opposing Team's dog;</u> - <u>The imaginary centre line will extend to the runback or ready area. A Team who is interfered with in the runback area should approach the Judge who will consult both Team Captains of the two (2) competing Teams and, based on the facts presented, the Judge's decision will either be a warning to the interfering Team if the offence is minor and/or disqualification of the Team who interferes blatantly or when any interference happens again.</u>
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		<p>[10.3 Interference with competitors The Judge of a Flyball competition shall remove from competition any dog, which behaves in an uncontrollable manner, or any handler who interferes wilfully with another competitor or his dog. The Judge may expel from competition any dog, which he considers unfit to compete. In the case of doubt, an official veterinarian shall be called to give his opinion but the Judge's decision is final.</p> <p>Definition of interference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a dog crossing the imaginary centre line between the lanes and wilfully runs into the section of the opposing team and / or hampers or blocks or runs in the path of an opposing team's dog; - The imaginary centre line will extend to the run-back or ready area. A team who is interfered with in the runback area should approach the judge who will consult both team captains of the 2 competing teams and based on the facts presented, the judges' decision will either be a warning to the interfering team if the offence is minor and /or disqualification of the team who interferes blatantly or when any interference happens again. - A stationary loose ball rolling past the imaginary centre line is not deemed interference as provision is made for the runner to pick up loose balls unless the ball is wilfully rolled into the opposing team's lane. - Retrieving a loose ball may only be deemed interference if the dog that picks up the ball blatantly runs into the other team's lane.] <p>Proposal 9: Combine Schedule 05M Regulation 10.10.1 Hurdles</p> <p>Motivation: All hurdles currently in use conform to the new width of 100 cm (1 meter) is easier to cut. The inner width of the hurdle remains 77cm.</p> <p>10.10.1 Hurdles</p> <p>[All 60cm cross boards must be phased out by 01 June 2023.] The hurdles shall be to the following specifications: Cross board internal height: 30cm, 25cm and 20cm high as per Regulation 6.2 Cross board internal width: 77cm with a maximum deviation of 1cm either way. Cross board end-to-end: Minimum 89cm; maximum [97cm] 100cm. Upright width: Minimum 35cm; maximum 45cm.</p> <p>Proposal 10: Combine Schedule 05M Regulation 11.1 Entry to Competition</p> <p>Motivation: Online entries are also used for Non-championship Shows and the majority of Non-championship Shows have closing dates for online entries.</p> <p>11.1 Entry to Competition</p> <p>11.1.1 Non-<u>c</u>[G]hampionship <u>S</u>[s]hows: The <u>I</u>[t]eam <u>C</u>[e]aptain or nominee will enter his/her <u>I</u>[t]eam (Maximum 6 dogs per <u>I</u>[t]eam) on the day of the <u>N</u>[n]on-championship <u>S</u>[s]how or by the closing date as stipulated by the Club if pre-entry is required.</p> <p>11.1.2 Championship <u>S</u>[s]hows: The <u>I</u>[t]eam <u>C</u>[e]aptain will enter his/her <u>I</u>[t]eam by the closing date as stipulated by the <u>C</u>[e]lub.</p> <p>Proposal 11: Combine Schedule 05M Regulation 13 – Schedule of Racing for Flyball</p> <p>Motivation: There was a query as to whether, or not, the format of the competition may change halfway through as some Handlers wanted to compete in other branches of Dogsport. Amending this regulation makes it clear that it may not change. Teams that have already scored points by running more heats may not be advantaged by Teams to still complete the</p>
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		<p>round robin format by running fewer heats. Combine existing section 2.4 and 13 as it refers to the same item.</p> <p>The existing wording in Regulation 13, which is less descriptive, should be removed.</p> <p>13. Schedule of Racing for Flyball</p> <p><u>The Judge must announce the number of heats per race to the competing Teams prior to the commencement of the competition based on the number of Teams competing. The Judge may not change the round robin format (number of heats per race) once the competition has commenced.</u></p> <p>[The judge will communicate the number of heats for each race before the start of a competition.]