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**KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA  
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL**

held on

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY 28 & 29 JUNE 2024**

commencing at 08h30 on Friday and 09h00 on Saturday on MS Teams

ITEM	Sub Item	Sub Item	MINUTES
1		Schedule	<p>Attendance &amp; Apologies To record attendance and apologies.</p> <p><b>Attendance:</b>            Clr JM Hubbard (Chairman of the Federal Council) – JH            Clr C Chelchinskey (Vice-Chairman – DOGSPC) – CC            Clr NJ du Preez (Chairman – NAPC) – NdP            Clr RB Jenkins (Chairman – Exco) – BJ            Clr RD Juckes (Chairman – FS&amp;NCPC) – RJ            Clr N Redtenbacher (Chairman – DOGSPC) – NR            Clr LC Thornhill (Chairman – WCPC) – LT            Clr MW Vorster (Chairman – KZNPC) – MV</p> <p>Staff in Attendance:            Mrs P Midgley (General Manager) – PM            Mr BG Robinson (KUSA Secretary) – GR            Mr B Delily (Finance &amp; HR Administrator) – BD (attendance not required on Saturday)            Mrs C Patterson-Abrolat (Club Affairs Administrator) – CPA (attendance not required on Saturday)            Mrs N Shortland (Shows &amp; Judges Administrator) – NS (attendance not required on Saturday)</p> <p>Apologies – Clr DC Sparg (Chairman – EC&amp;BPC). Leave of absence, due to a work emergency, granted by the Chairman.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all present to this virtual assembly of the Federal Council and opened the meeting.</p> <p>With eight Federal Councillors present on both days, for all Constitution-related items, the Chairman declared the majority for the changing of Articles and Schedules to be <b>six</b> (two-thirds), whereas <b>five</b> would constitute a <b>simple majority</b> as required for any other decision to carry.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that certain Federal Councillors had pre-advised their absences for brief periods during Friday and Saturday, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clr LC Thornhill on Friday from 09h30 till 10h00 for her pre-scheduled hydrotherapy session. Any decision taken during her absence would be subject to the following majorities: <b>five</b> (two-thirds) for the changing of Articles and Schedules, and <b>four</b> (simple majority) for any other decision.</li> <li>• Clr MW Vorster on Friday, 11h30 to 12h00 to attend a pre-scheduled meeting. Any decision taken during his absence would be subject to the following majorities: <b>five</b> (two-thirds) for the changing of Articles and Schedules, and <b>four</b> (simple majority) for any other decision.</li> <li>• Clr C Chelchinskey on Friday, 11h45 to 12h30 to attend a pre-scheduled meeting. Any decision taken during her absence would be subject to the following majorities: <b>five</b> (two-thirds) for the changing of Articles and Schedules, and <b>four</b> (simple majority) for any other decision.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clr N Redtenbacher on Saturday, 11h00 till 14h30 to sit the Rally Dog exam, for which she had enrolled prior to joining Fedco. Any decision taken during her absence would be subject to the following majorities: <b>five</b> (two-thirds) for the changing of Articles and Schedules, and <b>four</b> (simple majority) for any other decision.</li> </ul> <p>[<b>Note:</b> The meeting concluded prior to Ms Redtenbacher's scheduled departure on Saturday, 29 June 2024.]</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p> <p>[<b>Note:</b> The required majorities were present during all contested decisions taken during proceedings on Friday, 28 June 2024.]</p> <p>The Chairman requested all present to observe a brief period of silence in remembrance of the following persons who had passed away since Fedco 12-2023:</p> <p>Mr P Burmeister (WC)  Mr RF Ryrie (GAU)  Mr LA Germishuys (WC)  Mr J Allen (EC)  Mrs BJL Daiber (Formerly GAU, latterly Switzerland)  Mrs I Lowman (GAU)  Mrs LM Ward (WC)  Mrs S du Preez (EC)  Mr AWH Boessenkool (GAU)  Mr LE Arnold (WC)  Mrs M Houtman (EC)  Mr M Beckmann (GAU)  Mr AH Sheasby (GAU)  Mrs D Cronjé (GAU)  Mrs MC Jarman (Formerly KZN, latterly EC)  Mrs FD Cowie (Formerly GAU, latterly WC)  Mr R Freeborn (EC)</p> <p><b>Noted, with sadness. On behalf of KUSA, the Chairman extended condolences to the families.</b></p>
2	2.1		<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1 &amp; 2 DECEMBER 2023</b>
		2.1.1	The Minutes of the meeting of the Federal Council held on <b>Friday, 1 December and Saturday, 2 December 2023</b> , were <b>confirmed and adopted, unanimously</b> .
			<b>Proposed MV, seconded LT</b>
		2.1.2	Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda
			<b>No matters were raised.</b>
	2.2		<b>MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF 4 APRIL 2024</b>
		2.2.1	The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Federal Council held on <b>Thursday, 4 April 2024</b> , were <b>confirmed and adopted, unanimously</b> .
			<b>Proposed LT, seconded NR</b>
		2.2.2	Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda
			<b>No matters were raised.</b>

3			<b>ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS</b>
	3.1		<p><b>Article 12.5 – Declaration of Interests</b></p> <p>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></p>
		3.1.1	<p>Fedco Members</p> <p><i>It was <b>noted</b> that the interests of members of Fedco, as declared at Fedco 04-2024, had remained unchanged. The declaration of interests submitted by Ms Nikki Redtenbacher subsequent to her appointment to Fedco as Chairman of DOGSPC was <b>confirmed, unanimously</b>. It was <b>noted</b> that, as with the other members of Fedco, none of her declared interests constituted any conflict with the activities or interests of KUSA.</i></p> <p>Subsequent to Fedco 04-2024, all Federal Councillors had either updated their Declarations, or had confirmed the status quo.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
		3.1.2	<p>Exco Members</p> <p><i>The interests of Exco members, as previously declared and re-confirmed at Fedco 12-2021, Fedco 06-2022, Fedco 12-2022, Fedco 06-2023 and Fedco 12-2023 had remained unchanged. It was <b>confirmed, unanimously</b>, that none of the interests earlier declared by Exco members constituted any conflict with the activities or interests of KUSA.</i></p> <p>Subsequent to Fedco 04-2024, all Executive Committee Members had either updated their Declarations, or had confirmed the status quo.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
	3.2		<p><b>KUSA Budget 2024/2025</b></p> <p>Although aware that a Special Meeting of the Federal Council had been scheduled for 24 July 2024 to discuss and approve the 2024/2025 Budget, PM said that, since publication of the Subscription &amp; Fees Document, issued pursuant to Schedule 07, was imminent, it was also necessary to elicit Fedco’s guidance on, and secure its approval for, general across-the-board increases. Not only was it constitutionally imperative to publish the updated 2024/2025 Subscription &amp; Fees Document by 1 July 2024 (two months before its effective date), but Fedco’s agreement, in principle, to proceed with the proposed across-the-board fee increases would greatly facilitate the Budget presentation process at the scheduled Special Meeting.</p> <p>Based on the preliminary discussions of the Budget Committee and its subsequent recommendations, PM proposed that a 6% increase should be applied to all the salient income streams itemised in the Subscription &amp; Fees Document issued pursuant to Schedule 07. The proposed increase was informed by the average inflation rate of 5.2% during the 2023/2024 financial year. PM briefly unpacked the effect of the proposed 6% increase on KUSA’s principal income streams, such as Litter Registrations, Membership Fees and Show Entry Levies.</p>

		<p>In dealing with the impact of the increase on the Complaint Deposit, PM informed Fedco that the fee for the face-to-face assembly of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee, or the Fedco Appeals Committee, to accommodate the presence of a Complainant or Respondent at a Disciplinary Hearing, had not been adjusted for several years and needed to be brought in line with the current costs of travel and accommodation. In this regard, she proposed that, based on accumulated inflationary adjustments over the fallow period, the face-to-face assembly fees be forthwith adjusted to R10 500.00 as a once-off restitution. In future, this expense will appear as a line-item in the Subscription &amp; Fees Document and, as from next year, attract annual inflationary adjustments.</p> <p>PM sought Fedco's guidance on whether the fee for Dogsport exams (currently R250,00) should be increased. Given the prevailing negativity around the charge amongst the Dogsport fraternity, CC doubted the wisdom of an increase at this stage, and MV agreed. Fedco <b>unanimously acquiesced</b> in CC's and MV's view.</p> <p>An increasingly problematic line-item was the subscription to litter statistics. Lately, certain subscribers to the litter statistics have used them for nefarious purposes, including the cyber-shaming and -bullying of other KUSA members. After discussion, Fedco <b>decided, unanimously</b>, that, given the misuse of these statistics and the risk of exposing KUSA to legal challenges under the POPIA, making them available on subscription should cease forthwith for a period of time until POPIA-compliance issues have been dealt with and the KUSA Privacy Policy has been finalised and published. The annual KUSA registration statistics, which were openly available on the KUSA website, should satisfy queries relating to breed-specific registration numbers.</p> <p>On the expenses side, PM informed Fedco that it had become necessary to insure the Thomas McQueen Trophy to its full estimated value, for which the quote amounted to R8 750.00 per annum. Fedco <b>agreed, unanimously</b>, that this valuable KUSA asset should not be under-insured.</p> <p>KUSA's Public Liability Insurance sparked a robust debate on the disproportionate costs KUSA was likely to incur as a result of the use of live ammunition by some Field Trial Clubs. There were divergent views on how to apportion and, possibly, recoup the extra costs. The KUSA Office was requested to consult with the Field Trial Liaison Council to establish the exact extent of the use of live ammunition during Field Trials.</p> <p>Since the Public Liability insurance costs did not impact on the publication of the Subscription &amp; Fees Document, PM undertook to explore the various options, including and excluding the use of live ammunition, with the insurance brokers. She would then be in a better position to revert to the Special Meeting with recommendations and figures for Fedco's consideration.</p> <p><b>Agreed, unanimously.</b></p>
3.3		<p><b>K9 Administration Upgrade Project</b></p> <p>Prior to the meeting, PM had distributed the June 2024 Project Report, prepared by SrsBsns, to Fedco.</p> <p>Under the heading, <i>Project Health</i>, SrsBsns provided the following report:</p> <p><i>Project health is good: Reflecting on our previous report in December 2023, we had identified the project as being in a satisfactory state, with a performance-spectrum ranging from average to good. At that time, the majority of the significant tasks were accomplished, though it was recognised that certain areas required fine-tuning, especially in light of new rulings and process flow amendments.</i></p> <p><i>Building on the solid foundation laid previously, the project has made remarkable strides. The application is in a testable state, now incorporating the critical functionalities necessary for KUSA's</i></p>

operational efficiency. The bulk of the application's sections are complete and have entered a phase where they are being tested by the SrsBsns team and awaiting testing from the KUSA team. Currently, our focus is on making minor adjustments and refinements across the app to enhance its performance and ensure any bug found is fixed.

We have continued to advance the project, bringing it closer to fruition.

The Report then proceeds to highlight the significant **Milestones Achieved** in various areas of KUSA's operation, enhanced by screen-captured images. There is also a section on **Milestones Outstanding**, focussing on areas still under development. Of paramount importance is the section entitled **Issues/Roadblocks**, in which the unavailability of KUSA's testing team is lamented, and certain Risks and Timelines identified:

We are still facing the same issue of the KUSA testing team being unable to do much testing thus far due to there being other KUSA commitments that have taken precedence. It is vital that Pascale be given enough time for testing and note-taking to ensure the sections of the application are in line with KUSA's processes and requirements. No one knows the nuances of KUSA's policies and procedures as well as the team that runs them day-to-day.

### Risks

- Implemented logic and ruling not matching KUSA's exact requirements
- Potential misunderstandings in the implementation of concepts. There may be issues within the logic created that have not been discovered and will only reveal themselves through the testing of the application.
- Payment gateway logic change. For instance: Post Paygate's purchase, Payfast has changed some of its functionality, this risk still exists as the two may merge various functions going forward.
- Testing delays based on KUSA workload and capacity.

### Timeline

- Champion Certificate new nuances – July
- Email Notifications – August
- Admin notification panel – September
- Beginning of Live Database Synchronisation –September
- Database – next planned work at Go-Live
- SrsBsns Testing – Ongoing/Continuous
- User Acceptance Testing (UAT) – Ready – KUSA Dependant
- Newly identified Bug fixing – Testing dependant

In **Conclusion**, the following assessment is provided by SrsBsns:

The KUSA project is advancing well towards its goals, with the majority of the key areas in a working state and ready for testing. The move to the UAT phase is a major step, highlighting our commitment to delivering a high-quality, efficient application. We continue to focus on resolving minor issues and finalising the application, whilst improving and refining various sections. Despite challenges in ensuring adequate testing time, the project's trajectory remains positive and on track to fulfil our vision of enhancing KUSA's operations through this technological advancement.

As we move forward, our emphasis will be on thorough testing, incorporating feedback from the KUSA team to ensure the application meets all operational needs and standards. The project's health remains good, and we are optimistic about achieving our milestones and delivering a robust, user-friendly system that addresses KUSA's current and future requirements. We appreciate the ongoing support and collaboration from all stakeholders, and we look forward to the successful implementation and launch of this transformative application.

Then, SrsBsns's brief reflection on the **Future**:

		<p><i>Looking ahead, our focus is set on completing the final development stages and user acceptance testing, leading to the launch of the new application and the retirement of the old K9 admin system – which is facing more risks as time moves forward. Our next significant goal is to enhance the KUSA website, aligning it closely with the new application. This integration, which has been engineered into the new system, will streamline KUSA's operations, reducing administrative workload and improving efficiency. We are committed to this path of digital transformation, ensuring that these advancements bring tangible benefits to KUSA's day-to-day functions.</i></p> <p>PM expressed her profound frustration that she had been unable to devote the time required by SrsBsns to the project. She urged Fedco to permit her to set a period aside – estimated at four to six weeks – to be dedicated entirely to the project. This would mean that she would effectively be out of the office but, with the additional staff recently acquired by the KUSA Office, she felt comfortable that even such an extended period of absence would be achievable without undue disruption.</p> <p>NdP thought it essential for PM be granted the latitude to bring this protracted project to its overdue conclusion. A great deal of resources, financial and otherwise, have been invested in the project and it was obviously not possible for the developers to complete it without the UAT and troubleshooting required from PM.</p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded by MV, and <b>agreed, unanimously</b>, PM was mandated to identify an appropriate period to take project-dedicated leave and to put such contingencies in place in the KUSA Office to mitigate her absence for an extended period in the best way possible.</p>
	3.4	<b>KUSA Office – Lease &amp; Relocation</b>
	3.4.1	<p><b>KUSA Office – Lease Agreement (Interim)</b> (Fedco 06-2021 Item 8.7, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.10.1, Fedco 06-2022 Item 3.5.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.7.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.4.1, Fedco 12-2023 Item 3.7.1)</p> <p><b>Review of Lease Agreement with AfricaWorks Group</b></p> <p>PM informed Fedco that the current lease agreement with AfricaWorks Group was due to end on 30 September 2024. She had prepared a proposal for the Budget Committee which, in brief, entailed relinquishing one of the two offices leased in Touchstone House, as well as one of the two parking bays. Both KUSA offices have been organised to provide workstations for six people and, working to the current roster, it should rarely happen that more than three employees need to spend a day at the office simultaneously. With the likelihood of a 10% increase in monthly rental fees from 1 October, the proposed downscaling should result in a significant cost-saving for KUSA.</p> <p>Pursuant to her request, it was <b>agreed, unanimously</b>, that PM should give AfricaWorks Group notice of the relinquishment of one of the offices, and one of the parking bays, as from 1 October 2024. She undertook to do so and to report back to Fedco on the Lessors' response at the Special Meeting on 24 July 2024.</p> <p>NdP cautioned that AfricaWorks Group might not be amenable to extending the lease on the reduced occupancy and that KUSA “might find itself on the street”! He recommended that BD should investigate the availability of alternative accommodation in the area, just in case...</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
	3.4.2	<p><b>KUSA Office – Relocation Strategy Plan</b> (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)</p> <p><b>Report-back.</b></p> <p>JH said she assumed that the Acquisitions Portfolio-holders had not investigated this matter further, as a proper brief for the acquisition of a property, by KUSA, had not yet been prepared. RJ confirmed that</p>

		<p>the Portfolio-holders have not yet been provided by Fedco with a needs analysis and budget, which made it impossible to proceed with property-scouting.</p> <p>NdP enquired about the frequency of visits by the public to the KUSA Office, as this might assist Fedco in its determination of whether a head office, or central office, was, in fact, necessary for KUSA. PM responded that, apart from being infrequent, visits from the public were normally confined to collections of documentation from the shared reception desk on the 11<sup>th</sup> Floor. There was seldom a need for anybody to visit a KUSA member of staff on the 14<sup>th</sup> Floor.</p> <p>Regarding NdP's question whether a KUSA Office was <i>überhaupt</i> necessary, Pascale responded that the shared office space was needed to accommodate a multifunctional printer used for the printing of a variety of certificates, as well for storage of the bespoke stationery required for this purpose. CPA confirmed that the stationery, many pre-printed, took up an inordinate amount of storage space, but needed to be conveniently available to the rotating staff members to complete their daily output of a range of different certificates and arranging their despatch.</p> <p>Some useful ideas for further downscaling and centralised printing were exchanged by LT and others, all making valid points but, for the moment at least, there was <b>general agreement to proceed with the reduced office space as decided under Item 3.4.1</b>, the downgraded lease being granted, of course.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
	3.5.	<p><b>Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), No. 4 of 2013</b> (Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.8, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.5, Fedco 12-2023 Item 3.8)</p> <p><b>Progress report.</b></p> <p>JH informed the meeting that this matter was in hand and that she would hopefully have some time to devote to it before the first scheduled FDF in the second half of the year.</p> <p><b>Work in progress.</b></p>
	3.5.1	<p><b>Provincial Councils – Appointment of POPIA Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer</b> (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)</p> <p><b>Update from the various Provincial Councils to be provided.</b></p> <p>PM informed Fedco that all the Provincial Councils had advised their Information Officers and Deputy Information Officers, with the exception of KZNPC. It was, of course, possible that KZNPC's disclosure might have been overlooked by the KUSA Office in one of its sets of Minutes.</p> <p>MV offered to check with Diana Hwer whether the Council's appointment of an Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer had found resonance in any of the Council's Minutes and, if not, to take the necessary steps to remedy the oversight at the next KZNPC meeting.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
	3.6	<p><b>Subscriptions &amp; Fees – Schedule 07</b></p>
	3.6.1	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 07 – Subscription &amp; Fees – New Membership Category</p> <p>Submitted by Western Cape Provincial Council.</p> <p>PREAMBLE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There can be little doubt that we are seeing a very significant decline in the number of entries at KUSA licensed events. This is particularly evident at Championship Shows and even more severe in the various branches of Dogsport.</li> </ul>

- While there are many reasons for this, the cost of mandatory membership just to be able to compete is the most cited. It is very difficult to convince a newcomer who would like to enter a show to pay R985.00 on top of the entry fee.
- For Breed shows the problem is often solved by keeping all puppies in the breeder's name and, given that KUSA is primarily a registering body, this is counterproductive. To overcome these problems while retaining the desired legal effect of membership, we propose a new class of membership which confers no more than the right to compete in KUSA events.
- The Articles make no attempt to define membership classes other than the Junior Membership. All other types of membership are defined in Schedule 07. There is therefore no need to amend the Articles making implementation quick and easy.

**MOTIVATION:**

It is proposed that a new class of membership be introduced which restricts the membership privileges granted to those outlined in Article 12.2.1, 12.2.2, and 12.3 of the Constitution. It is further proposed that members belonging to this class will be required to pay for the issue of Championship Certificates at a fee equal to that charged for duplicate certificates (Schedule 07 Regulation 12.5).