</p> <p>Proposal 12: Combine Schedule 05M Regulation 13.2 Divisions</p> <p>Motivation: The Division format already caters for each Division to be run in a round robin format: "The fastest/top Teams run in Division 1 and the slower/bottom half run in Division 2 based on a normal round robin format for each division." This (proposed deletion section) is confusing as we don't have that many Teams competing in South Africa that Divisional races need to be split in 2 or more rounds.</p> <p>13.2 Divisions</p> <p>If there are eight (8) [8] or more T[t]eams entered at any Flyball competition, (Championship or Non-championship S[s]hows) the event will be run in two (2) D[d]ivisions.</p> <p>Format:</p> <p>Speed Trial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All T[t]eams will run two (2) [2] heats; (a draw amongst T[t]eams or a pre-draw by the Judge will decide the running order) – there is no win or lose but only the fastest time is recorded. (If a National record is run in a heat of a Speed Trial, it may be recorded and approved in terms of Schedule 05M 17.1); If a T[t]eam does not record a time in either of the two (2) [2] heats, that T[t]eam will run another heat (or heats up to a maximum of five (5)) until a time is recorded. <u>If there is still no time recorded after five (5) heats, the Team will run in the lower division;</u> <u>Teams may not deliberately run slower or not attempt to at least record a time, just to run in a lower division.</u> T[t]eams may select any four (4) dogs to run in the Speed Trial and may swap dogs [i#] <u>after [each] the first or subsequent</u> heats; The fastest/top T[t]eams (equal split + 1 if there [are] is an unequal number of T[t]eams) run in Division 1 and the slower / bottom half (equal split minus 1 if there [are] is an unequal number of T[t]eams) run in Division 2 based on a normal round robin format for each D[d]ivision. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>8 TEAMS:</p> <p>Division 1 Team A Team B Team C Team D</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>9 TEAMS:</p> <p>Division 1 Team A Team B Team C Team D Team E</p> </div> </div>
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			<p>Division 2 Team E Team F Team G Team H</p> <p>[Round 1 1. Team H (4) vs Team E (1) [D2] 2. Team D (4) vs Team A (1) [D1] 3. Team F (2) vs Team G (3) [D2] 4. Team B (2) vs Team C (3) [D1] 5. Team E (1) vs Team G (3) [D2] 6. Team A (1) vs Team C (3) [D1]</p> <p>Round 2 1. Team H (4) vs Team F (2) [D2] 2. Team D (4) vs Team B (2) [D1] 3. Team G (3) vs Team H (4) [D2] 4. Team C (3) vs Team D (4) [D1] 5. Team E (1) vs Team F (2) [D2] 6. Team A (1) vs Team B (2) [D1]</p>	<p>Division 2 Team F Team G Team H Team I</p> <p>[Round 1 1. Team E (5) vs Team B (2) [D1] 2. Team H (4) vs Team E (1) [D2] 3. Team D (4) vs Team A (1) [D1] 4. Team C (3) vs Team E (5) [D1] 5. Team F (2) vs Team G (3) [D2] 6. Team B (2) vs Team D (4) [D1] 7. Team E (1) vs Team G (3) [D2] 8. Team A (1) vs Team C (3) [D1]</p> <p>Round 2 1. Team D (4) vs Team E (5) [D1] 2. Team H (4) vs Team F (2) [D2] 3. Team B (2) vs Team C (3) [D1] 4. Team E (1) vs Team A (2) [D1] 5. Team G (3) vs Team H (4) [D2] 6. Team C (3) vs Team D (4) [D1] 7. Team E (1) vs Team F (2) [D2] 8. Team A (1) vs Team B (2) [D1]</p>
			<p>The winners are declared per Division - there is no run-off between the winning <u>I[t]eams</u> in Division 1 and 2. They win their respective Division and are awarded prizes accordingly.</p> <p>Proposal 13: Clarify Schedule 05M Regulation 14.3 – Equal points on completion of the Flyball event</p> <p>Motivation: Interpretation of points (based on the fastest time and noted on the dog's Record Card) and score (1 point for a win and zero points for a loss of a heat) are clarified. Regulation 14.2 refers to the score sheet and the amendment is required to align score with the score sheet.</p> <p>The rule to determine a winner is vague as it seems the Judge may decide to run additional heats but there is no clarity based on the fastest time – it appears from the current wording that the Team with the fastest time wins irrespective of whether the Judge decides to run an additional heat or heats. The proposed amendment is to clarify that it is the Judge's decision whether to run an additional heat OR to award the win based on the fastest time.</p> <p>14.3 Equal <u>[points] scores</u> on completion of the Flyball event</p> <p>The winner of the event is the <u>I[t]eam</u> with the <u>[most points] highest score</u>. In the case of <u>I[t]eams</u> having equal <u>[points] scores</u> after the completion of the competition, <u>the Judge has the final decision</u> <u>[the following may apply]</u> to determine a winner or placings, <u>based on one of the following options:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A deciding heat or heats will be run <u>[at the discretion of the judge]; or-</u> - The <u>I[t]eam</u> with the fastest time wins. If the fastest times are the same, the next fastest time will apply. 	