This membership will be available to new members only and may only be renewed once. After year 2, members who wish to continue belonging to KUSA, will need to take out full membership.

**PROPOSAL:**

The main reason for this proposal is to allow new-comers to participate in all KUSA events at a reasonable cost while still binding them to KUSA Rules and Regulations.

The additional benefits of adopting this proposal include:

- Bringing new people into membership and into contact with KUSA who may go on to upgrade to a higher class of membership.
- Encouraging people to take transfer of puppies.
- A potential increase revenue from show levies and on Championship Status applications/ certificates for members not having 'full' KUSA Membership.

Adoption of this proposal is unlikely to significantly take away from membership revenue. In fact, income will probably increase. (Membership revenue has not shown a significant increase since the introduction of mandatory membership in order to compete.)

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

According to Article 41 of the Constitution, changes to the Schedules can become effective almost immediately with certain provisos. In particular, Schedule 07 requires at least 2 months notice via circulation to affiliated clubs together with notice of the date when it is to come into effect. In order to give the office time to carry out the paperwork, a date 3 months after the Fedco meeting should be possible.

Article 41.3 not less than two (2) months' notice shall be given of every amendment to Schedule 07. Collins Dictionary: "Associate Member – a person who is a member of a club, organization etc. but has only partial rights and privileges or subordinate status".

Proposed amendments to Schedule 07

Insertions in underlined bold type and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~].

**Changes highlighted in yellow to make easier to see**

1	MEMBERSHIP – First time members are required to be elected and pay an election fee as well as the 12 month subscription fee	
1.1	Election fee – payable upon application to be elected as a member (per person – except Junior, <u>and</u> Young Adult <u>and Associate</u> Members). The Annual Subscription fee is extra	R 411.00



	(Applicable to New Members & Members lapsed for more than 1 month). If membership is allowed to lapse for more than one (1) month, a re-election fee will be levied		
1.2	Individual Member		
1.2.1	Twelve (12) month Membership Subscription		R 727.00
1.2.2	Unbroken Membership for five (5) years – twelve month Membership Subscription		R 667.00
1.2.3	Senior (over 70 years of age). <i>Proof of age to be provided.</i> Twelve month Membership Subscription		R 313.00
1.3.	Judges (Licensed) Membership first five (5) years – twelve (12) month Membership Subscription		R 650.00
1.3.1	Judges Unbroken Membership for five (5) years – twelve (12) month Membership Subscription		R 625.00
1.3.2	Judges Penalty Fee (Breach of Article 25.2) – effective 1.02.2020. Pro rata fee		Pro Rata
1.4	Household (Persons cohabiting with and related to the Principal member by birth, marriage (customary or civil) or customary union. (Max 5 persons)		
1.4.1	Principal Member twelve (12) month Membership Subscription		R 727.00
1.4.2	Household members twelve (12) month Membership Subscription – per person		R 633.00
1.5	Young Adult – eighteen (18) years to under twenty-one (21) years ( <i>Election Fee not applicable</i> ) twelve (12) month Membership Subscription		R 313.00
1.6	Junior – eight (8) to under eighteen (18) years ( <i>Election Fee not applicable</i> ) – twelve (12) month Membership Subscription		R 200.00
1.7	Associate Member – entitled to enter any KUSA licensed event. No other privileges or benefits apply. ( <i>Election Fee not applicable.</i> ) This membership type may only be renewed once.		R313.00
	NOTE: The benefits of Unbroken, Senior, Junior, Young Adult or Household Membership may not be combined. Membership types must be one or the other.		
12	CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS – All Disciplines – <b>Please add Courier Fee *</b>		
12.1	Award, recording and issue of Junior Merit, Champion, Grand Champion & Supreme Champion Certificates, FCI International titles & FCI A20 titles		
12.1	For KUSA Members JM; CH; GR.CH and S.CH *	per certificate	No Charge
12.1.1	Full KUSA Members		
12.1.2	Associate Members	per certificate	R 212.00
12.2	Issue of Breeders' Certificate (where applicable) *	per certificate	No Charge
12.3	FCI International Champion Status (FCI-C.I.B; FCI-C.I.B.-J; FCI-C.I.B.-V) *	per certificate	R 250.00
12.4	FCI A20 Champion; Grand Champion & Supreme Champion*	per certificate	R 250.00
12.5	Express Service – Fast track application & issue letter confirming Champion status	per certificate	R 288.00
	Express Service may not be requested in respect of Junior Merit, Grand Champion & Supreme Champion applications		
12.6	[–] Duplicate copy of JM; Champion; Grand Champion; Supreme Champion Certificates or Breeders' Certificate *	per certificate	R 212.00

		<p><b>For decision.</b></p> <p>The desirability, viability and sustainability of the diluted form of membership proposed by the WCPC, elicited divergent views from Fedco. It was proposed that such “Associate Membership” would only permit the member to enter (and presumably exhibit) at KUSA-licensed events and have no other membership privileges.</p> <p>In the run-up to Fedco 06-2024, the KUSA Office and the Budget Committee were requested to prepare a thorough financial impact analysis for the proposed new form of membership in order to assist Fedco in its consideration of the introduction of “Associate Membership”, as contemplated in the proposal. In its initial assessment of the possible impact on KUSA’s income, Fedco, although divided, rejected the proposal as it posed too onerous a financial risk to KUSA and would burden the KUSA Office with another layer of administration and further system development costs. This resulted in the Chairman of the WCPC requesting permission to revert to the drafter(s) to amend the proposal to hopefully mitigate its projected adverse effect on the Membership income stream by, for instance, limiting Associate Membership to one year, and confining its availability to new members who had never previously held KUSA membership, hoping to thereby increase its palatability.</p> <p>On resubmission of the proposal, it met with a more sympathetic response from the Budget Committee on account of its seemingly diminished impact on KUSA’s Membership income stream, but it had to be pointed out to the WCPC that its drafter(s) had overlooked the constitutional accommodation of the proposal, as had been explained to Fedco in PM’s earlier presentation, which not only covered the financial implications, but also the administrative challenges to manage such a category of membership.</p> <p>It was brought to Fedco’s attention that a membership category in which members’ privileges are restricted to entering and exhibiting at shows is not currently sanctioned under the KUSA Constitution. In the WCPC’s proposal it is stated that, “<i>The Articles make no attempt to define membership classes other than the Junior Membership. All other types of membership are defined in Schedule 07. <b>There is therefore no need to amend the Articles making implementation quick and easy</b></i> (emphasis added).”</p> <p>This statement is inaccurate, given the fact that Article 12.4 confers wide-ranging privileges on a person holding KUSA membership, i.e. “<i>Any member may at any time raise any relevant issue or submit an advisory recommendation to its Provincial Council which shall, if adopted by no less than a majority of fifty per cent of the full number of members of the Council, provided that such number is no less than seven (7), be tabled by the Chairman of such Provincial Council at the next meeting of the Federal Council.</i>”</p> <p>Irrespective of the form or shape in which the WCPC’s proposal will ultimately be presented, it will not pass Constitutional muster unless Article 12.4 has been amended. After further consideration, Fedco took note that the implementation of this new category of membership would be <i>ultra virus</i> the KUSA Constitution currently in force. Ergo, the proposal can only be considered once the restraining Article 12.4 has been amended.</p> <p>The WCPC agreed to prepare a proposed amendment to Article 12.4 for submission to Fedco 12-2024. Once approved, and after expiration of the period for objection by plebiscite, contemplated by Articles 40.2 &amp; 40.3, the proposal will be re-submitted as soon as the amended Article has come into effect.</p> <p><b>Deferred.</b></p>
	3.7	<b>Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary – Schedule 08 – None.</b>
4		<b>MATTERS RELATING TO AFFILIATED CLUBS</b>

4.1		<p><b>Loss of Affiliation – Article 9</b> (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)</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The following ruling was made at Fedco 06-2017:  “Effective 01.01.2018, no licences will be issued for either Championship, or Non-Championship, Shows, unless Clubs are up to date with all returns required in terms of the KUSA Constitution.”</p> <p>The following ruling was made at Fedco 12-2017:  “Clubs that fail to comply with the provisions of Articles 9.1.3 and 9.1.4 for a period of eighteen months from the Fedco meeting where the breach was reported, will be recommended for disaffiliation.”</p> <p>(<b>Note</b> from Fedco 06-2020:  During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that, as a result of the above-mentioned Fedco rulings made in 2017, there had been a marked improvement in the timely submission of AGM documentation by Clubs. However, there were still a few “repeat offenders” and it was <b>agreed, unanimously</b>, that the overdue Clubs in <b>red</b> should be sent a notice advising that, should the outstanding documentation not be received within three months from the date of the notice, the Clubs in question would be recommended for disaffiliation at Fedco 12-2020.)</p> <p>It was <b>unanimously confirmed</b> that the KUSA Office should continue with the policy as agreed at Fedco 06-2020 and recommend Clubs for disaffiliation at future Fedco meetings should they fail to meet the deadlines for submission of documentation as required per the final notices.</p>
	4.1.1	<p><b>Article 9.1.3</b> (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)</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><b>Information will be tabled prior to the meeting.</b></p> <p>(%) reported at Fedco 12-2021 (30 months) indicated in <b>red</b>  (@) reported at Fedco 06-2022 (24 months) indicated in <b>red</b>  (\$) reported at Fedco 12-2022 (18 months) indicated in <b>red</b>  (#) reported at Fedco 06-2023 (12 months) indicated in <b>red</b>  (!) reported at Fedco 12-2023 (6 months) indicated in <b>red</b></p> <p><b>Districts of Gauteng &amp; Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alaskan Malamute Club of Gauteng (!)</b> (Fin Yr-end 31/07/2023, AGM due 31/10/2023); no documents received as yet.</li> <li>• <b>Dalmatian Club</b> (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); no documents received as yet.</li> <li>• <b>Eastern Districts Kennel Club (!)</b> (Fin Yr-end 31/07/2023, AGM due 31/10/2023); no documents received as yet.</li> <li>• <b>GSD Club of Southern Areas &amp; Surrounds</b> (Fin Yr-end 31/01/2024, AGM held 01/02/2024); signed financial statements outstanding.</li> <li>• <b>Gundog Club</b> (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM held 05/05/2024); unsigned financial statements received but no other documents. (Validity of AGM being contested.)</li> <li>• <b>Highveld Whippet Club (!)</b> (Fin Yr-end 30/04/2023, AGM 31/07/2023); no documents received as yet.</li> <li>• <b>Mpumalanga GSD Club (!)</b> (Fin Yr-end 28/02/2023, AGM due 31/05/2023); no documents received as yet. (Club in distress. Efforts being made to remedy the situation.)</li> </ul>

- **Pretoria Toy Dog Breeders Club (#!)** (Fin Yr-end 30/06/2022, AGM due 30/09/2023). No documents received for 2022. The Club is having issues with its bank account. All 2023 documents submitted.
- **SA Alsatian & All-breeds Training Club (!)** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/23, AGM held 24/02/2024). Signed financial documents outstanding. All historical documents now submitted.
- **SA Bulldog Club** (Fin Yr-end 28/02/2023, AGM due 31/05/2023); 2023 documents outstanding and 2024 documents currently due.

#### **Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)**

- **Boxer Club Gold Reef** (Fin Yr-end 28/02/2024, AGM due 31/05/2024); AGM held, but signed financials outstanding for both 2023 and 2024.
- **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.
- **K9 Sport Specialist GSD Club of Gauteng (!)** (Fin Yr-end 31/08/2022, AGM due 30/11/2022); no documents received for 2022 or 2023. Only Minutes received for 2024.
- **North West GSD Club (#!)** (Fin Yr-end 31/10/22, AGM due 31/01/23); no documents received as yet.
- **Northern Transvaal Bull Terrier Club** (Fin Yr-end 30/06/2023, AGM due 30/09/2023); no documents received as yet.
- **Pomeranian Club of Gauteng** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); no documents received as yet.
- **Rottweiler Working & Breeding Assn. of Gauteng** (Fin Yr-end 31/08/2023, AGM due 30/11/2023); no documents received as yet.
- **Pretoria Shepherd Dog Club (!)** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2022, AGM due 31/03/2023); all documents submitted but financials are unsigned by auditor.
- **Saint Bernard Assn. of Northern Gauteng** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); AGM held 30/03/2024, but a quorum was not present. (AGM to be re-scheduled.)

#### **Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)**

- **Baakens Valley Working & Herding Breeds Club** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM 31/03/2024); AGM held 23/06/2024, but no documents received as yet.
- **Madiba Bay Agility Club** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM 31/03/2024); no documents received as yet.
- **Terrier Club of Eastern Cape (#!)** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/22, AGM due 31/03/23); AGM scheduled for 28/07/2024.

#### **Free State & Northern Cape Provincial Council (FS&NCPC) (incl. Namibia)**

- **Central Free State Bull Terrier Club (#!)** (Fin Yr-end 31/08/23, AGM due 30/11/23); financial statements for 2023 not received as yet.
- **Hochland Dog Club (#!)** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/22, AGM due 31/03/23); 2022 documents not received as yet, but 2023 in order.

#### **KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)**

- **Barks GSD Club of KZN (\$#!)** (Fin Yr-end 31/08/22, AGM due 30/11/22); no documents received for 2022 and 2023 as yet. (Refer to Item 4.1.5.)
- **Hibiscus Kennel Club** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); signed financial statements outstanding.
- **Highway Agility Club (\$#!)** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/3/22); signed financial statements outstanding.
- **KZN Dog Athletics Association** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/12/2023); signed financial statements outstanding.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Margate Kennel Club</b> (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); signed financial statements outstanding.</li> <li>• <b>Natal Border Collie Club</b> (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); signed financial statements outstanding.</li> <li>• <b>Pinetown Dog Training Club</b> (Fin Yr-end 31/12/23, AGM due 31/03/24); all documents outstanding.</li> </ul> <p><b>Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of the Western Cape</b> (Fin Yr-end 30/09/23, AGM due 31/12/23); signed financial statements outstanding.)</li> <li>• <b>Brede Rivier Vallei Kennel Club</b> (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); (Treasurer resigned, so trying to resolve finances in order to host AGM.)</li> <li>• <b>Cape Town Kennel Club</b> (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM to be held 18/06/2024).</li> <li>• <b>Hottentots Holland Kennel Club</b> (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); no documents submitted as yet.</li> <li>• <b>Western Province Kennel Club</b> (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); no documents received as yet.</li> <li>• <b>White Swiss Shepherd Dog Club of the WC (%@\$#!)</b> (Fin Yr-end 31/01/21, AGM due by 31/04/21). No documents received for 2022 or 2023.</li> </ul> <p><b>Noted with a request to the KUSA Office to continue to follow up with the Clubs in default of Article 8.6.2 and to actively pursue their submission of the outstanding AGM documentation.</b></p>
	4.1.2		<p><b>Article 9.1.4</b> (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)</p> <p>“9.1.4 Failure to adhere to Kennel Union Constitutional requirements in respect of:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">9.1.4.1 Any event to be held, being held, or which was held under a Kennel Union licence</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">9.1.4.2 Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary of KUSA, Schedule 8.”</p> <p><b>Information will be tabled prior to the meeting.</b></p> <p><b><i>Shows and events held in 2023 after the November FEDCO submission cut-off:</i></b></p> <p>Nil</p> <p><b><i>Shows and events held in 2024 up to 01 May 2024:</i></b></p> <p><b>Free State &amp; Northern Cape Provincial Council</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Districts of Gauteng &amp; Surrounds Provincial Council</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Northern Areas Provincial Council</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Eastern Cape &amp; Border Provincial Council</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Free State &amp; Northern Cape Provincial Council</b></p>

		<p>Nil</p> <p><b>KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Western Cape Provincial Council</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
	4.1.3	<p><b>Article 9.2</b> (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)</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 (31<sup>st</sup>) day of October, the Club in default shall be removed from the list of Affiliated Clubs.</i></p> <p><b>Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Districts of Gauteng &amp; Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Eastern Cape &amp; Border Provincial Council (EC&amp;BPC)</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Free State &amp; Northern Cape (incl. Namibia) Provincial Council (FS&amp;NCPC)</b> Nil</p> <p><b>KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
	4.1.4	<p>Article 8.6.2</p> <p>[extract] "The Club shall ensure that the Club Officers (Chairman, Vice- Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer) names and contact details 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, inter alia, 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>

**Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.**

- (%) reported at Fedco 12-2021 (24 months) indicated in red
- (@) reported at Fedco 06-2022 (18 months) indicated in red
- (\$) reported at Fedco 12-2022 (12 months) indicated in red
- (#) reported at Fedco 06-2023 (6 months) indicated in red
- (!) reported at Fedco 12-2023 (6 months) indicated in red

**Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)**

- **Highveld Pomeranian Breeders Association**  
Secretary's membership due 15/02/2024, lapsed 15/03/2024.
- **Mpumalanga Bulldog Club**  
Secretary's membership due 15/05/2024, lapsed 15/06/2024.
- **Rainbow Hungarian Vizsla Club**  
No Vice-Chairman.
- **Roodepoort & Districts Kennel Club (#!)**  
No Treasurer.
- **SA Mastiff Club of Gauteng**  
Chairman's membership due 15/02/2024, lapsed 15/03/2024.
- Secretary's membership due 15/05/2024, lapsed 15/06/2024.
- **Sporting Dogs' Association**  
No Chairman.

**Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)**

- **Beagle Association of Gauteng (#!)**  
No Vice-Chairman.
- **Biewer Terrier Club of Gauteng (\$#!)**  
No Vice-Chairman.
- **Pomeranian Club of Gauteng (!)**  
Vice-Chairman is not a member.  
Treasurer is not a member.  
These two positions are held by the same person,

**Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)**

- **Border Dog Training Club**  
Secretary's membership due 15/03/2024, lapsed 15/04/2024.
- **Wild Coast Dog Training Club**  
Secretary's membership due 15/03/2024, lapsed 15/04/2024.