Proposal 14:

Remove TEAM SHEET FLYBALL (page 38)

Motivation: Resubmitted after KUSA Fedco declined this proposal at the June 2024 Fedco meeting. Remove the Team Sheet in Schedule 05M.

Remove the Team Sheet page in its entirety as it serves no purpose with the introduction of the automated score sheet that is sent to KUSA after a competition. All the information on the Team Sheet is incorporated on the automated version.

[NOTE: It was decided at Fedco 06-2024 to leave this in the Schedule in case a Club did not use an electronic system].

Proposed deletion of Schedule 05M Team Sheet Flyball

TEAM SHEET - FLYBALL

Club/event:		Date:		Type of show:	
Judge:				open / championship (delete whichever is not applicable)	
Team Draw:		Team Name:		Best time:	
Team Captain:				Placing:	
Team Members:		CAT#:	Dog's registered name:	KUSA reg #	Owner's Name: Points:
Dog 1					
Dog 2					
Dog 3					
Dog 4					
Dog 5					
Dog 6					
Team Draw:		Team Name:		Best time:	
Team Captain:				Placing:	
Team Members:		CAT#:	Dog's registered name:	KUSA reg #	Owner's Name: Points:
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Team Draw:		Team Name:		Best time:	
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Team Captain:				Placing:	
Team Members:		CAT#:	Dog's registered name:	KUSA reg #	Owner's Name: Points:
Dog 1					
Dog 2					
Dog 3					
Dog 4					
Dog 5					
Dog 6					

Judge's signature: _____ Date: _____

Schedule 05M - Regulations for Flyball (01.09.2023)

On a **proposal from MV, seconded by LT**, the above amendments to Schedule 05M – Regulations for Flyball – set out under Proposals 1 – 13, were **approved, unanimously**.

On a **proposal from MA, seconded by DS**, and unanimously agreed, the deletion of the Team Sheet from Schedule 05M, as requested under Proposal 14, was **not approved**.

Proposals 1 – 13: Effective 01.03.2026.

		12.11.3	Schedule 05M Appendix A – Regulations for Flyball Competitions
		12.11.4	Schedule 05M Appendix B – Regulations for the National Flyball League
	12.12		Schedule 05Q – Rescue Dog Trials (RDT)
	12.13		Schedule 05R – Dog Dancing Heelwork to Music (HTM) & Schedule 05S – Musical Freestyle (MFS)
		12.13.1	Schedule 05R – Regulations for Heelwork to Music (HTM)
		12.13.2	Schedule 05S – Regulations for Musical Freestyle (MFS)
	12.14		Schedule 05T – Regulations for Rally Dog (Including 05T (A))
		12.14.1	Schedule 05T (A) – Rally Dog Signs
	12.15		Schedule 05U – Regulations for Mondioring + (Appendix A & B)
		12.15.1	Schedule 05U Appendix A – International Rules for Mondioring Competition
		12.15.2	Schedule 05U Appendix B – South African Begleithund (BH ZA). Requirements for Mondioring.
	12.16		Schedule 05V – Regulations for Hoopers Classes
13			MATTERS RELATING TO SPECIAL EVENTS – VARIOUS SCHEDULES 05E

	13.1		Regulations for Kennel Union National Awards
		13.1.1	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(11) – Regulations for Kennel Union National Awards – to replace the “Executive Committee” with the “Federal Council” in certain references in the Schedule</p> <p>Submitted by KUSA Office.</p> <p>Motivation: Housekeeping.</p> <p>At the Fedco 02-2024 Special Meeting, it was approved that Article 30 should be replaced in its entirety, assigning the management of the KUSA Classic cluster of Shows to the “empowered” body in terms of Article 30.1, being the Federal Council. At the time it was unfortunately neglected to carry the change of management through to Schedule 05E(11).</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(11) Regulations 4 & 6.2:</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>4. VENUE AND DATE FOR FUTURE YEARS</p> <p>The venue shall be such venue as the <u>Federal Council</u> [Executive Committee (EXCO) of KUSA] shall determine from time to time and the event shall be held over weekend twenty-two (22), unless otherwise decided by [EXCO] <u>the Federal Council</u>.</p> <p>6.2 [Exco] <u>The Federal Council</u> shall include a list of all events which will be held in any year in the Show Schedule, together with the names of the Judges.</p> <p>For decision.</p> <p>On a proposal from MA, seconded by NR, the above amendments to Schedule 05E(11) – Regulations for Kennel Union National Awards – were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2026.</p>
	13.2		Schedule 05E(16) – Regulations for the National Dog Jumping League
		13.2.1	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(16) – Regulations for the National Dog Jumping League</p> <p>Submitted by National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To broaden the stipulations for Veterans to compete in the National Dog Jumping League. While there are Veterans Classes offered at shows, Veterans don't have the opportunity to compete in any National Leagues. These dogs are still excited to run around a course so will be an added incentive for Handlers to enter their older dogs in a National League. 2. To broaden the stipulations to allow substitution of Handlers in NDJL. There are 6 rounds making up the NDJL and these are often run over a lengthy period in each province during the calendar year. By allowing substitution, like in NAL, a dog can still compete under another Handler in the event a Handler is injured or has work commitments. <p>Proposed amendments to 05E(16) Regulation 5, 6 and 7:</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p>