**Free State & Northern Cape Provincial Council (FS&NCPC) (incl. Namibia)**

- **Central Free State Bull Terrier Club**  
Vice-Chairman's membership due 15/05/2024, lapsed 15/06/2024  
Treasurer's membership due 15/04/2024, lapsed 15/05/2024

**KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)**

- **Highway Kennel Club**  
Chairman's membership due 15/05/2024, lapsed 15/06/2024  
Vice-Chairman's membership due 15/05/2024, lapsed 15/06/2024
- **Margate Kennel Club**



			<p>No Vice-Chairman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Umbogintwini Kennel Club</b> Vice-Chairman's membership due 15/05/2024, lapsed 15/06/2024</li> </ul> <p><b>Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cape Bulldog Club</b> Chairman's membership due 15/11/2023, lapsed 15/12/2023 (Club has a new Chairman – awaiting confirmation.)</li> <li>• <b>Cape Bullmastiff Club (\$#!)</b> No Vice-Chairman.</li> <li>• <b>Mother City Poodle Club (\$#!)</b> No Secretary, Chairman acting as Secretary.</li> <li>• <b>Western Province Rottweiler Club</b> Vice-Chairman membership due 15/03/07, lapsed 15/04/07 Secretary membership due 15/07/16, lapsed 15/08/16</li> <li>• <b>White Swiss Shepherd Club of the Western Cape (#!)</b> Treasurer's membership due 15/03/23, lapsed 15/04/23.</li> </ul> <p><b>Noted, with a request to the Provincial Council Chairmen to assist the KUSA Office by also following up with the Clubs currently in default of Article 8.6.2</b></p>
	4.1.5		<p><b>Article 9.4</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Barks GSD Club of KZN (KZNPC)</b> The Club approached the KUSA Office on 16/04/2024 regarding the possibility of going into a state of dormancy for a period of time. They were advised that they had three options, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close the Club – For this to take place, you would need to hold an SGM whereby the members vote for this option. Agreement would also need to be taken on how to distribute the funds on hand. The Club would then cease to operate in any form or function.</li> <li>• Disaffiliate the Club (voluntarily) – again, an SGM would need to be held whereby members vote for disaffiliation from KUSA. The Club could then keep its assets and continue to function. However, the Club would have no relationship with KUSA whatsoever.</li> <li>• Disaffiliate the Club (forced) – under this option, the Club would neglect to pay its affiliation fees (due latest September) and be presented to Fedco for disaffiliation at the Fedco 12-2024 meeting. This option does, however, present the opportunity to the Club to rejoin KUSA. Article 9 Loss of Affiliation and Other Punitive Measures was explained to the Club, including the financial implications of such decision.</li> </ul> <p>Although the Club had initially indicated that it would like to proceed with the option under Bullet 3, it had since scheduled a meeting in late June to reassess its position.</p> <p>In the circumstances, CPA suggested that, since the invoices for Clubs' Annual Affiliation Fees were due to be despatched by mid-July 2024, Fedco might want to afford this Club the time to weigh up the</p>



		<p>pros and cons and to come to a final decision on its continued affiliation to KUSA. Should the Club pay its Affiliation Fees, it would be able to continue operating as usual. If, on the other hand, it defaults on this payment, it would be a clear signal of disassociation with KUSA, resulting in automatic disaffiliation at Fedco 12-2024.</p> <p><b>CPA's suggestion was supported, unanimously.</b></p>
	4.1.6	<p><b>Dissolution of Clubs</b></p> <p>The following Clubs closed since Fedco 06-2023:</p> <p><b>Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Highveld Versatile Hunting Dog Club (DOGSPC)</b> – a decision was taken at the SGM of 06/02/24 to close the Club. The remaining funds were transferred to the Versatile Pointing Dog Club, the Working Deutsch Drahthaar Club and the Working Spaniel Club.</li> <li>• <b>Dobermann Club of KwaZulu-Natal (KZNPC)</b> – a decision was taken at the SGM of 06/01/24 to close the Club. The remaining funds were transferred to the Durban &amp; Districts Kennel Club and the KZN Supreme Dog Competition.</li> <li>• <b>Pietermaritzburg Kennel Club (KZNPC)</b> – a decision was taken at the SGM of 06/01/24 to close the Club. The Club was insolvent, so no funds to distribute.</li> </ul> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
	4.1.7	<p><b>Voluntary disaffiliation of Clubs from KUSA</b></p> <p>The following Club declared its voluntary disaffiliation from KUSA:</p> <p><b>Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>KZN HPR Field Trial Club (KZNPC)</b> – a decision was taken at the AGM of 28/02/24 to disaffiliate from KUSA. All AGM documentation was submitted correctly.</li> </ul> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
	4.2	<p><b>Club Constitutions</b></p>
	4.2.1	<p><b>New Club Constitutions and Amendments to Existing Constitutions</b> (Ongoing from Fedco 12-2021 Item 8.2)</p> <p>From Fedco 12-2021: <i>Discussion ensued, with most contributors declaring themselves in favour of KUSA dealing with future new Club Constitutions, or those requisite of amendment, under the two-pronged proposal outlined above, i.e. that, one, in order to prevent text contamination and drafting errors, existing Club Constitutions be replaced, rather than amendments being grafted onto them and, two, that Specimen Club Constitutions on the KUSA website be replaced by a simple Information Sheet for completion by Clubs seeking new Constitutions. On a proposal from GR, seconded by NdP, the binary procedure contemplated above was accepted, unanimously for introduction by the KUSA Office.</i></p> <p>From Fedco 06-2022: <i>In GR's view, the uptake of new Club Constitutions had been sporadic and he urged the Provincial Council Chairmen to convince their Clubs to "convert" to new-generation Constitutions in the interest of improved governance of KUSA-affiliated structures. Old Club Constitutions were no longer in sync with either the KUSA Constitution, or the Constitutions of the Provincial Councils, which created a serious problem. It was also imperative for KUSA-affiliated structures to at least show deference to the Animal Improvement Act and the Protection of Personal Information Act in their founding documents. After</i></p>

*discussion, Fedco directed, unanimously that the KUSA Office should advise all affiliated Clubs, which had not already done so, of the importance of upgrading their Constitutions to the latest versions by completing and submitting the prescribed Information Sheet. The “conversion rate” should be carefully monitored by the KUSA Office over the next few months and a report on the status of all the Clubs be presented at Fedco 12-2022.*

*Proposed NdP, seconded GR*

**Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.**

**Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)**

**Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions                      Adoption Date**

Eastern Districts Kennel Club	19/09/2023
German Shorthaired Pointer Gauteng Club	28/08/2023
Labrador Retriever Kennel Club	26/01/2023
Orion Kennel Club of Gauteng	11/05/2024
Pretoria Kennel Club	19/09/2023
SA Dachshund Club	04/02/2024
SA Mastiff Club of Gauteng	22/03/2023
SA Rhodesian Ridgeback Club	04/10/2022
Schnauzer Club of Gauteng	15/08/2023
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Transvaal	22/03/2023
Teckel Club of SA	22/10/2022
Toy Dog Breeders Association	24/02/2022
Transvaal Cocker Spaniel Club	16/09/2023
Transvaal Field Trial Association	17/08/2023
Transvaal Midlands Kennel Club	06/12/2022
Weimaraner Klub of Gauteng	26/01/2023
Western Gauteng Kennel Club	11/05/2024
Witwatersrand Kennel Club	09/10/2022
Working Gundog & Conservation Club	18/04/2023
Working Retriever Club of Gauteng	17/01/2024
Working Spaniel Association	14/12/2023

**Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them**

Bouvier Des Flandres Club, Golden Reef	In progress
Gauteng Golden Retriever Club	In progress
Goldfields Kennel Club	In progress
Gundog Club	In progress
Irish Wolfhound Club of Gauteng	In progress
Marks Park All-breeds Dog Training Club	In progress
Rainbow Hungarian Vizsla Club	In progress
SA Great Dane Association	In progress
SA Short-Legged & Working Terrier Club	In progress
Shetland Sheepdog Club	In progress
Siberian Husky Club of Gauteng	In progress
Witwatersrand Corgi Club Tramordwy	In progress

**Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions                      Date of current Constitution**

Alaskan Malamute Club Gauteng	01/05/2005
Australian Shepherd Club of East Gauteng	31/03/2015
Centenary Terrier Club	11/04/2019

		Collie Club of South Africa	15/01/1993
		Dalmatian Club	01/09/1995
		Eastern Transvaal Bull Terrier Club	01/07/2009
		Goldfields Supporters Club of Southern Gauteng	12/09/2015
		German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern Areas & Surrounds	23/11/2018
		Highveld GSD & ABT Club	01/03/2009
		Highveld Hound Club	10/09/2011
		Highveld Pomeranian Breeders Association	17/11/2016
		Highveld Rottweiler Club	13/05/1999
		Highveld Whippet Club	27/09/2011
		IGP Training Club of Southern Areas & Surrounds	26/08/2020
		Jolly Dog School	08/02/2019
		Junior Kennel Club of Gauteng	23/10/2007
		Klun French Bulldog Club of Gauteng	01/05/2008
		Meridian Rottweiler League	15/11/1985
		Mpumalanga GSD Club	04/04/2021
		Mpumalanga Bulldog Club	02/06/2017
		Pretoria Toy Dog Breeders Club	15/08/1981
		Roodepoort & Districts Kennel Club	01/06/1990
		SA Alsatian and All-Breeds Training Club	12/06/2021
		SA Bull Terrier Club	18/01/2011
		SA Bulldog Club	14/01/2013
		Saint Bernard Club of Transvaal	13/02/1998
		Sporting Dogs' Association	01/03/2014
		Transvaal Terrier Club	01/06/2012
		Vereeniging & Districts Kennel Club	04/12/2012
		Working & Herding Breeds Association Golden Reef	01/07/2009
		<b>Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)</b>	
		<b>Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions</b>	<b>Adoption Date</b>
		Birch Acres Dog Training Club	25/11/2023
		Golden City Fox Terrier Club	13/04/2022
		Highveld Belgian Shepherd Dog Club	20/09/2020
		K9 Sport Specialist GSD Club of Gauteng	21/08/2021
		Limpopo Bull Terrier Club	16/10/2021
		North West Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	24/02/2024
		Northern Areas Agility & Dog Jumping Club	19/09/2023
		Northern Areas Terrier Club	15/08/2023
		Pretoria Shepherd Dog Club	16/03/2024
		SA Ladies Kennel Association	25/02/2024
		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
		<b>Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them</b>	
		Jacaranda City Kennel Club	In progress
		Praetor Rottweiler Club of Tshwane	In progress
		Rotek GSD Club of Northern Areas	In progress
		Saint Bernard Association of Northern Gauteng	In progress
		TKC Kennel Club	In progress

<b>Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions</b>		<b>Date of current Constitution</b>
Beagle Association of Gauteng		11/07/2013
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
IGP Club of Northern Areas		06/02/2019
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
Pomeranian Club of Gauteng		12/06/2020
Pretoria Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club		13/05/2009
Rottweiler Working & Breeding Association of Gauteng		03/02/2012
Shar Pei Club of Gauteng		01/10/2009
Transvaal Working Trials Association		29/01/2008
<b>Eastern Cape &amp; Border Provincial Council (EC&amp;BPC)</b>		
<b>Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions</b>	<b>Adoption Date</b>	
Bay GSD IGP Sport Club	22/02/2022	
Eastern Cape Gundog Association	15/08/2023	
Herding Club of the Eastern Cape	26/01/2023	
Madiba Bay Agility Club	22/04/2022	
Walmer & Suburban Kennel Club	21/11/2023	
Wild Coast Dog Training Club	24/11/2021	
<b>Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them</b>		
Algoa Hound Club	In progress	
Border Dog Training Club	In progress	
Uitenhage Kennel Club	In progress	
<b>Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions</b>		<b>Date of current Constitution</b>
Baakens Valley Working & Herding Breeds Club		06/10/2019
East London Kennel Club		25/03/2021
Grahamstown & District Kennel Club		28/07/1977
Port Elizabeth Kennel Club		22/09/2015
Port Rex Kennel Club		05/07/2016
Queenstown & Districts Kennel Club		01/07/2019
Terrier Club – Eastern Cape		21/10/2007
Western Suburbs Dog School		01/11/2006
<b>Free State &amp; Northern Cape Provincial Council (FS&amp;NCPC) (incl. Namibia)</b>		
<b>Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions</b>	<b>Adoption Date</b>	
Bloemfontein Kennel Club	22/03/2023	
Free State Kennel Club	24/01/2022	

		Kimberley Kennel Club	22/03/2023
		Northern Free State Kennel Club	22/03/2022
		Sasolburg Kennel Club	03/05/2024
		<b>Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them</b>	
		Central Free State Bull Terrier Club	In progress
		<b>Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions</b>	<b>Date of current Constitution</b>
		Free State Bulldog Club	13/05/2016
		Free State Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	21/08/2005
		Free State Terrier Club	21/06/2011
		Hochland Dog Club	10/09/1996
		Northern Free State Bull Terrier Club	01/01/2014
		Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (S.V. Nam)	19/11/2015
		Windhoek Dog Club	21/01/2015
		<b>KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)</b>	
		<b>Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions</b>	<b>Adoption Date</b>
		Barks GSD Club of KZN	17/08/2021
		Bluff Dog Club	18/04/2023
		Golden Retriever Club of KZN	14/10/2023
		Hibiscus Kennel Club	22/03/2023
		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 GSD Club	15/01/2022
		Natal Gundog Club	18/04/2023
		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
		<b>Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them</b>	
		Durban & Districts Kennel Club	In progress
		Highway Agility Club	In progress
		Highway Kennel Club	In progress
		Umbogintwini Dog Training Club	In progress
		<b>Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions</b>	<b>Date of current Constitution</b>
		KwaZulu-Natal Boxer Club	21/01/2018
		KZN Dog Athletics Association	11/06/2019
		Natal Border Collie Club	23/06/2015
		Natal Rottweiler Association	21/03/2009
		Natal Sporting Hound Association	17/12/2014
		Natal Terrier Club	21/02/2015

**Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)****Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions                      Adoption Date**

Cape Bullmastiff Club	06/03/2024
Cape Field Trial Club	22/11/2022
Cape Heritage Bull Terrier Club	17/10/2023
Cape Hound Club	26/05/2024
Cape Terrier Club	16/05/2023
Kennel Association	18/04/2023
Pack GSD Club of the Western Cape	23/09/2021
Versatile Pointing Dog Club	18/04/2023
Western Province Bull Terrier Club	19/09/2023

**Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them**

Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of Western Cape	In progress
Cape Gundog Club	In progress
Cape Town Kennel Club	In progress
George Kennel Club	In progress
Liesbeek Kennel Club	In progress
Matrix GSD Western Cape	In progress
Mother City Poodle Club	In progress
Outeniqua Kennel Club	In progress
Overberg 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
Western Province Kennel Club	In progress
Working & Herding Breeds Club of the Cape	In progress

**Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions****Date of current Constitution**

Australian Shepherd Club of WC	30/10/2018
Breede Rivier Vallei Kennel Club	12/06/2003
Cape Bulldog Club	10/10/2020
Cape Handlers Dog Club	24/11/2015
Cape Rottweiler Club	01/03/2009
Cape Utility Dog Club	13/06/1991
Cape Welsh Corgi Club	16/10/2020
Dobermann Club of the Cape	16/05/1994
French Bulldog Club of the Western Cape	20/03/2011
Hottentots Holland Kennel Club	26/06/2019
South Cape IGP Club	04/04/2016
Swartland Kennel Club	11/12/2014
West Coast Kennel Club	11/12/2014
Western Province Boxer Club	28/01/2018
Western Province Rottweiler Club	14/06/2001
Whale Coast Kennel Club	26/08/2019
White Swiss Shepherd Dog Club of the Western Cape	27/09/2016

**Noted, with a request to the Provincial Council Chairmen to assist the KUSA Office by also urging the Clubs in their Provincial Councils to “convert” to new generation Constitutions.**

	4.3		<b>Provincial Council Constitutions</b>
		4.3.1	<p><b>Amendments to Provincial Council Constitutions – None.</b></p> <p>[<b>Note:</b> Acceptance of proposed amendments to Provincial Council Constitutions are at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Federal Council and are for <b>noting</b> by all other parties.]</p>
5			<b>MATTERS RELATING TO THE FÉDÉRATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE (FCI)</b>
	5.1		<p><b>FCI semi-virtual Ordinary General Assembly (OGA) – Thursday, 20 June 2024 at 1.00 pm (ECT)</b></p> <p><b>Report-back.</b></p> <p>The Chairman informed Fedco that, at its Ordinary General Assembly (OGA) on 20 June 2024, the FCI overwhelming approved the fee for International Kennel Name Registration and Protection to be increased from €6 to €10. Although KUSA did not support the increase, it was comprehensively outvoted. The FCI argued that it had not increased the fee since 2010, which has since been severely eroded by inflation. In the circumstances, the vast majority of the delegates deemed the increase justifiable.</p> <p>JH commended the FCI on its Treasurer’s Report and an excellent Budget presentation. Interestingly, the FCI was also in the throes of a system upgrade, for which €100.000.00 had been set aside in the Budget. As a result, the FCI was budgeting for a €16 310.00 loss in the next financial year, but was confident that the system upgrade would be completed within ten months.</p> <p>This Item is related to Item 5.3.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
	5.2		<p><b>FCI Non-Mandatory Commissions</b> (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)</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 the Fedco 12-2023 Meeting to serve as KUSA’s representatives on the FCI’s Non-Mandatory Commissions:</i></p> <p><i>Agility – Mr Rob Hall</i>  <i>Breeding – Clr Ron Juckes</i>  <i>Dog Dancing – Ms Kathy Clayton</i>  <i>Flyball – Ms Liesl Twyman</i>  <i>Rally Obedience – Mrs Chantal Ross-Germishuys</i>  <i>Rescue Dogs – Mrs Robyn Harflett</i>  <i>Shows – Clr Jenny Hubbard</i>  <i>Show Judges – Clr Jenny Hubbard and Mrs Tania Edwards, assisted by the KUSA Office</i>  <i>Utility Dogs – <del>Clr Dudley Sparg</del> Clr Nikki Redtenbacher</i>  <i>Youth – Ms Andria Haskins</i>  <i>Education and Public Relations – Clr Lori Thornhill</i>  <i>Mondioring – Mr Keith Duranty</i></p> <p><b>Review of FCI/KUSA Representatives.</b></p> <p>Given her interest in this branch of Dogsport, the Chairman enquired from NR whether she would be prepared to take over as Fedco Representative for IGP. NR responded in the affirmative and, since there were no objections to her being appointed in this capacity, the Chairman confirmed the change. The Chairman thanked DS for having caretaken this challenging position up to the present.</p>

			<b>Noted.</b>
	5.3		<p><b>FCI – Registration of Kennel Names (Kennel Name Project)</b> (Fedco 12-2021 Fedco 06.2022 Item 5.3, Fedco 12-2022 Item 5.3, Fedco 06-2023 Item 5.3, Fedco 12-2023 Item 5.3)</p> <p><i>At the Fedco 12-2023 PM advised Fedco that the implementation of the new fee structure for the registration of Kennel Names was on track for 31 January 2024 and an appropriate Notice would be circulated by the KUSA Office to the membership in advance of that date.</i></p> <p><b>Report-back from the KUSA Office.</b></p> <p>PM explained to Fedco the reasons why she had not been able to devote attention to the Kennel Name Project, which had been due for implementation on 31 January 2024. She cited the considerable administrative burden the KUSA Office had to deal with during the first half of the year, brought about by, <i>inter alia</i>, the accommodation of the changes to KUSA’s penalty structure in the K9 Admin System, the staff recruitment and appointment processes, and the unexpected introduction of the DALRRD Import Permits.</p> <p>PM further provided some insight into what the Kennel Name Project entailed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updating and amending the Affix Registration Application Form;</li> <li>• Creating new batch item fees – K9 Admin System and QuickBooks;</li> <li>• Briefing the developers of the KUSA Online Admin System on the addition;</li> <li>• Preparing and sending bulk email notifications to members;</li> <li>• Checking the FCI’s International Kennel Name Register for conflicts; and</li> <li>• Implementing the adoption of the ZAF Suffix</li> </ul> <p>PM informed Fedco that the delay had, in a way, been serendipitous, given the FCI’s increase of the fee for International Kennel Name Registration and Protection from €6 to €10, as reported under Item 5.1. Had implementation been earlier, the increase would have resulted in additional development costs and a considerable extra workload.</p> <p>PM further provided an overview of the comparative costs to members under the current and new fee structure to secure International Kennel Name Registration and Protection for existing and new Affixes. It was noted that the 67% increase proposed by the FCI would have a significant impact on the costs to be recovered from members.</p> <p>The new costs for this service would be accommodated in the Budget to be presented to Fedco at the Special Meeting on 24 July 2024.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
6			<b>FEDCO MATTERS</b>
	6.1		<p><b>Fedco Portfolios</b> (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)</p> <p><i>Fedco Members’ Portfolios were updated at Fedco Special Meeting 04-2024, as follows:</i></p> <p><b>Clr JM Hubbard</b> Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Budgets, Finance, Breed Health, Extraordinary Registrations</p> <p><b>Clr RB Jenkins</b> Budgets &amp; Finance, Breed Health, Breed Shows, Registrations &amp; Exports.</p> <p><b>Clr RD Jukes</b> DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Dog Dancing, Working Trials, Trick Dog Test &amp; Property Acquisition</p> <p><b>Clr NJ du Preez</b> Legal Matters &amp; Property Acquisition, Mondioring, Rescue Dogs and Tracking Trials.</p>