		<p>5. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY AND LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>5.1 Qualification: Entry shall be open to all dogs that are registered with KUSA in terms of Regulation 3.1 above and have qualified to compete in Grade 1 <u>or the Veterans Class</u> as provided for in Schedule 05D.</p> <p>6. JUDGING/COURSE DESIGN</p> <p>6.10 All events forming part of the League shall be judged in accordance with Table A, <u>except for the Veterans Class that will be judged under Table B.</u></p> <p>6.11 <u>All height categories in the Veterans Class will run first on the day.</u></p> <p>6.12 <u>The Tyre and Spread Hurdle may not be used in the Veterans Class.</u></p> <p>6.13 <u>Time allowed will be set at 3.5m/s for Grade 1, including the jump-off, and at 2.5m/s for the Veterans Class.</u></p> <p>7. THE COMPETITION</p> <p>7.5 [There shall be no substitution of either dog or handler during the duration of any NDJL year.] <u>Substitutions of a dog's Handler is permissible during the course of the KUSA NDJL Competition without having an effect on the dog's score/points, provided the substitute Handler(s) have not competed in any other Centre where the same course was used.</u></p> <p>7.6 The scoring system shall be as follows:</p> <p>7.6.1 In the first round <u>(including Veterans Class)</u></p> <p>7.6.1.1 Dogs with clear rounds shall be awarded ten (10) points</p> <p>7.6.1.2 Dogs with faults will be awarded points as follows: 0,01 to 5 faults: eight (8) points. 5,01 to 10 faults: six (6) points. 10,01 to 15 faults: four (4) points. 15,01 to 20 faults: two (2) points. 20,01 to 25 faults: one (1) point. More than twenty-five (25) faults or Elimination: zero (0) points.</p> <p>7.6.2 Jump-off <u>(excluding Veterans Class)</u> Over a shortened course, but no obstacles are allowed to be moved. Sequence and jump direction may be changed and obstacles may be removed. The <u>jump-off</u> [Jump off] to be set with a running length of between 70m and 100m and requires at least one change of direction, and the inclusion of least one Grade 1 skill. [Time allowed will be set the same for the whole competition, at 3.5m/s]</p> <p>7.6.2.1 Dogs with clear rounds in the jump-off shall be awarded five (5) points.</p> <p>7.6.2.2 Dogs with faults will be awarded points as follows: 0,01 to 5 faults: three (3) points. 5,01 to 10 faults: two (2) points. 10,01 to 15 faults: one (1) points. More than 15,01 or Elimination: zero (0) points.</p> <p>7.6.2.3 Bonus Points</p> <p>7.6.2.3.1 Only Grade 1 dogs going clear in the jump-off will be eligible for bonus points and bonus points will be awarded for beating the Time Allowed by the exact number of seconds to the hundredth of a second under the Time Allowed. These points are then corrected by being multiplied by 100 and divided by the <u>jump-off</u> [Jump-off] course length. Bonus points = $(\text{Time Allowed} - \text{dog's time}) \times 100 / (\text{course length})$.</p> <p>7.6.2.3.2 The overall winner of a round, in each height category, will be awarded one (1) bonus point.</p> <p>For decision.</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(16) – Regulations for the National Dog Jumping League – were approved, unanimously.</p>
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			Effective 01.03.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes.
	13.3		Schedule 05E(24) – Regulations for KUSA Showdog of the Year Competition
		13.3.1	Arrangements for the KUSA Showdog of the Year Award Ceremony 2025/2026
14			MATTERS PERTAINING TO COMPANION EVENTS – SCHEDULE 11 + (Appendix A, B & C)
	14.1		Schedule 11 Appendix A – Regulations for Canine Good Citizen (CGC)
	14.2		Schedule 11 Appendix B – Regulations for Scent Work
	14.3		Schedule 11 Appendix C – Regulations for Trick Dog
15			MATTERS RELATED TO BREED JUDGING
	15.1		The Judges Education Council (JEC)
		15.1.1	Report by the Chairman of the JEC Noted, with thanks to MV.
	15.2		Proposed updates to the Judges Education Council (JEC) Constitution
	15.3		Matters relating to Schedule 10 – Breed Judges’ Learning Programme
		15.3.1	<p>Fedco round robin to approve a new Code under Schedule 09 Appendix “B” (Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges licensed by KUSA) to supplement the amendments approved at the Special Meeting of the Federal Council held on Monday, 25 August 2025.</p> <p>[Note: At Fedco 08-2025, under Item 3.6.2, the Federal Council approved a two-pronged proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An amendment to Schedule 10 by the insertion of a new Regulation 5.1, with sequential renumbering, and • An amendment to Schedule 01 Regulation 4.1 by the insertion of a new Regulation, with sequential renumbering 4.1.1. <p>The above round robin sought to supplement the amendments approved at Fedco 08-2025 with an amendment to Schedule 09 Appendix “B”, by the insertion of a <i>new</i> Code 1.7, with sequential renumbering.</p> <p>The above round robin, issued on 08.09.2025, was concluded on 09.09.2025, without dissent.</p> <p>For ratification of the ancillary Schedule 09 Appendix “B” amendment.</p> <p>On a proposal from RJ, seconded by LT, the ancillary amendment to Schedule 09 Appendix “B”– Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges licensed by KUSA – supplementing the companion proposals approved at the Fedco 08-2025 Special Meeting, was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2026, in line with the amendments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule 10 – KUSA Breed Judges’ Learning Programme – Regulation 5 • Schedule 01 – Disciplinary Rules – Regulation 4.1 • Schedule 09 Appendix “B” by insertion of a <i>new</i> Code 1.7 <p>as approved at the Fedco 08-2025 Special Meeting on 25.08.2025.</p>
		15.3.2	Schedule 10 Appendix 1 – Group Course
		15.3.3	Schedule 10 Appendix 2 – Junior Showmanship Course
		15.3.4	Schedule 10 Appendix 3 – Breed Specialisation Course
	15.4		Matters relating to Dogsport Judges
16			MATTERS RELATING TO THE CODE OF ETHICS – SCHEDULE 09

	16.1	<p>Proposed amendment to Schedule 09 – Code of Ethics for Members of KUSA – to broaden the scope of Code 4.26 to include dogs offered for sale at auctions</p> <p>Proposed by the KUSA Office and brought forward by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposed amendment to Code 4.26:</p> <p>4.26 [Members who breed dogs shall] not offer a dog as a prize in a raffle or any form of competition, <u>or allow a dog to be sold at auction;</u></p> <p>On a proposal from MA, seconded by JH, the proposed amendment to Code 4.26 was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes.</p>
17		MATTERS RELATED TO BREED/LIAISON COUNCILS
	17.1	<p>Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA (RBC)</p> <p>Annual report from the Chairman of the Rottweiler Breed Council to be tabled at the meeting, if received.</p> <p>No report received.</p>
	17.2	<p>Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa Breed Council (FBCSA BC)</p> <p>Annual Report of the Chairman of the Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa Breed Council:</p> <p>The Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa Breed Council representation for 2025 comprised the following Members of the Boxer Club Gold Reef, Northern Boxer Club and Western Province Boxer Club:</p> <p>Mrs Sally Young (Boxer Club Gold Reef) Mr Shaun Graham (Boxer Club Gold Reef) Mrs Adri Engerlbrecht (Northern Boxer Club Inc.) Mr Keith Duranti (Northern Boxer Club Inc.) Mrs Jacqui Verrinder (Western Province Boxer Club) Mrs Ken Hull (Western Province Boxer Club)</p> <p>It was a very warm welcome back to Mrs Jacqui Verrinder after a short absence. Mrs Dianne Kee du Plessis and Mrs Karin Schoeman were once again elected as Treasurer and Registration Secretary respectively. Mrs Sally Young was elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the Breed Council for the 2025 period. Mrs May Oosthuizen from Boxer Club Gold Reef was once again kind enough to offer her assistance to the Breed Council and elected as the Secretary for a second term.</p> <p>I'd like to begin by thanking the Treasurer, Secretary and Registration Secretary for the generous contribution of their time voluntarily to perform the tasks required of them on behalf of the Breed Council. You three ladies provide a great contribution to the operation and administration of the Breed Council, allowing the Breed Council Representatives to focus on other related matters. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Mr Ken Hull for continuing to administer and support the FBCSA BC website, which contributes to the marketing of the Breed Council and what role it plays for the Boxer dog under KUSA. Again, this is an administratively challenging task that must be undertaken to ensure that the information on the site remains both relevant and current.</p>