		<p><b>Clr DC Sparg</b> Agility, Dog Jumping, Field Trials, Obedience.</p> <p><b>Clr LC Thornhill</b> Information Technology, DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Rally Dog, Digital Communication – KUSA Web &amp; Social Media.</p> <p><b>Clr M Vorster</b> Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Flyball, Carting, Property Acquisition, Budgets &amp; Finance</p> <p><b>Clr C Chelchinsky</b> Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) – with regard to Dogsport, Agility, Dog Jumping, Scent Work</p> <p><b>Clr N Redtenbacher</b> Handling, Internationale Gebrauchshunde Prüfungsordnung (IGP), Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Rally Dog, Digital Communications – KUSA Web &amp; Social Media.</p> <p>Mr BG Robinson, now the appointed KUSA Secretary, under his terms of employment retains the following responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KUSA Constitution and Schedules</li> <li>• Club Constitutions &amp; Bylaws</li> <li>• Provincial Council Constitutions &amp; Bylaws</li> <li>• Breed Council and Liaison Council Constitutions &amp; Bylaws</li> <li>• Media &amp; Press – Liaison Officer</li> </ul> <p>Other functions have reverted to the KUSA Office.</p> <p><b>Review of updates, if required.</b></p> <p>No changes to the above Fedco portfolio-holders were proposed.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
7		<b>MATTERS RELATING TO THE ARTICLES</b> – None.
8		<b>MATTER RELATED TO DISCIPLINARY MATTERS – SCHEDULE 01</b>
	8.1	<b>Disciplinary Hearings</b> – None.
	8.2	<b>Disciplinary Rules</b> – None.
9		<b>MATTERS RELATED TO THE REGISTRATION OF DOGS – SCHEDULE 02</b>
	9.1	<b>Schedule 02 Regulation 17 – Recognition of Breeds &amp; Appendix A</b>
	9.1.1	<p><b>Breed Standard Committee</b> List of Breed Standards amended/revised under the <i>KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</i>:</p> <p><b>HERDING GROUP</b> FCI Maremma and the Abruzzes Sheepdog [Maremma Sheepdog]</p> <p><b>UTILITY GROUP</b> The Royal Kennel Club, UK Schipperke</p> <p><b>WORKING GROUP</b> FCI Presa Canario</p> <p>Breed added subsequent to distribution of Agenda in red.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>

		9.1.2	<b>Breed Standards Committee</b> – None.
		9.1.3	<b>Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</b> – None.
	9.2		<p><b>Breed Health – BOAS/RFGS</b> (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)</p> <p><b>Report-back from the appointed Fedco Task Team.</b></p> <p>LT reported that there had been no further development worth reporting.</p> <p><b>Work in progress.</b></p>
	9.3		<p><b>Breed Health – HD/ED</b> (Fedco 06-2019 Item 8.21.1 &amp; 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)</p> <p><b>Report-back from the appointed Fedco Task Team.</b></p> <p>JH said that no further information had come to the attention of the Fedco Task Team.</p> <p><b>Work in progress.</b></p>
	9.4		<p><b>“Hereditary Clear” Status of Registered Dogs to Support the Eradication of Health Conditions</b></p> <p>Submitted by DOGSPC on behalf of Transvaal Terrier Club, by NAPC on behalf of the Pretoria Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club and by FS&amp;NCPC on behalf of Free State Terrier Club.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b>  In 2020, The Royal Kennel Club (UK) announced its decision to limit the assignment of a “hereditary clear” status of dogs on its registry to two generations, effective 01.01.2023. KUSA followed suit and agreed to implement the same limitation at the Fedco 12-2020 (Item 8.8), effective 01.01.2021 – two years earlier than the official Royal Kennel Club (UK) implementation date.</p> <p>The Royal Kennel Club has since rescinded this decision as per the advice to its members on 15.07.2022 (extract below):</p> <p><i>Hereditary clear status  Published by The Kennel Club on 15.07.2022 at 9:13 am</i></p> <p><i>The Kennel Club has announced that it is unfortunately necessary to pause the changes to its policy on ‘hereditary clear’ status, which were due to become effective from the start of next year. The Kennel Club previously announced that, from January 2023, the assignment of ‘hereditary clear’ status of registered dogs would be limited to two generations, unless lineage is verified by DNA parentage profiling. Unfortunately, technical challenges have meant that we have needed to pause this complex project, which requires extensive testing before it can be implemented, and allow further development work to be carried out.</i></p> <p><i>Therefore, The Kennel Club’s current policy for assigning ‘hereditary clear’ status to progeny – if their parents are known to be clear for the same autosomal recessive condition, either because they have both been DNA tested as clear, or because they are hereditary clear themselves – will remain for the foreseeable future.</i></p> <p>Although this mandate, originally contemplated by The Royal Kennel Club, was applicable to numerous Breeds (not only Staffordshire Bull Terriers for L2HGA) where health testing (and acceptable scores/results for breeding are enforced or recommended) is obligatory or voluntary, we</p>

		<p>request Fedco to revisit its decision on this matter and to revert to their previous policy for assigning 'hereditary clear' status to progeny, i.e. <b>if their parents are known to be clear for the same autosomal recessive condition, either because they have both been DNA tested as clear, or because they are hereditary clear themselves.</b></p> <p>This would bring KUSA in line with The Royal Kennel Club policy once again. Re-testing 'hereditary clear' dogs every third generation is extremely costly for all the breeds concerned, where these costs could be invested into testing new animals in a breeder's kennel, or on other health tests which would be more beneficial in the long term.</p> <p><b>For decision.</b></p> <p>RJ reminded Fedco that, since the Fedco resolution to follow the Royal Kennel Club's lead to limit the assigning of "hereditary clear" status of registered dogs to two generations, had not been enacted within an eighteen-month period as required under Article 43.4, the resolution had become null and void.</p> <p>In view of the above, on a proposal from RJ, seconded by NR, <b>it was approved, unanimously</b>, that KUSA should revert to its previous position and assign "hereditary clear" status to dogs should their parents be known to be clear for the same autosomal recessive condition, either because they have both been DNA tested as clear, or because they are hereditary clear themselves.</p>
10		<p><b>MATTERS RELATING TO SHOWS – SCHEDULE 03 ET AL</b></p>
	10.1	<p><b>Proposed amendment to Schedule 03 – Regulations for Championship Shows</b></p> <p>Submitted by the Executive Committee.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b></p> <p>Instances have been reported where Exhibitors are exhibiting their dogs in Classes for which they have not been officially entered. These decisions are made ringside, with the Ring Stewards making the required changes to Judging Sheets. It results in a scenario where a dog can be exhibited in a Class for which it is not eligible, thereby prejudicing other exhibits. The proposed amendments allow Exhibitors to 'change' a Class in which they had been entered for <i>bona fide</i> reasons, but only if verified and cleared with the Show Office.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 03 Regulation 16:</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>].</p> <p><b>16. EXHIBITION OF DOGS</b></p> <p>16.1 No dog shall be allowed in the judging ring unless it is being judged or the exhibitor has been instructed to retain the dog in the ring pending judging of a subsequent class.</p> <p>16.2 No dog shall be allowed to be off a lead or benching chain unless required by the Judge. 16.3 No handler of a dog shall exhibit on his person or upon the dog any prize, card or rosette, which may be displayed on the winning dog's bench only, save as permitted in Regulation 35.2 of this Schedule.</p> <p>6.4 No exhibitor shall allow the dog he is exhibiting to be deliberately and improperly attracted from outside the ring whilst such dog is within the ring to be judged.</p> <p>16.5 No dog shall be allowed into the judging ring after having been called three (3) times by the Ring Steward and marked absent.</p> <p><b><u>16.6 Once the Show Catalogue and the Judge's and Ring Steward's Sheets for a Show have been printed, no dog entered in a Class for which it is eligible shall be permitted to be moved to another Class for which it is eligible and any such request to the Show-holding Club in advance of the Show, or to the Ring Steward on the day of the Show, shall be denied.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>16.7 No dog shall be entered in a Class for which it is not eligible and, should this occur, the dog shall be disqualified and any awards be withdrawn and, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, the Registered Owner be fined.</u></b></p>

		<p><b><u>16.7.1 Should it be discovered by the Registered Owner/Authorised Agent before the commencement of judging of a particular Breed that a dog due to be exhibited in that Breed has been entered into a Class for which it is not eligible, the Registered Owner/Authorised Agent shall immediately report the erroneous entry to the Show Office. Regardless of culpability, if accepted to be a <i>bona fide</i> error, the Show Office shall issue a signed authorisation to the Ring Steward to amend the Judge's and Ring Steward's Sheets, which the Show Office shall request the Registered Owner/Authorised Agent to deliver to the Ring Steward.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>6.7.2 Should it be discovered by the Registered Owner/Authorised Agent when judging of a particular breed has already commenced that a dog due to be exhibited in that Breed has been entered into a Class for which it is not eligible, the Registered Owner/Authorised Agent shall alert the Ring Steward, upon which judging shall be suspended to enable the Ring Steward to confer with the Show Office. Regardless of culpability, if accepted to be a <i>bona fide</i> error, the Judge's and Ring Steward's Sheets shall be amended by the Show Office, after which the Ring Steward shall return to the ring <b>for judging to resume</b>.</u></b></p> <p>16.[6]8 No dogs born or imported into the KUSA area of jurisdiction that have had their ears cropped after birth or importation, shall be eligible to compete in any Show or event licensed by the Kennel Union.</p> <p>16.[7]9 No dogs of which the ears were cropped prior to their importation into the Kennel Union area of jurisdiction shall be eligible to compete in any Show or event licensed by the Kennel Union, despite being eligible for registration by the Kennel Union in terms of Schedule 2 Regulation 7.2. (Note: Leads/Leashes. The Federal Council resolved at the November 1998 meeting that in any KUSA document a 'lead/leash' refers to a lead/leash with a maximum length of two (2) metres (or approx. six and a half feet (6½'))</p> <p><b>For decision.</b></p> <p>On a proposal from BJ, seconded by NR, the above amendments to Schedule 03 Regulation 16 were <b>approved, unanimously</b>, subject to a text adjustment as indicated in <b>red</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</b></p>
	10.2	<b>Any Matters Relating to Schedule 03A – Regulations for FCI International Dog Shows – None.</b>
	10.3	<b>Any Matters Relating to Schedule 04 – Regulations for Non-Championship Shows – None.</b>
	10.4	<b>Any Matters Relating to Schedule 04A – Regulations for Qualifying Shows – None.</b>
<b>11</b>		<b>MATTERS RELATING TO JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP – None.</b>
	11.1	<b>Schedule 05E(12) – Regulations for KUSA National Handler of the Year Competition – None.</b>
	11.2	<b>Schedule 05K – Regulations for Handler Classes – None.</b>
<b>12</b>		<b>MATTERS RELATING TO DOGSPORT</b>
	12.1	<b>Schedule 05A – Regulations for Obedience Classes – None.</b>
	12.2	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05B(01) – Regulations for Working Trials (Classic)</b></p> <p>Submitted by KUSA Office.</p> <p><b>Proposal 1:</b></p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Housekeeping to correct wording.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05B(01)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>].</p> <p><b>2.13 Competition by Officials at Shows</b></p> <p>2.13.3 A KUSA Representative may enter the same show if</p> <p>1. The show is held over two days/two weekends under the same licence, <b>or</b></p>

		<p>2. The <b>KUSA Representative</b> [Judge] is not <b>officiating</b> [judging] on the day he/she wishes to compete.</p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded NR, the above amendment to Schedule 05B(01) was <b>approved, unanimously</b>, subject to a text adjustment as indicated in <b>red</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.</b></p> <p><b>Proposal 2:</b></p> <p>Submitted by KUSA Office and Fedco, as recommended by the KUSA Legal Adviser.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Removal of use of live ammunition from Regulation 4.3.5 and 4.6.4.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05B(01)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b>underlined bold type</b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>].</p> <p><b>4.3.5 Steadiness to Gunshot, 5 marks (this is not a qualifying exercise)</b> Dogs are to be tested with gunshots, either individually or in small groups, off lead while either: a) walking at “Heel” or b) stationary in a “Sit” or “Down” position alongside their <b>H[h]</b>andlers. The gun must be a minimum of 20m from the dogs. [<del>The calibre of the gun must be between 6mm and 9mm only. A suitable starter’s pistol may be used as an alternative to a gun.</del>] <b><u>The ‘gun’ used must be a suitable starter’s pistol, electronic starter’s pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).</u></b></p> <p><b>4.6.4 Steadiness to Gunshot, 15 marks (minimum qualifying points, 10)</b> Dogs are to be tested with gunshots, either individually or in small groups, off lead while either: a) walking at “Heel” or b) stationary in a “Sit” or “Down” position alongside their <b>H[h]</b>andlers. The gun must be a minimum of 20m from the dogs. [<del>The calibre of the gun must be between 6mm and 9mm only. A suitable starter’s pistol may be used as an alternative to a gun.</del>] <b><u>The ‘gun’ used must be a suitable starter’s pistol, electronic starter’s pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded DS, the above amendments to Schedule 05B(01) were <b>approved, unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.</b></p>
	12.2.1	<b>Schedule 05B(04) – Regulations for Working Utility Dog (WUD) – None.</b>
12.3		<b>Schedule 05B(02) – Regulations for International Working Trials and International Tracking Trials (IGP)</b>
	12.3.1	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05B(02) – Regulations for International Working Dog Trials and International Tracking Dog Trials (IGP)</b></p> <p>Submitted by KUSA Office and Fedco, as recommended by the KUSA Legal Adviser.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Insert clause regarding the prohibition of the use of live ammunition.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b></p>

		<p>The use of live ammunition for the gunshot steadiness tests is contained within Schedule 05B(02) Appendix B International Utility Dogs Regulations (IGP). As KUSA is unable to change the FCI Regulations pertaining to the Dogsport of IGP, it is recommended that a new Regulation be included into Schedule 05B(02), prohibiting the use of live ammunition.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05B(02)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>].</p> <p><b>2. Management of FCI-IGP</b>  <b>2.12 Gunshot steadiness tests</b>  <b><u>Where tests are conducted that require the firing of shots, it should be noted that the ‘gun’ used must be a suitable starter’s pistol, electronic starter’s pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded DS, the above insert into Schedule 05B(02) was <b>approved, unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.</b></p> <p>CPA said that, since KUSA was unable to amend the FCI’s International Utility Dogs Regulations (IGP), a conflict with amended Schedule 05B(02) was unavoidable. GR suggested that an asterisked note should be inserted into the FCI Regulations referring to the Regulation in Schedule 05B(02) overriding the condonation of live ammunition use in the FCI Regulations..</p> <p>All present thought this an acceptable solution and GR was authorised to identify the text to be asterisked and to draft an appropriate note for insertion into the FCI Regulations.</p> <p><b>Agreed and noted.</b></p>
	12.3.2	<b>Schedule 05B(02) Appendix B – FCI Guidelines for International Utility Dog Trials and International Tracker Dog Trials IGP – None.</b>
	12.3.3	<b>Schedule 05J – Regulations for KUSA Registered Helpers (IGP) – None.</b>
	12.4	<b>Schedule 05B(03)TT – Regulations for Tracking Trials – None.</b>
	12.5	<b>Schedules 05C (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) &amp; (6) – Regulations for Field Trials – None.</b>
	12.5.1	Proposed changes to Schedules 05C (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) & (6) – Regulations for Field Trials
	12.5.2	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(1) – Regulations for Retriever Field Trials
	12.5.3	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(2) – Regulations for Flushing Spaniel Field Trials
	12.5.4	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(3) – Regulations for Hunt Point Retrieve Field Trials
	12.5.5	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(4) – Regulations for Shooting Rating Field Trials
	12.5.6	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(5) – Regulations for Gundog Hunting Tests
	12.5.7	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(6) – Regulations for Versatile Tests – Pointing Breeds
.....	12.6	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05D – Regulations for Dog Jumping Grades</b></p> <p>Submitted by the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee.</p> <p><b>Proposal and Motivation:</b> See each item below.</p> <p><b>Proposed changes to Schedule 05D:</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>]</p>

**Proposal 1:** Housekeeping amendment.

**Motivation:** Merely to sectionalise the paragraph relating to scope of licence for ease of reading.

### **1.2 Scope of Licence**

**1.2.1** Any club affiliated to the Kennel Union of Southern Africa which is eligible to hold either Non-~~c[Ch]~~ampionship or Championship ~~S[Shows]~~ may apply for and be issued with Licences to hold Dog Jumping Grades with any ~~S[Shows]~~ or separately therefrom, but may not hold Championship Dog Jumping Grades more than twice in any one (1) calendar year. This shall not preclude more than one (1) heat being held on any one (1) or more than one (1) day of the licence period.

**1.2.2** Any Provincial Council Dog Jumping Sub-Committee may apply for not more than four (4) Non-~~C[Ch]~~ampionship Show ~~L[Licences]~~ in any calendar year which may be used for National Dog Jumping League. These licences may not be used for the South African Dog Championships.

**1.2.3** In addition, any Provincial Dog Jumping Sub-Committee may apply for not more than six (6) Dog Jumping League ~~L[Licences]~~ in any calendar year, which may only be used for the completion of non-income-generating League rounds. However, participants may be charged an entry fee to cover venue costs, equipment hire and any other hosting costs that may occur.

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendments to Schedule 05D were **approved, unanimously**, subject to text adjustments as indicated in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 2:** To broaden scope of licence.

**Motivation:** This request was supported by NDJSC and approved by Exco on a trial basis for 2024.

### **1.2 Scope of Licence**

**1.2.4** The NDJSC may, on application from Provincial Sub-Committees, apply to Exco for additional Dog Jumping League ~~L[Licences]~~ to be held within that Provincial Sub-Committee's geographical centre. This will be limited to non-income-generating rounds of the KUSA NDJL.

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above insertion into **Schedule 05D** was **approved, unanimously**, subject to the text adjustment as indicated in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 3:** To include a new height category for the safety of dogs.

**Motivation:** To align with the new Regulation 1.5.1 to help improve the safety of the dog.

### **1.3 Jumping Certificates**

**1.3** A KUSA **Dog** Jumping Qualifying Certificate in each height category provided for in these Regulations will be awarded at Championship Shows to the winning dogs with a clear round in Grade 1 [~~Small, Medium and Large~~], provided either Table A or Table B has been applied and [~~provided further~~] that [~~not less~~]**no fewer** than three (3) different dogs competed in [~~the~~] **each** specific height category of the Grade 1 competition.

**1.4** Champion Status

1.4.1 A dog awarded three (3) Dog Jumping Qualifying Certificates, in ~~[either]~~ **any height** category [~~Small Dog Jumping, Medium Dog Jumping or Large Dog Jumping~~], each by a different Judge, will qualify as a [~~Small Dog Jumping Champion, a Medium Dog Jumping Champion or a Large~~] Dog Jumping Champion and a KUSA Certificate to this effect [~~will be issued~~] **may be applied for**.

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendments to **Schedule 05D** were **approved, unanimously**, subject to text adjustments as indicated in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 4:** Housekeeping amendment.

**Motivation:** There are two regulations marked as 1.5.2, so delete 1.5.1 in first paragraph and change first Reg 1.5.2 to 1.5.1.

**1.5 Registering and Eligibility of Dogs for Competition**

~~[1.5.1]~~ Any dog that is Registered or recorded with KUSA and has not been disqualified or suspended from competition by KUSA may compete. No dog's Qualifying Record Card shall be issued or be valid for any dog not so registered.

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendment to Schedule 05D was **approved, unanimously**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 5:** To include a new height category and amendment of existing heights.

**Motivation:** There are a number of dogs that measure just out of the medium category, so 46/47cm. They have to jump 60cm against dogs that very often can measure 52cm and above. Some of these smaller dogs really struggle with the height and end up being sore each time, so most of these Handlers choose not to enter Dog Jumping. Another point to consider is that when the Intermediate category was brought in for Agility, many dogs were re-measured and some Border Collies were found to measure into the Medium height for Dog Jumping. This puts the smaller dogs in the Medium category at a disadvantage, which has led to many Handlers of true Medium dogs no longer entering. These height changes now align Dog Jumping and Agility and will also remove the confusion new Handlers experience with the current Agility and Dog Jumping height categories.