		<p>The year started with concerns over the enforcement of the FCI Breed Standard in terms of tail docking in the Breed, however, this concern was resolved after KUSA had circulated a notice regarding the stance of docked breeds showing in conformation shows under the KUSA's jurisdiction. Despite this dispensation, the topic remains somewhat controversial among different enthusiasts and breeders affiliated to KUSA. It would seem inevitable that docking of tails in Boxers will continue to be seen in South Africa for the time being and as long as it remains acceptable under KUSA, the Breed Council must support the same, however, I encourage Clubs to address the practice with both their members and breeders as it will inevitably become mandatory under both the FCI and KUSA for Boxers to be undocked and it would be regrettable to see the breeding of a very good specimen being lost to an aesthetic dilemma. It is felt that there are more important issues relating to health of the Breed that need to be addressed rather than spending the time and effort on matters that contribute in no way to the actual health and well-being of the Breed.</p> <p>The resurrection of the Aptitude Test (APT-DMA) continued to be a topic of discussion throughout the year in the Breed Council. While it is supported overall by all member Clubs of the Breed Council, there remains several areas of debate still ongoing such as financial support of the initiative. Rightfully so, since it is not a Breed specific evaluation it remains an important topic to pursue as it is one of the few evaluations that does not require hours of preparation and effort on the part of the owner while still measuring the basic characteristics of the dog. There is no doubt that life today is very different and people don't spend as much time working their dogs as in the past, but we need to bear in mind that the Boxer is a working breed and if they are not continued working, I believe that the Breed will evolve into something incapable of working. There are several existing evaluations in which Boxers can participate such as the BST and AD and it is up to the Breed Council to encourage participation in such events, possibly even to host these under licence of the affiliated Clubs.</p> <p>Sadly, the year saw some of our long-standing Breeders and supporters ,who have been involved with Boxers for decades, passing on and retiring from breeding due to health reasons. We will surely miss their presence but will never forget their contributions and most of all their expertise. Our condolences go out to the families of those who had passed and gratitude and appreciation to those that have retired from 'dog life' and wish you a joyful, peaceful and long retirement.</p> <p>Twenty-twenty-six will see eight years of existence of the Breed Council and I have no doubt that this will be a turning point for the Breed Council where it must make some critical decisions. The question must be asked by each representative, and the answer carefully considered, what the Breed Council has done for the Breed or Boxer Clubs to date? Other than bringing the Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa (FBCSA) and the South African Boxer (SABOX) together as a united breed under KUSA, there does not appear to have been very much of significant recognition that has been achieved. I apologise to everyone if that statement offends anyone, however, I truly believe that as a Breed Council we have been afforded a golden opportunity to make a real difference to our Breed and so far we are failing to embrace that privilege. Personally, as someone that has tried many years to motivate a Breed Council in KUSA for another beloved breed it is disappointing to see the opportunities being missed in the Boxer Breed Council.</p> <p>I have no doubt that if the Boxer community in KUSA, and globally for that matter, really want to see the Boxer continue to be a dog that everyone wants to own, that works like any of the best Working Breeds and that remains a healthy breed, then we need to act now. We need to be more proactive in what we're doing and we need to commit fully to complete what we set as our goals and that should start, within KUSA, with the Breed Council. I appeal to all</p>
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		<p>representatives for the 2026 Breed Council to carefully consider whether they want to serve on the Breed Council and why they want to serve on the Breed Council. 2026 will be the time for reckoning as there are more and more queries from Boxer enthusiasts wanting to know what the Breed Council does and has done for the Breed. The question cannot continue to be evaded or vague and we need to produce results. I therefore appeal to everyone representing the Breed Council, myself included, to spend the next few weeks thinking about what goal will be set for the Breed Council that must be accomplished in the ensuing year. The goal must have a purpose, specifically intended to provide value to the Breed, the Breeders and the Boxer Clubs in KUSA. It must be achievable within one year and it must be measurable. We originally committed to taking on the objectives of the Breed Council and if we pull together and commit one hundred percent, I have no doubt that we can make 2026 the most successful year for the Breed Council. If we cannot meet any of these goals in the next twelve months, then we need to consider the value and purpose of the existence of the Boxer Breed Council.</p> <p>At the time of writing this report, the exact figures in terms of the number of Boxer puppies born and registered was not available but, needless to say, it's been another year where the demand for Boxer puppies outweighed number of puppies available, once again proving the popularity of the Breed. The Breed Council is in a healthy financial position, with the account having a balance of R83 482.43 as of October 2025.</p> <p>Personally, I am looking forward to the next year, despite the challenges that lie ahead and hope that we can make a success of the Breed Council. With the help and expertise of the many breeders, trainers, veterinarians and enthusiasts out there are who are available for input and advice I know that we can make the Boxer the formidable Breed it once was.</p> <p>Noted with thanks and appreciation to the Chairman of the FBCSA BC.</p>
	17.3	<p>German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council (GSDLC)</p> <p>Annual report from the Chairman of the German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council to be tabled at the meeting, if received.</p> <p>No report received.</p>
18		MATTERS RELATING TO NATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES
19		MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN
	19.1	<p>German Shepherd Dog Federation of South Africa (GSDFSA) vs Department of Agriculture (DoA) and Others</p> <p>Regarding the Taxation Settlement in the above cases, KUSA has been provided with copies of the bills of cost as allocated by the taxing master. The next step is the service of a letter of demand on the GSDFSA to recover costs.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>DS joined the meeting at this point, shortly followed by LC's rejoining. With all the Federal Councillors present, the Chairman backtracked to address all the items potentially requiring a vote and, thereafter, revisited all the items reserved for proposing, or seconding, by DS.</p>		
	19.2	<p>Establishment of a KUSA Human Capital and Talent Management Committee</p> <p>At the Fedco Discussion Forum on 09.10.2025, a KUSA Human Capital and Talent Management Committee, comprising JH, LT & PM, was established with the unanimous approval of the Federal Council. This Committee was charged to deal with all KUSA's employment and staffing matters under policies and protocols to be devised.</p> <p>For noting.</p>
20		DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

		<p>2025: Monday, 8 December 2025. Special Meeting to consider the revised JEC Schedules (Schedule 10 and its three Appendices).</p> <p>2026: Pending the identification of a suitable date which enabled the attendance of all Federal Councillors, the envisaged face-to-face Fedco Discussion Forum (FDF) was on hold.</p> <p>Fedco 06-2026: Saturday, Sunday & Monday, 27 – 29 June 2026. Although Saturday, 27 June 2026, clashed with the JEC examinations, there were no practicable dates available either side of the scheduled weekend.</p> <p>Fedco 12-2026: Provisional dates: Saturday, Sunday & Monday, 5 – 7 December 2026.</p>
21		<p>CLOSING</p> <p>The Chairman closed the meeting at 13.00, wishing the Federal Councillors and the KUSA Staff, and their families, a joyous and peaceful Festive Season, which sentiment was reciprocated by all, and with thanks extended to the Chair.</p>