**1.5 Registering and Eligibility of Dogs for Competition**

~~[1.5.2]~~ **1.5.1** Dogs must be measured at the withers, on a flat surface.

Dogs may only compete in the following Grades:

Dog Height	Classification	Grade(s)/[s]
<del>[Above 45cm]</del>		
<b><u>48cm and above</u></b>	Large	One (1) and Two (2)
<b><u>43cm and less than 48cm</u></b>	<b><u>Intermediate</u></b>	<b><u>One (1) and Two (2)</u></b>
<del>[Over 38cm, up to and including 45cm]</del>		
<b><u>35cm and less than 43cm</u></b>	Medium	One (1) and Two (2)
<del>[38cm and under]</del>		
<b><u>Less than 35cm</u></b>	Small	One (1) and Two (2)

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendments to Schedule 05D were **approved, unanimously**, subject to the text adjustment as indicated in **red**.

**Effective 01.01.2025.**



**Proposal 6:** To include a new height category for the safety of dogs.

**Motivation:** To align with the new Regulation 1.5.1 to help improve the safety of the dog.

1.5.2.1 Any dog which has three (3) qualifications in Grade 2 [~~Small, Medium or Large~~], provided either Table A or Table B has been applied, shall be eligible to compete in Grade 1 [~~Small, Medium or Large~~].

1.5.2.2 The dog may, at the **Registered [e]Owner's** choice, remain in Grade 2 [~~Small, Medium or Large~~] until it has ~~won~~ **gained** a total of five (5) **qualifications at either** Non-~~[C]~~championship or Championship Shows [~~with clear rounds~~]. The dog must then advance to Grade 1 [~~Small, Medium or Large~~].

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendments to Schedule 05D were **approved, unanimously**, subject to the text adjustment as indicated in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 7:** To enforce the measurement of dogs.

**Motivation:** All dogs should be measured and recorded on their Record Cards before competing for the first time.

1.5.6 Prior to any dog [~~, which appears to be a Small or a Medium dog,~~] being permitted to compete in a Championship or Non-~~[C]~~championship show for the first time, that dog ~~[shall]~~ **must** be measured by a Qualified Grade 1 **Dog Jumping** Judge on a flat level surface in accordance with Schedule 03 Regulation 9.1 and the height entered on the dog's **Dog Jumping** Record Card.

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendments to Schedule 05D were **approved, unanimously**, subject to the text adjustment as indicated in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 8:** To regulate the measurement of dogs.

**Motivation:** Handlers are disputing their dog's measurement so they can have their dog re-measured until it meets the height category the Handler prefers.

1.5.7 [~~Should a dog grow and its height appears to be in excess of that permitted for Small or Medium Dog Jumping it shall be re-measured in terms of Regulation 1.5.6. If the dog is found to be over the Small or Medium height the Judge must endorse the dog's Record Card with both the date and the new height.~~]

1.5.7 **A dog's height category may only be disputed twice. The dispute may only be made at a Show by the officiating KUSA Dog Jumping Championship Judge. Should there be a dispute regarding a dog's height category, it should be re-measured by two (2) different KUSA Dog Jumping Championship Judges on the same day and the Dog Jumping Qualifying Record Card must be endorsed by [the] both Judges.**

1.5.8 Once a dog has been measured out of [~~the Small or Medium Dog Jumping~~] **a height category**, it is not permitted to compete **at that height** in **either** Grade 1 or 2 longer than seven (7) days from and including the day it was reclassified.

If ~~[that]~~**a** dog has been entered in either Grade 1 or 2 in a Show after the 7th day ~~[that]~~**the** dog shall be allowed to partake in that Show in the reclassified height category.

1.5.9 Should a dog be reclassified [~~the following applies:~~

~~1.5.9.1 A small dog moves to medium.~~

~~1.5.9.2 A medium dog moves to small.~~

~~1.5.9.3 A medium dog moves to large.~~

~~1.5.9.4 Any large dog that is 45cm or less moves to medium] **the dog either moves up or down to the next height category.**~~

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendments to Schedule 05D were **approved, unanimously**, subject to text adjustments as indicated in red.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 9:** To broaden the opportunity for dogs to be entered as NFC.

**Motivation:** Handlers already run with toys at Championship Shows as a dog may be returning from injury or having a problem. If NFC, the dog may be entered in a lower height category or grade. It may also increase the number entries at Championship Shows.

#### **1.5.12 ~~[N.F.C.]NFC~~ Entries (Not for Competition Entries)**

Handlers shall be able to enter their dogs as "Not for Competition" ~~[(N.F.C.)]NFC~~ at ~~[Non-Championship]~~ **any KUSA** Show[s-only]. The dog entered as ~~[N.F.C.] NFC~~ should be clearly marked **as such** on the ~~[e]Entry [s]Sheet.~~

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendments to Schedule 05D were **approved, unanimously**, subject to text adjustments as indicated in red.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 10:** Housekeeping amendment.

**Motivation:** Remove clauses due to the introduction of the new height category and all dogs required to be measured.

#### 1.5.12

Dispensation allowing a competitor to compete in a lower height than ~~eligible[is-permitted]~~, but not to compete in a higher height than eligible.

~~[Small or Medium height dogs will be able to enter NFC without any official measurement.]~~

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendment to Schedule 05D was **approved, unanimously**, subject to the text adjustment as indicated in red.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 11:** Housekeeping amendment for clarification.

**Motivation:** Clarification on the period of three years.

### **1.6 Training and Qualification of Judges and Course Designers**

1.6.15 **In order to maintain his judging status**, a Judge is required to ~~[complete a judge's]~~ **attend** a Refresher Course. ~~[once every]~~ **This must happen within** three (3) years **from his previous attendance [at]of a Refresher Course.** The content of the course will be as per the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee requirements. The course must be presented by at least two (2) Championship Show **Dog Jumping J[udges]**.

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendments to Schedule 05D were **approved, unanimously**, subject to the text adjustment as indicated in red.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 12:** Inclusion of a new height category for the safety of dogs.

**Motivation:** To align with the new Regulation 1.5.1 to help improve the safety of the dog.

### 2.3 Number of Dogs to be Judged

2.3 No Judge shall be required to test more than a total of two hundred (200) dogs in one (1) day. If the number of entries in Grades to be judged by one (1) person exceeds these limits the Committee of the **Show-holding Club** [~~Club holding the show~~] shall appoint an extra Judge ~~{(s)}~~ **or Judges** and shall allocate competitors as equally as possible ~~[among]~~**to** the Judges by draw.

If a **Grade 1** dog which has already been awarded a Dog Jumping Qualifying Certificate is competing in a Championship **Show** [~~Grade 1, Small, Medium or Large~~], the ~~[h]~~**H**andler shall have the right to claim exemption from the draw if one of the ~~[additional]~~ appointed Judges is the Judge under whom the dog qualified for the ~~[award]~~**said** Certificate.

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendments to Schedule 05D were **approved, unanimously**, subject to text adjustments as indicated in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 13:** Housekeeping amendment to update terminology.

**Motivation:** To bring in line with new terminology introduced by KUSA.

### 2.11 Competition by Officials at Shows

2.11.1 A KUSA Representative may not enter, exhibit or handle a dog registered in their name at any KUSA-~~[L]~~**icensed** event held at the same venue on the day that they are officiating, ~~[n]~~**or** in the same ~~[Discipline]~~ **Dogsport** held under the same licence.

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendment to Schedule 05D was **approved, unanimously**, subject to text adjustments as indicated in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 14:** To broaden criteria for Judges.

**Motivation:** The majority of Judges in the smaller provinces are also competitors and prefer to compete at Championship Shows for the chance to be awarded QCs, so it's often extremely difficult to get Judges, especially DJ Judges. If they are able to enter another Dogsport, they would be more willing to Judge and it will also increase the number of entries for Clubs. Most Clubs run Agility and Dog Jumping sequentially in the same ring, which makes it possible for Judges to compete in another Dogsport as there is no possibility of any conflict (same as for Flyball).

~~[2.11.2 — Championship Shows]~~

2.11.2 A Judge at a Show may not ~~[enter or]~~ handle a dog in the same ~~[Discipline]~~ **Dogsport** (Breed, Obedience, Working Trials, IGP, Dog Jumping, Agility, Carting etc.) as that in which they are officiating.

~~[A Judge at a Show may not handle a dog in any Discipline on the day/s that he is officiating. This restriction does not apply in respect of another Show held on the same day but under a different Licence.]~~

~~2.11.3 — Non Championship Shows]~~

- 2.11.3 ~~[At the discretion of the show holding club, an]~~ **An Agility or Dog Jumping** Judge at a show may enter or handle a dog **or dogs** in ~~[any other discipline]~~ **the alternate Agility or Dog Jumping Dogsport** on the day(s) that they are officiating, provided~~ed~~**ing** the following criteria are strictly adhered to:
- 2.11.3.1 The ~~[discipline/classes]~~ **Dogsport** they are judging will take preference at all times.
- 2.11.3.2 At no time may the ~~[discipline/class]~~ **Dogsport** they are judging be stopped or halted in any way so that they may compete in **another** ~~[another discipline/class]~~ **Dogsport**.
- 2.11.3.3 The ~~[discipline]~~ **Dogsport** they intend entering must have a commencement time before or after the ~~[discipline]~~ **Dogsport** they are judging.

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendments to Schedule 05D were **approved, unanimously**, subject to text adjustments as indicated in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 15:** To include of new clause for officials.

**Motivation:** Some requests from Judges for other Handlers to run their dogs, but only as Not for Competition.

**2.11.4 At the discretion of the Show-h[**H**]olding Club, a Dog Jumping Judge at a Non-**[C]**championship Show may enter a dog registered in his name to run as “Not for Competition”, provided it is handled by another person and that it runs last in its **[c]**Class.**

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above insertion into Schedule 05D was **approved, unanimously**, subject to text adjustments as indicated in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 16:** To broaden stipulations to manage incorrect obstacle heights & depths.

**Motivation:** Remove the subjectiveness with regard to whether the dog re-runs and which faults apply.

**Voting at DJNSC:** For – 3; Against – 2

### **3.15 Abnormal Circumstances**

3.15.1 If, in the Judge’s opinion, the dog’s performance in any exercise was prejudiced by peculiar and/or unusual circumstances, the Judge ~~[may]~~ **must stop the **[h]**Handler and** re-judge the dog on the entire exercise.

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendment to Schedule 05D was **approved, unanimously**, subject to the text adjustment as indicated in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 17:** To include a new height category for the safety of dogs.

**Motivation:** To align with the new Regulation 1.5.1 to help improve the safety of the dog.

## **4. Schedule of Exercises for Jumping Grades**

4.1 Grade 2 Small, Medium, **Intermediate** and Large

4.2 Grade 1 Small, Medium, **Intermediate** and Large

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendment to Schedule 05D was **approved, unanimously**.

**Effective 01.01.2025**

**Proposal 18:** To include a new height category for the safety of dogs.

**Motivation:** To align with the new Regulation 1.5.1 to help improve the safety of the dog.

#### 4.3 Veterans Class

4.3.4 The Veterans ~~[e]Class~~ will be run on the Grade 1 ~~[Small, Medium and Large]~~ courses **at the Grade 2 time allowed.**

4.3.5 Obstacles:

Veterans Class	Jump [h]Height	Long Jump (Depth)
<del>[Small]</del>	<del>20-25cm</del>	<del>30-40cm]</del>
<del>[Medium]</del>	<del>25-35cm</del>	<del>40-60cm]</del>
<del>[Large]</del>	<del>35-40cm</del>	<del>60-70cm]</del>
<b><u>Small/Medium</u></b>	<b><u>20 cm</u></b>	<b><u>40 cm</u></b>
<b><u>Intermediate/Large</u></b>	<b><u>40 cm</u></b>	<b><u>50 cm</u></b>

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendments to Schedule 05D were **approved, unanimously**, subject to text adjustments as indicated in **red**.

**Effective 01.01.2025**

**Proposal 19:** To include a new height category for the safety of dogs.

**Motivation:** To align with the new Regulation 1.5.1 to help improve the safety of the dog.

#### 5. Schedule of Course and Obstacles for Jumping Grades

5.2.2 Vertical Hurdles

Grade	Category	Min Height (cm)	Max Height (cm)	Min Width (m)
One (1)	<b><u>Intermediate</u></b>	<b><u>45</u></b>	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>1.2</u></b>
Two (2)	<b><u>Intermediate</u></b>	<b><u>40</u></b>	<b><u>45</u></b>	<b><u>1.2</u></b>

5.2.3 Spread Hurdle

Grade	Category	Min Height (cm)	Max Height (cm)	Max Depth (cm)
One (1)	<b><u>Intermediate</u></b>	<b><u>40</u></b>	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>1.2</u></b>
Two (2)	<b><u>Intermediate</u></b>	<b><u>35</u></b>	<b><u>45</u></b>	<b><u>1.2</u></b>

5.2.4 Collapsible Tyre Jump

Grade <del>(s)]/s]</del> One (1) and Two (2)	Centre Height
<b><u>Intermediate</u></b>	<b><u>70 cm</u></b>

5.2.6 The Long Jump

Grade <del>(s)]/s]</del> One (1) and Two (2)	Min Length (cm)	Max Length (cm)	No. of Units
Large	120 (1.2m)	150 (1.5m)	Four (4) <del>[to Five (5)]</del>
<b><u>Intermediate</u></b>	<b><u>90</u></b>	<b><u>110</u></b>	<b><u>Three (3) to Four (4)</u></b>
Medium	60	70	<del>[Two (2) to]</del> Three (3)
Small	40	50	Two (2)

On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendments to Schedule 05D were **approved, unanimously**, subject to text adjustments as indicated in **red**.

		<p><b>Effective 01.01.2025</b></p> <p><b>Proposal 20:</b> Housekeeping amendment for clarification.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Clarification of Regulation.</p> <p><b>7.7 The Arena</b></p> <p>7.7 <del>[After commencement of the exercise]</del> <b><u>After starting the round</u></b>, the dog leaves the arena but returns within fifteen (15) seconds        Handler leaves the arena after <del>[the commencement of the exercise]</del> <b><u>starting the round</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Time faults Disqualification</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by LT, the above amendments to Schedule 05D were <b>approved, unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p> <p><b>Document attached – Dog Jumping Record Card 2024 to include Intermediate Class</b></p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
12.7		<p><b>Aptitude Testing – Schedule 05F(9.1.5) – Regulations for Aptitude Tests</b></p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05F(9.1.5) – Regulations for Aptitude Tests including Dog Mentality Assessment</b></p> <p>Submitted by Fedco, as recommended by the KUSA Legal Adviser.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> To prohibit the use of live ammunition for gunshot steadiness tests.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05F(9.1.5)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in <del>[struck through square brackets]</del>.</p> <p>2. Management of Aptitude Test and Dog Mentality Assessment</p> <p><b><u>2.11 The ‘gun’ used for gunshot steadiness tests must be a suitable starter’s pistol, electronic starter’s pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from LT, seconded by NR, the above amendment to Schedule 05F(9.1.5) was <b>approved, unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.</b></p>
12.8		<b>Schedule 05G – Regulations for Dog Carting – None.</b>
12.9		<b>Schedule 05K – Regulations for Handler Classes – None.</b>
12.10		<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05(L) – Regulations for Agility Classes</b></p> <p>Submitted by the National Agility Sub-Committee.</p> <p><b>Proposal 1:</b></p>

**Motivation:**

To bring Schedule 05(L) in line with the proposed amendments in Appendices C, D and F to include additional events for Grade 1 and Grade 2 dogs to obtain qualifications.

**Proposed changes to Schedule 05(L)**

Insertions in underlined bold type and deletions in ~~[struck through square brackets]~~.

**Proposal:** To broaden the scope of licence.

**Motivation:** This request was supported by NAgSC and approved by Exco on a trial basis for 2024.

**2. Scope of Licence**

2.3 In addition, any Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee may apply for not more than eight (8) Agility League Licences in any calendar year, which may only be used for the completion of any non-income-generating rounds of the KUSA National Agility League (KUSA NAL) and the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials. However, H[h]andlers may be charged an entry fee to cover venue costs, equipment hire and any other hosting costs that may occur.

**2.3.1 The NAgSC may, on application from Provincial Sub-Committees, apply to Exco for additional Agility League Licences to be held within that Provincial Sub-Committee's geographical centre. This will be limited to non-income-generating rounds of the KUSA NAL and KUSA SAAC Trials.**

**Proposal 2:** Housekeeping amendment for clarification.

**Motivation:** There is concern that, currently, Handlers are disputing the measurement until the measurement meets their preferred height, whereas the onus should be on the Judge to request a remeasurement.

**3. Agility Height Categories and Grades**

3.3.2 A dog's height category may only be disputed twice. This can only be done at a Show by the officiating KUSA Agility Championship Judge. Should there be a dispute regarding a dog's height category, it should be re-measured by three (3) different KUSA Agility Championship Judges on the same day and the Agility Qualifying Record Cards must be endorsed by all three (3) Judges.

**Proposal 3:** Housekeeping amendment to bring in line with Appendices.

**Motivation:** To bring Schedule 5L in line with the proposed amendments in Appendices C, D and F to include additional events for Grade 1 and Grade 2 dogs to obtain qualifications.

**4. Agility Qualifications**

4.1 Qualifications

4.1.1 Any dog that has had four (4) clear rounds in Agility 1 ~~[in either a Championship or Non-Championship Show]~~ at any event held under a KUSA licence (including Agility League Licences), may then advance to Agility 2. The same will apply to Agility 2 advancing to Agility 3.

4.1.2 Any dog that has had six (6) clear rounds in Agility 1 ~~[in either a Championship or Non-Championship Show]~~ at any event held under a KUSA licence (including Agility League Licences), must advance to Agility 2. The same will apply to Agility 2 advancing to Agility 3.

**Proposal 4:** Housekeeping amendment to update terminology.

**Motivation:** To bring in line with new terminology introduced by KUSA.

5. Registration and Eligibility of Dogs for Competition

5.1.3 All dogs must possess a separate Qualifying Record Card for Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility in which qualification results for the relevant [~~Discipline~~] **Dogsport** are recorded.

**Proposal 5:** Housekeeping amendment for clarification.

**Motivation:** Clarification required on the timing when the Handler must inform the NAgSC, specifically not after an entry has already been submitted.

## 5.2 FCI (International) Shows

5.2.3 If a ~~H[an]dler~~ [~~has the intention of competing overseas at~~] **plans to enter and compete at overseas** FCI International Agility competitions, [~~(e.g.)~~] **such as the** European Open, [~~and~~] Junior **and/or Senior** Open AWC, he must contact the National Agility Sub-Committee (NAgSC) **via his Provincial Agility Sub-Committee representative** [~~in advance and the NAgSC must inform the KUSA Office prior to his departure~~] **at least six (6) weeks prior to the closing date of the event.**

**Proposal 6:** Adopt FCI-related changes.

**Motivation:** This regulation has been removed from the Agility Regulations of FCI.

## 6.5 Bitches in Season

[~~6.5.1.2 - Provide a mat for the bitch at the start line.~~]

**Proposal 7:** Broaden the opportunity for dogs to be entered as NFC.

**Motivation:** Handlers already run with toys at Championship Shows as a dog may be returning from injury or having a problem. If NFC, then the dog may be entered in a lower height category or grade. It may also increase the number entries at Championship Shows.

## 6.6 Not for Competition (NFC)

6.6.1. Handlers may enter their dogs as "Not for Competition" (NFC) at [~~Non-Championship Shows only~~] **any KUSA Show** (refer to Regulations 6.1 and 6.6.4).

**Proposal:** Housekeeping amendment to update terminology.

**Motivation 8:** To bring in line with new terminology introduced by KUSA.

## 6.7 Veterans Class

6.7.2 The ~~C[lass]~~ is only for dogs that are a minimum age of **seven** (7) years and have previously entered other Agility ~~C[lasses]~~ competitively, i.e. the dog must have a Qualifying Record Card for the relevant [~~Discipline~~] **Dogsport**.

**Proposal 9:** Broaden stipulations for officials.

**Motivation:** The majority of Judges in the smaller provinces are also competitors and prefer to compete at Championship Shows for the chance to be awarded QCs, so it is often extremely difficult to get Judges, especially DJ Judges. If they are able to enter the other Dogsport, they would be more willing to judge and it will also increase the number of entries for the clubs. Most clubs run Agility and Dog Jumping consecutively in the same ring, which makes it possible for Judges to compete in the other Dogsport as there is no chance of any conflict (same as for Flyball).

## 6.8 Competition by Officials at Shows

[~~6.8.1 - KUSA Championship Shows~~]

6.8.1[.4] A Judge at a Show may not [~~enter~~] **handle** a dog in the same [~~Discipline~~] **Dogsport** (Breed, Obedience, Working Trials, IGP, Dog Jumping, Carting, Contact Agility, Non-Contact Agility, etc.) as that in which he is officiating.



~~6.8.1.2 A Judge at a Show may not handle a dog in any Discipline on the day/s that he is officiating. This restriction does not apply in respect of another Show held on the same day but under a different Licence.~~

~~6.8.2 KUSA Non-Championship Shows]~~

~~6.8.2[.4] [At the discretion of the Show Holding Club, a] **An Agility or Dog Jumping** Judge at a Show may enter or handle a dog **or dogs** [(s)/s] in [any other Discipline] **the alternate Agility or Dog Jumping Dogsport** on the day(s)/[s] that he is officiating providing the following criteria are strictly adhered to:~~

- ~~• The [Discipline] **Dogsport** he is judging must take preference at all times.~~
- ~~• At no time may the [Discipline] **Dogsport** he is judging be stopped or halted in any way so that he may compete in another [Discipline] **Dogsport**.~~
- ~~• The [Discipline] **Dogsport** he intends entering must have a commencement time before or after the [Discipline] **Dogsport** he is judging.~~

**Proposal 10:** Inclusion of new clause for officials.

**Motivation:** Some requests from Judges for other Handlers to run their dogs.

### **6.8 Competition by Officials at Shows**

**6.8.4 An Agility Judge at a Non-championship Show may enter a dog registered in his name to run as “Not for Competition” (NFC) provided it is handled by another person and that it runs last in its Class.**

**Proposal 11:** Adopt FCI-related Changes.

**Motivation:** As Judges may not physically check that Handlers are carrying treats or toys, this regulation is extremely difficult to monitor and the FCI has recommended that Judges must demarcate the area where a dog may be rewarded.

**Voting at NAgSC:** For – 3; Against - 2

### **9.5 Rewarding Dogs**

9.5.1 Baiting, the offering of any goods, food substance or other inducement whilst in the ring[, including any object belonging to the competing handler that is placed in line of the start or finish obstacle, inside or outside of the ring,] attracts immediate disqualification. However, words of praise and encouragement are permitted by the H[h]andler whilst in the ring.

**Proposal 12:** To broaden stipulations to manage time-wasting.

**Motivation:** Some Handlers take anything from a minute to two minutes to set up their dog and the Judge has no means to force the Handler to start.

**Voting at NAgSC:** For – 4; Against – 0; Abstain – 1

### **9.8 Commencement of Exercise**

9.8.1 The H[h]andler enters the ring placing the dog in either the “Sit”, “Down” or “Stand” position behind the start line. If the dog is still on the lead, then the dog’s lead and collar are removed [and handed to the steward at hand]. **The first obstacle must be negotiated within thirty (30) seconds of the Judge indicating that he is ready, otherwise the time for the exercise will commence running.**

**Proposal 13:** To broaden stipulations to manage incorrect obstacle heights & depths.

**Motivation:** There have been inconsistencies in the way a number of incidences involving incorrect heights and/or depths of obstacles have been dealt with.

### 10.11 Abnormal Circumstances

10.11.1 If, in the Agility Judge's opinion, the dog's performance in any exercise was prejudiced by peculiar and/or unusual circumstances, he may re-judge the dog on the entire exercise (refer to Regulation 10.12).

10.11.2 **In the case of an obstacle not conforming to the correct height or depth for the specific height category, the Handler must immediately bring it to the Judge's attention. This must be done prior to the next dog commencing the exercise and the error must be rectified for the rest of the Class (refer to Regulation 10.12). In the event other dogs have already completed the course with the incorrectly measured obstacle, they may not re-run the course and their recorded results will stand. In the event the Handler who brings the error to the Judge's attention incurred a fault at the said obstacle, that Handler may re-run the course for time but all other recorded faults will remain valid, excluding those incurred on the incorrectly measured obstacle. If the Handler chooses not to re-run, then the original results will stand.**

**Proposal 14:** To broaden stipulations to manage incorrect obstacle heights & depths.

**Motivation:** There have been inconsistencies in the way a number of incidences involving incorrect heights and/or depths of obstacles have been dealt with.

### 10.12 Force Majeure

10.12.1 Under circumstances beyond the H[an]dler's control, such as **an obstacle at the incorrect height and/or depth**, dropped obstacles, obstacle moves, etc., the Agility Judge ~~can~~ **may** stop the H[an]dler and, when the obstacle has been rebuilt, he will restart the dog from the beginning **of the exercise**.

**Proposal 15:** Housekeeping amendment & FCI-related changes.

**Motivation:** 11.3.2 was inadvertently omitted when the obstacle dimensions were assigned to the FCI Obstacle Guidelines Appendix. 11.3.10 is a new insertion as per the FCI rules.

### 11.3 Requirements for the Courses

11.3.2 The first and last obstacle can be any of the jumps (hurdle, wall, tyre or long jump) **and there must be at least six (6) metres from the ring boundary for the dog to jump in a natural line at the start and at the finish.**

If it is not possible to place the timing device safely on the wall, tyre or long jump, then the obstacle in question must be a hurdle. The first obstacle may not be a spread hurdle.

**11.3.10 In addition, a qualified Agility Judge may be appointed to assist the main Judge. The assistant Judge may be authorised to judge specific obstacles or sequences within the course as pre-determined by the main Judge. The responsibility for all decisions made will be that of the main Judge whose decisions will be final.**

**Proposal 16:** Housekeeping amendment for clarification.

**Motivation:** To ensure the safety of the dog.

### 11.4 Distance between Obstacles

11.4.4 The H[h]andler must be able to pass each obstacle on either side; there must be a minimum of one (1) metre between each obstacle **and between an obstacle and the ring boundary**. **The only** ~~[with the]~~ exception ~~[of]~~ **are** ~~[a]~~ tunnels **placed** under the A-frame or the dog walk.

**Proposal 17:** Housekeeping amendment.

**Motivation:** This was inadvertently omitted when the obstacle dimensions were assigned to the FCI Obstacle Guidelines Appendix.

## 12. Timing and Scores/Results

12.1 A course is built with obstacles, the set-up of which determines the degree of difficulty and speed.

The dog must complete the course within a predetermined time and the obstacles must be negotiated in the correct order.

Method of determining SCT is decided by the Agility Judge before commencement of the first dog's run and announced at the H[h]andler's briefing. Judges may not change their decision after the first dog has run.

The course time must be measured with a precision of 0.01 seconds.

**If timing equipment is used, it must be placed as close as possible to the first and last obstacle as it defines the start and finish lines. If not, the first and last obstacles define the start and finish lines.**

**Proposal 18:** Define stipulations for Standard Course Time (SCT).

**Motivation:** There is no consistency in the measurement, so it is not possible to measure one's dog on set criteria from week to week. The sport should be catering for everyone to grow the sport in the country and not just the elite Handlers. There is no benefit for the Handlers who don't match up to the world-class speeds and find it's not worth entering, especially when entry fees are also so expensive.

**Voting at NAgSC:** For – 4; Against – 1

### 12.1 Timing

12.1.1.1 Stipulated below are the minimum and maximum course times in meters per second, except for Grade 3 that ~~[only has a minimum]~~ **has a set metres per second**.

Agility 1	Between 2.5 to 3.0 metres per second
Agility 2	Between 3.0 to 3.8 metres per second
Agility 3	<del>[Minimum of]</del> 3.8 metres per second

Non-Contact Agility 1	Between 3.0 to 3.5 metres per second
Non-Contact Agility 2	Between 3.5 to 4.2 metres per second
Non-Contact Agility 3	<del>[Minimum of]</del> 4.2 metres per second

**Proposal 19:** Limit the 15% Rule to only FCI events.

**Motivation:** This rule has been applied by certain Judges to all Grades resulting in a skewed result when a dog sets an extremely fast time.

**Voting at NAgSC:** For – 3; Against – 2

[OR]

12.1.1.2 The SCT (in seconds) ~~[is]~~ **as** determined by the time of the fastest dog, in each height category, with the fewest course faults + 15%, rounded up to the nearest second **may only be applied to AWC Trials and FCI events**.

**For AWC Trials only**, in order to ensure ~~[the]~~ **that a satisfactory** minimum speed is still achieved in Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility ~~[Grades 1, 2 and 3,]~~ the course must be

		<p>measured and the time of the fastest dog with fewest course faults will be used to check if the minimum <b>Grade 3</b> speed stated in the table above has been attained. If the minimum speed is not attained, <del>[no Qualifying Certificates or Qualifications may be Issued]</del> <b><u>then time faults will be incurred.</u></b></p> <p><b>Proposal 20:</b> 13.5.3 is to adopt FCI-related Changes.</p> <p><b>13.5 Types of Refusals</b></p> <p>13.5.3 <del>[A dog that stops on the course.]</del> <b><u>If a dog runs by the first obstacle, then it will be faulted with a refusal and the manual time will start as the dog passes the start line (this is the line of the first hurdle extending out to the limits of the ring on both sides).</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by NR, the above proposals and amendments to Schedule 05(L) were <b>approved, unanimously, with the exception of the greyed-out proposal</b>, and subject to the text amendments indicated in <b>red</b>.</p> <p>[<b>Note:</b> JH informed Fedco that, although absent from the meeting, DS wished it to be placed on record that the EC&amp;BPC was not in agreement with the non-approval of Proposals 18 &amp; 19. Fedco noted DS's dissent, but the decision obviously carried.]</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.</b></p>
	12.10.1	Schedule 05(L) Appendix A – FCI Agility World Championships – None.
	12.10.2	Schedule 05(L) Appendix B – FCI Agility Obstacle Guidelines – None.
	12.10.3	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05(L) Appendix C – Regulations for the Selection of KUSA Dogs to Compete at the FCI Agility World Championships</b></p> <p>Submitted by the National Agility Sub-Committee.</p> <p>NAGSC voting was unanimous except where otherwise stated.</p> <p><b>Proposal and Motivation:</b> See each item below.</p> <p><b>Proposed changes to Schedule 05(L) Appendix C</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in <del>[struck through square brackets]</del></p> <p><b>Proposal 1:</b> Housekeeping amendment.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Amend to conform to the NAGSC Bylaws</p> <p><b>Terminology</b></p> <p><i>FCI Representative</i> <del>[shall]</del> means the person appointed by the Federal Council <b><u>from time to time</u></b> to represent KUSA <del>[on the FCI Agility Commission]</del> <b><u>and the Dogsport of Agility in South Africa on the Agility Commission of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI).</u></b></p> <p><b>Proposal 2:</b> Housekeeping amendment.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Amend to include reference to the new licensing and show regulations as per Schedule 05E(30).</p> <p><b>1. Show Regulations <u>and Licensing</u></b></p>

		<p>1.1 The Regulations, as set out in Schedule 05(L) Regulations for Agility Classes shall apply to this Event, <i>mutatis mutandis</i>, and <del>[in so far]</del> <b>insofar</b> as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule.</p> <p><b><u>1.2 A Show Licence must be applied for and issued as per Schedule 05E(30) KUSA Agility World Championship Trials Regulation 2.</u></b></p> <p><b>Proposal 3:</b> Housekeeping amendment.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Expand the terms of reference to include the Appendices relating to AWC (App A, C &amp; D)</p> <p><b>3. AWC Working Group</b></p> <p>3.1.3 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) <b>and <u>supplemented by the terms of reference as per Schedule 05(L) Appendices A, C and D.</u></b></p> <p><b>Proposal 4:</b> Housekeeping amendment.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> It is very onerous on, and time consuming for, the designated person and the situation is complicated when entrants only submit at the last minute. It is extremely difficult to check documentation when submitted in various formats and in extremely large file sizes.</p> <p><b>4.3 Show Schedule and Documentation</b></p> <p>4.3.4 All entrants to the KUSA AWC Trials must submit their documentation package to the Chairman of the AWCWG or a designated member no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the start date of the KUSA AWC Trials. The AWCWG Chairman or designated member will inform entrants as to any errors or potential shortfalls noted in their documentation package within <del>two (2)</del> <b>five (5)</b> working days of receipt thereof.</p> <p>4.3.5 The documentation package must include <b>copies</b> of the following in <b>pdf format only (smallest file size) with clearly labelled file names:</b></p> <p><b>Proposal 5:</b> To broaden the qualification criteria.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> The courses at the SAAC and AWC Trials (Schedules 05E) are designed by the top Judges in South Africa and often of an international standard. So, if a dog achieves a clear round, it should receive the appropriate recognition and be awarded the grade-appropriate qualification. The event is held under a KUSA show licence.</p> <p><b>4.9 QUALIFICATIONS</b></p> <p><b><u>4.9.1 A Grade 1 or Grade 2 dog (refer to Regulation 4.2) may gain a qualification in either Contact Agility or Non-Contact Agility for any round of the KUSA AWC Trials (refer to Schedule 05(L) Regulations 4.1.1 and 4.1.2). This is provided the dog completes the round without accumulating any faults and within the time stipulated for the AWC Trials (refer to Regulation 4.5.6).</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal by CC, seconded by DS, the above proposals and amendments to 05(L) Appendix C were <b>approved, unanimously</b>, subject to the text amendment in <b>red</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p>
	12.10.4	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05(L) Appendix D – Regulations for KUSA South African Agility Championships</b></p> <p>Submitted by the National Agility Sub-Committee.</p> <p><b>Proposal and Motivation:</b></p>

See each item below.

## **Proposed changes to Schedule 05(L) Appendix D**

Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in ~~[struck through square brackets]~~.

**Proposal 1:** Housekeeping amendment.

**Motivation:** Amend to include reference to the new licensing and show regulations as per Schedule 05E(29).

### **1. Show Regulations and Licensing**

1.1 The Regulations, as set out in Schedule **05(L)** Regulations for Agility Classes shall apply to this Event, *mutatis mutandis*, and ~~[in-so-far]~~ **inssofar** as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule.

**1.2 A Show Licence must be applied for and issued as per Schedule 05E(29) South African Agility Championships Regulation 2.**

**Proposal 2:** Housekeeping amendment for clarification.

**Motivation:** If the National Trials Coordinator doesn't stipulate a closing date for results to be submitted, Provinces can't be held accountable if results are submitted late when no deadline date has been specified.

### **2.5 Provincial Regional Trials Co[-]ordinator**

2.5.2.6 Tabulate the results of each round for that Province and ensure that these results are supplied to the National Trials Co[-]ordinator and/or web administrator, ~~[by the closing date specified]~~ **This must be done within four (4) days after the completion of each Trial. The AWCWG Chairman must be notified immediately if this deadline can't be met for whatever reason.**

**Proposal 3:** To broaden the scope of licence.

**Motivation:** This request was supported by the NAgSC and approved by Exco on a trial basis for 2024.

### **3.1 Show Licence**

**3.1.4 The NAgSC may, on application from Provincial Sub-Committees, apply to Exco for additional Agility League Licences to be held within that Provincial Sub-Committee's geographical centre. This will be limited to non-income-generating rounds of the KUSA NAL and KUSA SAAC Trials.**

**Proposal 4:** Housekeeping amendment.

**Motivation:** Dispensations are requested from Exco and not Fedco. Due to the adverse weather conditions in January and February, an additional month to complete trials will assist provinces to complete trials.

**Voting at NAgSC:** For – 3; Against – 2

### **3.5 The Competition**

3.5.3 The four (4) Trials must be contested during the months January to ~~[March]~~ **mid-April**, unless the NAgSC requests a dispensation for an extension from ~~[Fedco]~~ **the KUSA Executive Co[uncil]mmittee.**

**Proposal 5:** Housekeeping amendment.

**Motivation:** It is very possible for a Handler to travel to another centre to run another dog in the same Trial. The issue is that it is the Handler would already have seen the course. It is also necessary to include a cross-reference to the Regulations.

- 3.5.5 A **Handler and/or** dog may compete in any Province holding a Trial, but if [it] **either** subsequently competes at another centre where the same course is being used, only the results from the first competition shall be valid for that Trial. The **Handler and/or** dog will be required to enter the subsequent Show as “Not for Competition” (NFC) and **the dog** will not be eligible to obtain qualifications (**refer to Schedule 05(L) Regulation 6.6**).
- 3.5.6 Substitution of a dog’s **H[and]ler** is permissible during the duration of the Trials without having any effect on the dog’s score/points, **provided the substitute Handler has not competed at any other centre where the same course was used.**

**Proposal 6:** Housekeeping amendment.

**Motivation:** Necessary to include cross-reference to Regulations.

- 3.5.8 The top scoring dogs from the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials will be invited to compete in the KUSA SAAC for that year (**refer to Regulation 3.5.10 and Regulation 4.2.1**).

**Proposal 7:** To broaden the qualification criteria.

**Motivation:** Due to the limited number of shows in some provinces, it restricts the opportunity for Grade 1 and Grade 2 dogs to obtain qualifications. The courses are Grade 3 standard, so are according to the requirements of Schedule 05(L) Regulation 11.

### **3.7 QUALIFICATIONS**

**3.7.1 A Grade 1 or Grade 2 dog may gain a qualification in either Contact Agility or Non-Contact Agility at any KUSA SAAC Trial event held under a KUSA licence (including Agility League Licences) as per Schedule 05(L) Regulations 4.1.1 and 4.1.2. This is provided the dog completes the round without accumulating any faults and within the stipulated minimum and maximum course times in metres per second for Grade 1 or Grade 2 as per Schedule 05(L) Regulation 12.1.1.1.**

**Proposal 8:** Housekeeping amendment.

**Motivation:** Necessary to include cross-reference to Regulations.

### **4.2 Entries**

- 4.2.1 The top eighty (80) dogs from the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials, based on the combined results of all height categories **as per Regulation 3.5.10**, but excluding the reigning KUSA SA Agility Champion dogs and previous year’s KUSA NAL Qualifiers (refer to Regulation 4.2.3), shall be invited to compete at the KUSA SAAC Event for that year. If there is a tie for eightieth position, all dogs involved in the tie will be invited (refer to Regulation 4.1.1). If any of these dogs decline the invitation or withdraw prior to the commencement of the KUSA SAAC, no further dogs will be invited to compete.

**Proposal 9:** Define stipulations for SCT.

**Motivation:** The excessively fast dog that goes clear will still win so it’s not to their detriment if there is set criteria. But a variable, random SCT that changes from course to course is not beneficial as there is no consistency in the measurement.

		<p><b>Voting at NAgSC:</b> For – 3; Against – 2</p> <p><b>10. Timing for SAAC</b></p> <p>4.4.2.1 <del>[The 15% rule]</del> <b>For each KUSA SAAC round, the set time in metres per second for Grade 3</b> will be used to determine the SCT for each height category as per Schedule 05(L) Regulation <b><u>12.1.1.1</u></b> <del>[12.1.1.2 for each KUSA SAAC round]</del>.</p> <p><b>Proposal 10:</b> Acknowledgement of highest achievement.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> This is the highest achievement in South Africa for any Agility dog, so should be recognised on the dog’s Registration Certificate. Handlers work tirelessly to prepare for these prestigious events and the only recognition given to the winners is standing on the podium. Titles are important, not only for the sport, but for the Handlers and breeders.</p> <p><b>4.7 QUALIFICATIONS AND TITLES</b></p> <p><b><u>4.7.1 The overall winning dog in each height category shall be entitled to have the title “KUSA SA Ag. Champ [year]” added to the dog’s Certificate of Registration as a Suffix.</u></b></p> <p><b>Proposal 11:</b> To broaden the qualification criteria.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> The courses at the SAAC and AWC Trials (Schedules 05E) are designed by the top Judges in South Africa and often of an international standard. So, if a dog achieves a clear round, it should receive the appropriate recognition and be awarded the grade-appropriate qualification. The event is held under a KUSA show licence.</p> <p><b><u>4.7.2 A Grade 1 or Grade 2 dog may gain a qualification in either Contact Agility or Non-Contact Agility for any round of the KUSA SAAC (refer to Schedule 05(L) Regulations 4.1.1 and 4.1.2). This is provided the dog completes the round without accumulating any faults and within the Standard Course Time as per Regulation 4.4.2).</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from LT, seconded by NdP, the above proposals and amendments to 05(L) Appendix D were <b>approved, unanimously</b>, subject to the text amendments in red.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p>
	12.10.5	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05(L) Appendix E – Regulations for Agility Judges</b></p> <p>Submitted by the National Agility Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Voting at the NAgSC was unanimous, except where otherwise stated.</p> <p><b>Proposal and Motivation:</b> See each item below.</p> <p><b>Proposed changes to Schedule 05(L) Appendix E</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in <del>[struck through square brackets]</del>.</p> <p><b>Proposal 1:</b> Housekeeping amendment for clarification.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Clarification on the period of two years.</p> <p><b>2.2 Refresher Course</b></p>



2.2.1 **In order to maintain his judging licence**, a Judge is required to attend a Refresher Course. ~~[at least once every]~~ **This must happen within** two (2) years ~~[to maintain his judging status]~~ **from his previous attendance of a Refresher Course.**

**Proposal 2:** Housekeeping amendment to update terminology.

**Motivation:** Bring in line with new terminology introduced by KUSA.

### 3.3 Judge's Record Card

3.3.1 Once a Candidate Judge has successfully passed the examination, he will be required to judge three (3) Contact Agility and three (3) Non-Contact Agility Events at KUSA Non-~~c~~[C]hampionship Shows. A minimum of six (6) dogs must be present and compete in each ~~[Discipline]~~ **Dogsport** and he must judge a minimum of two (2) Grades per ~~[Discipline]~~ **Dogsport**. These appointments may be split over multiple shows.

**Proposal 3:** Narrow the criteria to encourage Judges to submit applications.

**Motivation:** No Judges have submitted their application over the past 18 months and some Provinces felt that this was due to the criteria being too onerous.

## 5. FCI AGILITY JUDGES

### 5.1 ELIGIBILITY

5.1.1 The minimum requirements for an application for appointment to the FCI Agility Judges' List are:

5.1.1.1 The Judge shall be a member in good standing with KUSA.

5.1.1.2 ~~[The Judge shall be twenty-five (25) years or older.]~~

~~5.1.1.3] The Judge shall be current and have maintained Agility Championship status over the past five (5) years as per Regulation 2.2.~~

5.1.1.3 ~~[4] The Judge shall have completed the mandatory Agility Refresher Course as stipulated in Regulation 2.2.~~

5.1.1.4 ~~[5] The Judge [shall] **must** have judged [a minimum of eight (8)] **both** Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility Shows **at least four (4) times in the preceding five (5) years.** ~~[over the past three (3) years under the Agility Rules and Regulations of KUSA, of which at least five (5) had Agility Championship Show status.]~~~~

5.1.1.5 **All Judges nominated should be up to date with International Agility trends and design courses that align with FCI Agility standards.**

### 5.2 APPLICATION PROCESS

5.2.1 ~~[The application must be submitted by the Agility Judge to]~~ **By 1 August every year. Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committees may nominate any Judge resident in South Africa as a potential FCI Agility Judge and by 15 August the full application requirements must be submitted to** the Secretary of the NAgSC, who will confirm receipt via email.

5.2.2 Examination of the application is the responsibility of a panel of KUSA **Agility** Judges ~~[consisting of one (1) senior Agility Judge nominated by each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee. The panel will then make the relevant recommendation via the NAgSC to the KUSA Executive Council for approval and submission to FCI].~~

**5.2.2.1 Each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee will nominate one (1) senior Agility Judge and an alternative, if possible, to sit on the panel.**

**5.2.2.2 Only one (1) Judge from each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee may sit on the panel at any one time.**

**5.2.2.3 The panel must be comprised of at least three (3) Agility Judges in order to consider any application.**

**5.2.2.4 The panel will then make the relevant recommendation via the NAgSC to the KUSA Executive Committee for approval and submission to FCI.**

5.2.3 In the application, the Judge should provide (in pdf format only):

		<p>5.2.3.1 An Agility CV and motivational letter.</p> <p>5.2.3.2 At least two (2) Contact <b>Agility</b> and two (2) Non-Contact <b>Agility</b> course designs.</p> <p>5.2.3.3 Proof of judging appointments for last five (5) years (must include status of each appointment and whether local or out of province).</p> <p>5.2.3.4 Proof of compliancy in terms of Regulation 2.2.</p> <p>5.2.3.5 Confirmation that he is willing to accept overseas <b>Agility</b> judging appointments.</p> <p>5.2.4 <del>[The applicant will be examined on FCI and KUSA Agility Rules/Regulations.]</del> <b><u>The NAgSC will notify the applicant, within eight (8) weeks from receipt of documentation whether, or not, their application has been approved by the Executive Committee.</u></b></p> <p>5.3 STATUS RETENTION</p> <p>5.3.1 In order to maintain one's position on the FCI Judges' List, the Judge must <b><u>maintain the requirements as stipulated in Regulation 5.1.</u></b></p> <p><del>[5.3.1.1 Maintain a continuous KUSA membership.</del></p> <p><del>5.3.1.2 Judge a minimum of twice annually under the Agility Rules and Regulations of KUSA, of which at least one (1) has Championship Show status.</del></p> <p>5.3.1.3 Judge at least two (2) of the following events held under the Agility Rules and Regulations of FCI and KUSA at least once every three (3) years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>FCI Shows (these may be within South Africa)</del></li> <li>• Any one of the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials</li> <li>• KUSA SAAC</li> <li>• KUSA AWC Trials</li> <li>• Any one of the KUSA National Agility League rounds</li> <li>• KUSA Nationals</li> <li>• KUSA Classic</li> <li>• One (1) Contact Agility and one (1) Non-Contact Agility out of province Show.</li> </ul> <p><del>5.3.1.4 Act with courtesy and professional integrity, complete impartiality and demonstrate a sound knowledge of KUSA Rules and Regulations at all times.]</del></p> <p>5.3.2 In the event that any of the above requirements are not met, the Judge shall be removed from the FCI Judges' List and may re-apply as per Regulations 5.1 and 5.2.</p> <p>On a proposal from MV, seconded by LT, the above proposal and amendments to Schedule 05(L) Appendix E were <b>approved, unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p>
	12.10.6	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05(L) Appendix F – Regulations for the KUSA National Agility League</b></p> <p>Submitted by the National Agility Sub-Committee.</p> <p><b>Proposal and Motivation:</b> See each item below.</p> <p><b>Proposed changes to Schedule 05(L) Appendix F</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in <del>[struck through square brackets]</del>.</p> <p><b>Proposal 1:</b> To broaden the scope of licence.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> This request was supported by the NAgSC and approved by Exco on a trial basis for 2024.</p> <p><b>2. Scope of Licence</b></p> <p><b><u>2.3.1 The NAgSC may, on application from Provincial Sub-Committees, apply to Exco for additional Agility League Licences to be held within that Provincial Sub-Committee's</u></b></p>

**geographical centre. This will be limited to non-income-generating rounds of the KUSA NAL and KUSA SAAC Trials.**

**Proposal 2:** Housekeeping amendment.

**Motivation:** Amend as Regulation 5.6 has been removed due to difficulty to administer.

#### **4. Eligibility of Dogs for Competition**

4.3 A dog that has not been registered/recorded with KUSA or reached the age of eighteen (18) months at the commencement of the KUSA NAL, may submit an entry **before the closing date, subject to it only being able** to compete in any part of the competition subsequent to registration and turning of age (refer to Schedule 05(L) Regulation 5.1.2).

**Proposal 3:** Housekeeping amendment.

**Motivation:** Amend as Regulation 5.6 has been removed due to difficulty to administer.

#### **5. NAL Entries**

5.3 Handlers may enter the KUSA NAL by completing and submitting an official KUSA Entry Form, which includes the approved online electronic form thereof, **before the specified closing date.**

**Motivation:** Remove as difficult to administer.

~~[5.6 The entry fee may be reduced at the discretion of the NAgSC when entry into the KUSA NAL is done after all competing Provinces have concluded the second round/competition of the KUSA NAL.]~~

**Proposal 4:** Housekeeping amendment for clarification.

**Motivation:** If the National NAL Coordinator doesn't stipulate a closing date for results to be submitted, Provinces can't be held accountable if results are submitted late when no deadline date has been specified.

#### **6.3 Provincial Course Co[-]ordinator**

6.3.3.8 Tabulate the results of each round for that Province and ensure that these results are supplied to the National NAL Co[-]ordinator and/or web administrator. ~~[by the specified closing date]~~ **This must be done within four (4) days after the completion of each NAL round. The AWCWG Chairman must be notified immediately if this deadline can't be met for whatever reason.**

**Proposal 5:** Housekeeping amendment.

**Motivation:** Dispensations are requested from Exco and not Fedco.

#### **9. The Competition**

9.2 The four (4) rounds/competitions of the KUSA NAL year must be contested during the months of February to November, unless the NAgSC request dispensation for an extension from ~~[Fedco]~~ **KUSA Executive Committee.**

**Motivation:** It is very possible for a handler to travel to another centre to run another dog in the same Trial. The issue is that it is that the Handler would already have seen the course. It is also necessary to include a cross-reference to Regulations.

		<p>9.4 A <b>Handler and/or</b> dog may compete in any Province holding a round/competition of the KUSA NAL, but if <del>[#]</del> <b>either</b> subsequently competes at another centre where the same course is being used, only the results from the first competition shall be valid for that round. The <b>Handler and/or</b> dog will be required to enter the subsequent Show as “Not for Competition” (NFC) and <b>the dog</b> will not be eligible to obtain qualifications (refer to Schedule <b>05(L)</b> Regulation 6.6).</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> It is very possible for a Handler to travel to another centre to run another dog in the same Trial. The issue is that the Handler would already have seen the course.</p> <p>9.5 Substitution of a dog's <b>H[<del>h</del>]</b>andler is permissible during the duration of the KUSA NAL year without having any effect on the dog's score/points <b>provided the substitute Handler has not competed at any other centre where the same course was used.</b></p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Necessary to include cross-reference to Regulations.</p> <p>9.9 The top five (5) dogs from the KUSA NAL, based on the combined results of all height categories <b>as per Regulation 9.8</b>, but excluding the reigning KUSA SA Agility Champion dogs, shall be invited to compete at the following year's KUSA SAAC Event (refer to Schedule <b>05(L)</b> Appendix D Regulation 4.2.3).</p> <p><b>Proposal 6:</b> To broaden the qualification criteria.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Due to the limited number of shows in some provinces, it restricts the opportunity for Grade 1 and Grade 2 dogs to obtain qualifications. The courses are Grade 2 standard so are according to the requirements of Schedule 05(L) Regulation 11. <i>This is dependent on the Scope of the League Licence being amended.</i></p> <p>11. Prizes, <del>[and]</del> Awards <b>and Qualifications</b></p> <p><b>11.2 A Grade 1 or Grade 2 dog may gain a qualification in either Contact Agility or Non-Contact Agility at any KUSA NAL event held under a KUSA licence (including Agility League Licences). This is provided the dog completes the round without accumulating any faults and within the stipulated minimum and maximum course times in metres per second for Grade 1 or Grade 2 as per Schedule 05(L) Regulation 12.1.1.1.</b></p> <p><i>Renumber rest of section accordingly.</i></p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded by BJ, the above proposals and amendments to 05(L) Appendix F were <b>approved, unanimously</b>, subject to the text amendments in <b>red</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.</b></p>
	12.10.7	<b>Schedule 05(L) Appendix G – Regulations for the Annual National Agility Inter-Provincial Competition – None.</b>
	12.10.8	<b>Schedule 05(L) Appendix H – FCI Agility Jumping Guidelines – None.</b>
	12.10.9	<b>Schedule 05(L) Appendix I – FCI Agility Regulations – None.</b>
12.11		<b>Schedule 05M – Regulations for Flyball</b>
	12.11.1	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05M – Regulations for Flyball</b></p> <p>Submitted by the National Flyball Sub-Committee.</p> <p><b>Proposal &amp; Motivations:</b> See Motivation before each item – includes Proposal.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05(M)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b>underlined bold type</b> and deletions in <del>[struck through square brackets]</del>.</p>

**Proposal 1:**

**Motivation:**

Clarity is required for age of Single, Pairs and Beginner team dogs as it is not mentioned in the current Regulations. The Regulations only make mention that a dog must be over 14 months of age to compete (Competition Class) and as Singles, Pairs and Beginner teams are Not for Competition, the age of dogs need to be clearly defined. These classes were initially introduced to attract potential Flyball competitors who were not yet running in a team and Beginner (new) teams where dogs are not yet ready for competition.

The age of 12 months is based on similar beginner teams running in the UK – UK Flyball League (“Pre-Cadets”).

Numbering of Regulation 5.4 should be in line and have similar numbering as 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3.

**5. Flyball Classes**

5.2 Single races:

**5.2.5 Any dog competing in this Class must be 12 months and older and does not need a Record Card to enter. (Entry will be “NFC”)**

5.3 Pairs races:

**5.3.5 Any dog competing in this Class must be 12 months and older and does not need a Record Card to enter. (Entry will be “NFC”)**

5.4 Beginners **I**team class

5.4.1 This **C**lass may be run before or after the team event competition, as per the presiding judge’s decision.

**5.4.2** A Beginners **I**team will only be able to enter **[n]**Non-championship **S**hows and will consist of at least **four** 4 dogs in any combination including a maximum of **two (2)** [2] experienced dogs.

**5.4.3** A box loader / ball holder

**5.4.4** Hurdle heights will be at 20cm

**5.4.5** Beginner **I**teams are not eligible for any points, titles or prizes as per **R**egulation 7 of this **S**chedule

**5.4.6** Times will not be recorded officially but may be used by teams to record team times on their own record sheet.

**5.4.7** Heats will not be awarded a win or loss or tie.

**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

**5.4.9** Props (i.e. lift jumps, striders and barriers etc. may be used freely)

**5.4.10** Each team will be given **two (2)** [2] races with a maximum of **three (3)** [3] heats per race.

**5.4.11 Any Dog competing in this Class must be 12 months and older and does not need a Record Card to enter. (Entry will be “NFC”)**

Having considered the above, Fedco **accepted** the renumbering of items in 5.4 and number of races and heats in item 5.4.10. Following lengthy discussion regarding the age limit and need for a Record Card in the proposed 5.2.5, 5.3.5 and 5.4.11, Fedco **rejected** the proposed amendments. The motivation for these proposed amendments stated that “The regulations only make mention that a dog must be over 14 months of age to compete...”. However, upon reading the Schedule in its entirety, Fedco (empowered by Article 43.1 as the only body able to interpret a Schedule) noted that Schedule 05M Regulation 3.3 stated: The dog must have a valid Flyball record card and must be over the age of fourteen (14) months to participate in any Flyball event. As the Flyball classes of Singles, Pairs and Beginners are part of Schedule 05M, they should be considered as ‘events’ and dogs taking part in these events are subject to the fourteen (14) months age restriction and need to have valid Record Cards.

On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, Fedco's **rejection** of the amendments to Schedule 05(M) was **affirmed, unanimously**. Fedco's acceptance of the re-numbering of Regulation 5.4 was **approved, unanimously**, subject to the text amendments in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 2:**

**Motivation:**

Lanes are not allocated from left to right. Lanes are allocated based on the number of teams and the round robin format. This is a correction of incorrect wording.

**9. Management of a Flyball Competition**

9.11 Order of Competition

9.11.1 The order of competition shall be determined by a draw amongst the Team Captains entered for that event or the order of competition may be determined by a random draw of teams in advance. The Judge, or any person, whom he delegates, shall announce the teams on standby for the next race before the current race begins. [~~As team names are drawn, lanes are allocated from left to right.~~]

On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendment to Schedule 05(M) was **approved, unanimously**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 3:**

**Motivation:**

Based on the **FCI Regulations**

FCI Regulation 2.02 FCI Duties of the Head Judge

(d) After the end of the heat, the Judge indicates the winning team with a clear sign. When there is doubt, he consults the Line Judges and takes a decision afterwards based on this consultation.

**A video shall not be used to replace the Judge or help determine the winner of a heat.**

**9.2. Disputes**

9.2.1 Any disputed matter requiring a decision on the ground shall be decided by the [~~Flyball~~] Show Manager and the Judge. However, the control of all matters connected with the dogs during competition shall rest with the Judge but the [~~Flyball~~] Show Manager, if required, may be called upon for assistance.

**9.2.2 Video footage will not be permissible to justify or argue against the Judge's decision if a dispute is lodged.**

On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above insertion into Schedule 05(M) was **approved, unanimously**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 4:**

**Motivation:**

It is disruptive if other Dogsport events demand prioritisation or mandate Handlers to be elsewhere during a Flyball event.

All Schedules make provision for delayed start times (Regulation 2.10 Schedule 05A Obedience; Regulation 2.8 Schedule 05D Agility; Regulation 7.11 Schedule 05G Carting and Regulation 8.9.2

Schedule 05L Agility) as examples. Yet, this Regulation is not enforced or applied consistently in the Dogsport environment.

We request and appeal to clubs to allow ample time and stagger starting times to allow Flyball, as a team event, to be completed before the start time of the individual events where it becomes easier to swap around and arrange an earlier or later individual draw. Refer to Regulation 13 in Schedule 05M showing the time allowed for Flyball depending on the number of teams.

### **9.10 Starting times**

**9.10.1 Once the Flyball competition has commenced, other Dogsport events cannot interrupt the Flyball competition and call [h]Handlers to report to Judges or walk courses elsewhere. The respective Dogsport Schedules make provision if there are delays.**

On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendment to Schedule 05(M) was **rejected, unanimously**.

### **Proposal 5:**

#### **Motivation:**

Dog Jumping and Agility amended their Regulations allowing a Judge to enter in another Dogsport event at a Non-championship Show subject to certain conditions stipulated in Schedules 05D and 05L. Judges in Heelwork to Music and Musical Freestyle (Schedules 05R and 05S) are allowed to enter and compete in the same event as they are judging as long as there is another Judge who can judge their participation. In a subjective environment the outcome can vary depending what and how a Judge views the subject he/she is judging and can influence the outcome even if the primary Judge is not allowed to be placed or be awarded a prize.

In Flyball there is no deviation or subjective judging. A dog runs from start to box to finish and reliance is placed on the Lane Steward to indicate infringements.

The word "officiating" changes to "judging" as the Timekeepers and Lane Stewards are often handlers assisting with these functions thus they are "officiating" but are still allowed to compete.

#### **Scenario 1**

A Judge owns a dog that resides with the Judge, but the dog is still registered in the breeder or in someone else's name.

In essence the Judge is not the registered Owner, but "owns the dog" and the dog is entered in Flyball (breeder is the registered "Owner") and handled by someone else (different handler). This is perfectly legal as the breeder is deemed the Registered Owner even though the dog does not reside with the breeder, but with the Judge.

#### **Scenario 2**

A handler (that could also be a Judge) owns multiple dogs and such dogs are registered in the handler (could also be a Judge)'s name. Often a dog runs with a different handler as opposed to its owner in the same team as the owner). The Owner of the dogs can only run one dog in the same Team. Should the Judge then judge an event, the same dog/s he/she owns will still run with the handler who normally handles the dog.

Most Flyball dogs running in a Team will run with anyone, irrespective of who handles or owns the dog or who judges.

The Judge is assisted by two Timekeepers and two Lane Stewards and if they deem the dog to err, then it needs to rerun (based on the Regulations of Schedule 05M) irrespective of who handles or owns the dog.

A Judge cannot influence the time a Team runs as most (if not all) competitions are electronically timed.

Lane Stewards and Timekeepers are members of competing Flyball teams in many instances and are allowed to run their dogs but may also assist with stewarding which a Flyball Judge relies on heavily to point out errors and to time keep.

There is currently a shortage of Judges and if a Judge's dog/s is not allowed to compete, then the sport cannot grow and progress. This is also to the detriment of other team members in the same Team as the Judge's dog as their dogs cannot compete if there are not enough dogs to run in the team and all handlers and dogs thus lose out on points. It is common practice in Europe and the UK

that Judges enter and compete albeit in different divisions to what he/she judges. In South Africa the Flyball population is too small to run 2 or 3 divisions with 2 or 3 different Judges. (We have only had one instance thus far in 2023 where 8 teams entered and 2 divisions were run, but were judged by the same Judge)

We have video footage taken at training of one of the Flyball teams reflecting 2 different dogs handled by 6 different handlers (of which one was the Owner) and the times recorded. There is no difference in time when the Owner or another handler ran the dog.

**\*THE NFSC SEEKS PERMISSION TO TEMPORARILY AMEND THIS REGULATION ON A TRIAL BASIS ONLY for an agreed period of time effective 2024/09/01 until 2025/12/31 after which the Regulation may be removed or revert back to the original Regulation or remain in place depending on how it is received.**

### **9.13 Competition by Officials at Shows**

9.13.1 A Judge at a show may ~~not~~ enter **but may not** ~~or~~ handle **or compete with** a dog in the same ~~[Discipline]~~**Dogsport (Flyball)** ~~[Breed, Obedience, Working Trials, IPO, Dog Jumping, Agility, Carting etc..]~~ as that in which he is officiating **judging**. ~~[This restriction does not apply in respect of another show held on the same day but held under another license.]~~

On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendment to Schedule 05(M) was **rejected, unanimously**.

#### **Proposal 6:**

##### **Motivation:**

The catalogue numbers are indicated in the show catalogue and team sheets are no longer submitted with the introduction of the automated results sheets that the KUSA office endorsed.

### **9.14 Catalogue Number and Regulation & 11.3 Catalogue**

#### **9.14 Catalogue number**

Each team or dog will be issued a catalogue number. ~~[The catalogue number/s must be recorded on the team sheet.]~~ It is not necessary to display the catalogue number during the competition.

#### **11.3 Catalogue**

The catalogue shall list the catalogue numbers and name of each dog and team entered. Each team or dog will be allocated a catalogue number ~~[which must be recorded on the team sheet]~~ **which must be recorded on the Team Sheet when electronic systems are not used to generate Team Sheets.**

On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above proposals and amendments to Schedule 05(M) were **approved, unanimously**, subject to the text amendment in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

#### **Proposal 7:**

##### **Motivation:**

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.

**TEAM SHEET FLYBALL (page 38 of Schedule 05(M))**



**TEAM SHEET - FLYBALL**

Club/Event:		Type of show
Date:		open / championship
Judge:		(delete whichever is not applicable)

Team Draw:		Team Name:		Best time:		Placing:	
Team Captain:							
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:		Placing:	
Team Captain:							
Team Members:	CAT#:	Dog's registered name:	KUSA reg #	Owner's Name:	Points:		
Dog 1							
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Team Captain:							
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Dog 1							
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Team Draw:		Team Name:		Best time:		Placing:	
Team Captain:							
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendment to Schedule 05(M) was **rejected, unanimously**.

**Proposal 8:**

**Motivation:**

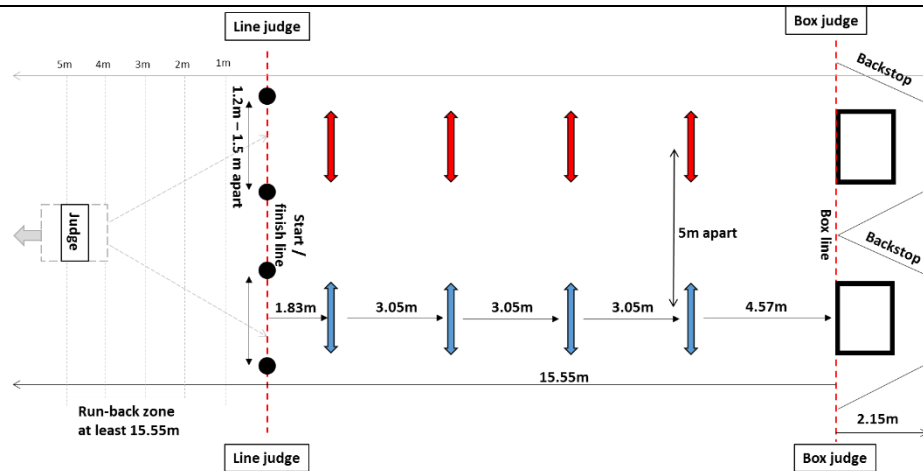
FCI Regulation. Amended diagram indicating the position of the Judge approximately 5 meters back from the start. The change is based on **FCI Regulations** and general practice in Europe, UK, USA and Australia. It also makes it clear for uniformity of judging.

**FCI Regulation 2.02 FCI Duties of the Head Judge**

(c) The Head Judge takes his position in the start area, between the two lanes. He takes position so that he can see the race without hindering the handlers or the dogs.

**9.15 Arena and Lane Layout**

**9.15.9 (Diagram depicting the judge's position when judging)**



On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendments to Schedule 05(M) were **approved, unanimously.**

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 9:**

**Motivation:**

Amended in line with the diagram change indicating the position of the judge approximately 5 meters back from the start. The change is based on **FCI Regulations** and general practice in Europe, UK, USA and Australia. It also makes it clear for uniformity of judging.

**FCI Regulation 2.02 FCI Duties of the Head Judge**

(c) The Head Judge takes his position in the start area, between the two lanes. He takes position so that he can see the race without hindering the handlers or the dogs.

**9.5.1 The show holding C[e]lub shall provide:**

A Judge, who will start each race by whistle, and will have overall responsibility for the competition. The Judge will also position himself or herself between the two lanes **approximately 3 to 5 metres back from** [near] the start/finish [lanes] **lines.**

On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendments to Schedule 05(M) were **approved, unanimously.**

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 10:**

**Motivation:**

It has come to light that some Teams do not want to run a full round-robin format competition when some of their team's dogs are entered in other Dogsport events. They only run the minimum number of heats to record points on the dog's Record Card. This is not fair to Teams that enter and run the full round-robin competition and reflects badly on the sport and sportsmanship. Poor sportsmanship should not be tolerated. The NFSC is of the opinion that Teams that do not abide by the format of running correctly and have no reason for withdrawing from the competition early, need to be penalised for bad behaviour.

Examples of just cause:

- The Judge excludes a dog from competing in terms of 9.5 Misbehaviour of dogs at shows and no substitute dogs are available for the team to run 4 dogs in a heat;

- In terms of Regulation 9.6 of Schedule 05M (Misbehaviour of dogs at a show); Regulations 9 and 10 and 12 of Schedule 04 Non-Championship Shows or Regulations 13, 14 and 15 and 18 of Schedule 03 Regulations for Championship shows
- In terms of Regulation 10.3 (Interference with competitors) and Regulation 10.5 (Disciplining)
- a dog is injured and the team does not have any substitute dogs;
- the Team has no substitute dogs and there is concern for the health and wellbeing of a dog etc. that necessitates a dog to be rested temporarily and therefore the Team withdraws from running one race (e.g. a dog that is prone to exercised induced collapse which is not life threatening but in the best interest of the dog to rest for a few minutes and to prevent this as far as possible from happening).

Examples of without just cause:

- A Team that is unhappy with the final decision of the Judge after a heat or race and elects to withdraw from further competing but still wants to claim points for races up to the point of withdrawing
- Teams only running a few heats to claim points for their dogs towards earning titles / awards and then withdrawing and not completing all heats / races as required in the round robin competition.

The following extract was taken from the Australian Flyball Association

5.8 Teams may forfeit for just cause: A team may voluntarily forfeit a heat if the Judge is satisfied that the Team has just cause. However, if the Team forfeits five consecutive heats under this Regulation, it will become non-competitive for the remainder of the race meeting.

5.9 Team forfeiting without just cause: A Team that forfeits all heats in a race without just cause will be excluded from the race meeting and may be subject to disciplinary action by the AFA committee ...

#### **10.4 Withdrawal from competition**

##### 10.4 Withdrawal from competition

The owner or handler entering a dog in a Flyball competition does so at his own risk and the dog must compete unless expelled by the Judge or excused by the Judge and [Flyball] Show Manager.

~~[A team that has withdrawn from racing for whatever reason, may return later during the competition, but all races from that point onwards will be recorded as losses and no time will be recorded on the score sheet. Points and times up to the time of withdrawal will count for placings and points.]~~

##### **10.4.1. Just cause**

**If a Team voluntarily forfeits a heat or a race and the Judge is satisfied that the team has just cause, the Team may return later during the competition, but all races from the point of withdrawal will be recorded as losses and no time will be recorded on the scoresheet until the Team returns where after their results will be recorded and count towards placings and points.**

**If a Team withdraws from more than two (2) consecutive races, the Team forfeits all races from the point of withdrawal even if they later return to the competition.**

**The opposing Team has the option to run the minimum required heats without the withdrawn Team present to record times. Should an opposing team elect not to run, they will by default win the heat or race but no time will be recorded on the scoresheet.**

##### **10.4.2. Without just cause**

**A Team that elects to withdraw from a competition without just cause forfeits all points and times and will be excluded from further participation in the competition and may be subject to disciplinary action.**

**The opposing Team has the option to run the minimum required heats without the withdrawn Team present to record times. Should an opposing Team elect not to run, they will by default win the heat or race but no time will be recorded on the scoresheet.**

		<p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendments to Schedule 05(M) were <b>approved, unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p> <p><b>Proposal 11:</b></p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Correction and clarification of wording.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e) Regulation 16.5 applies – “dog does not return with the ball and the dog re-runs”. The Regulation was meant to indicate disqualification or not (in this instant the team is not disqualified) but does not state that the dog must re-run or not and it seems no re-run is required under the current wording.</li> <li>f) The Regulation is incomplete. The word “lane” should be added for the Regulation to be interpreted correctly.</li> </ul> <p><b>16.14 e) and f) Penalties</b></p> <p>16.14 e) A loose ball <b>rolls</b> [<del>roles</del>] across the imaginary centre line and/or into the lane of the opposing team but the dog running in the team who has lost the ball does not retrieve it <span style="float: right;"><del>[No penalty]</del> <b><u>Dog re-runs</u></b></span></p> <p>f) A dog retrieves a loose ball that has rolled across the imaginary centre line and/or into the opposing team’s <b><u>lane</u></b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The heat is stopped and is re-run</b></span></p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendments to Schedule 05(M) were <b>approved, unanimously</b>, subject to the text amendments in red.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p>
	12.11.2	<b>Schedule 05M Appendix A – Regulations for Flyball Championships &amp; Appendix B – Regulations for the National Flyball League – None.</b>
	12.12	<b>Schedule 05Q – Rescue Dog Trials (RDT)</b>
	12.12.1	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05Q – Regulations for Rescue Dog Trials</b></p> <p>Submitted by Fedco, as recommended by the KUSA Legal Adviser.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Remove use of live ammunition for gunshot steadiness tests.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05Q</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>].</p> <p><b>9. Schedule and Description of Exercises Rescue Dog – Obedience and Dexterity for Tracking (RH-F E); Area (RH-FL E) and Rubble (RH-T E)</b></p> <p>9.2 General procedure: Two gunshots [<del>(calibre 6-9 mm)</del>] have to be fired during the off-leash heeling. The dog must be indifferent to the gunshots. Should the dog show any gun-shyness, it will be disqualified from the test. If the dog becomes agitated during the shooting, this will be considered acceptable as long as it remains under the control of its <b><u>H</u></b>[<del>R</del>]andler. Only a dog that reacts indifferently to gunshots can be awarded full points. The dog must be on the leash when signing in and out, [<del>and</del>] as well during exercise 1 and 2.</p>

**The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).**

11.2 General procedure:

Two gunshots [~~calibre 6-9 mm~~] have to be fired during the off-leash heeling. The dog must be indifferent to the gunshots. Should the dog show any gun-shyness, it will be disqualified from the test. If the dog becomes agitated during the shooting, this will be considered acceptable as long as it remains under the control of its H[h]andler. Only a dog that reacts indifferently to gunshots can be awarded full points.

Signing in and out, as well as exercises 1 and 2, are demonstrated with the dog on the leash.

**The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).**

13.2 General procedure:

Two gunshots [~~calibre 6-9 mm~~] have to be fired during the off-leash heeling. The dog must be indifferent to the gunshots. Should the dog show any gun-shyness, it will be disqualified from the test. If the dog becomes agitated during the shooting, this will be considered acceptable as long as it remains under the control of its H[h]andler. Only a dog that reacts indifferently to gunshots can be awarded full points.

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20.2 General procedure:

Two gunshots [~~calibre 6-9 mm~~] have to be fired during the off-leash heeling. The dog must be indifferent to the gunshots. Should the dog show any gun-shyness, it will be disqualified from the test. If the dog becomes agitated during the shooting, this will be considered acceptable as long as it remains under the control of its H[h]andler. Only a dog that reacts indifferently to gunshots can be awarded full points.

**The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).**

23.2 General procedure:

Two gunshots [~~calibre 6-9 mm~~] have to be fired during the off-leash heeling. The dog must be indifferent to the gunshots. Should the dog show any gun-shyness, it will be disqualified from the test. If the dog becomes agitated during the shooting, this will be considered acceptable as long as it remains under the control of its H[h]andler. Only a dog that reacts indifferently to gunshots can be awarded full points.

**The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).**

26.2 General procedure:

Two gunshots [~~calibre 6-9 mm~~] have to be fired during the off-leash heeling. The dog must be indifferent to the gunshots. Should the dog show any gun-shyness, it will be disqualified from the test. If the dog becomes agitated during the shooting, this will be considered acceptable as long as it remains under the control of its H[h]andler. Only a dog that reacts indifferently to gunshots can be awarded full points.

		<p><b><u>The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded by LT, the above amendments to Schedule 05(Q) were <b>approved, unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p>
12.13		<p><b>Schedule 05(R) – Dog Dancing Heelwork to Music (HTM) &amp; Schedule 05S – Dog Dancing Musical Freestyle (MFS)</b></p>
	12.13.1	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05(R) – Regulations for Heelwork to Music (HTM)</b></p> <p>Submitted by DOGSPC Dog Dancing Sub-Committee (Ad-hoc) (<i>there is no National Sub-Committee</i>).</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> The Schedules as they are, do not have the breakdown of the scores for all the Advanced Levels for Supreme Champion. We just want all the scores to be included.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> The scores for Supreme Champion for all levels were inadvertently left out of the Schedule 05R. This is purely housekeeping.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05(R)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>].</p> <p><b>2.9 AWARDING OF SUPREME CHAMPION STATUS</b></p> <p>2.9.1 Copies of at least ten (10) QCs under four (4) different Judges, at Advanced level, with a <b><u>minimum</u></b> score of:</p> <p><b>2.9.1.1 <u>9.5 points in Singles, Pairs, Brace</u></b></p> <p><b>2.9.1.2 <u>9.3 points in Veterans</u></b></p> <p><b>2.9.1.3 <u>8.8 points in Handy Dandy</u></b></p> <p>[<b>Note: A housekeeping change needs to be made to ensure grammatical correctness.</b>]</p> <p>On a proposal from RJ seconded by CC, the above amendments to Schedule 05(R) were <b>approved, unanimously</b>, subject to amendments to accord with the Schedule 05R as per the Note in <b>red</b> above.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p>
	12.13.2	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05S – Regulations for Musical Freestyle (MFS)</b></p> <p>Submitted by DOGSPC Dog Dancing Sub-Committee (Ad-hoc) (<i>there is no National Sub-Committee</i>).</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> The Schedules as they are, do not have the breakdown of the scores for all the Advanced Levels for Supreme Champion. We just want all the scores to be included.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> The scores for Supreme Champion for all levels were inadvertently left out of the Schedule 05S. This is purely housekeeping.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05S</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>].</p> <p><b>2.9 AWARDING OF SUPREME CHAMPION STATUS</b></p> <p>2.9.1 Copies of at least ten (10) QCs under four (4) different Judges, at Advanced level, with a <b><u>minimum</u></b> score of:</p>

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12.14		<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05T – Regulations for Rally Dog</b></p> <p>Submitted by the National Rally Dog Sub-Committee.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b>  All changes were voted for and agreed upon by the National Rally Dog Sub-Committee over the period January 2023 to April 2024 and were either agreed in writing via round robin emails or on the NRDSC WhatsApp group.</p> <p>A Meeting was held on 18 March 2024 on the signs and Provinces voted for or against keeping the KUSA-adopted signs.</p> <p><b>Schedule 05T changes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Adding two new clauses under Clause 4, Registration of dogs and eligibility to compete (new 4.12 and 4.13) to better clarify moving out of a class &amp; entering NFC in a lower class.</li> <li>2) Rewording clause 5.3.6 (under Novice class), likewise also clause 5.4.4 (Advanced class) and 5.5.4 (Excellent class) to clarify the new wording of needing 2 of 5 qualifications to be above 95% in order to be made to move up a class.</li> <li>3) Amending 6.3.3 that Judges may only answer questions on signs for the Fun and Novice classes.</li> <li>4) Amending descriptions of signs to be used per class in table of 6.4.3.</li> <li>5) Adding a new 6.6.2 per FCI signs which describes the A, B, C, D exercise areas which incorporates a diagram for easier understanding of the wording.</li> <li>6) Amending clause 6.7 by splitting the previous 6.7.1 into 3 separate clauses.</li> <li>7) Removing tunnel from the Schedule (as dropped by FCI) to remove 6.8 and amending 6.10.</li> <li>8) Amending clause 6.8 for housekeeping &amp; grammar.</li> <li>9) Amending 6.11.1 table to amend &amp; clearer specify height of dogs per height of jump.</li> <li>10) Amending 6.11.3 to clarify where the distance is measured between 2 jumps.</li> <li>11) Amending 6.12 to broaden the use of anything to border a ring.</li> <li>12) Adding a new 6.13.2 and 6.13.3 to better define Start &amp; Finish markers.</li> <li>13) Adding to heading of 6.14 'and timing of classes', replacing 6.14.1 with 4 new smaller clauses to better define what is required.</li> <li>14) Replace current 6.15 with 6.16 (as 6.15 moved up to replace Tunnel clause, which was 6.8)</li> <li>15) Various clause numbers will amend due to changes listed above.</li> </ol> <p><b>Rally Dog Sign Set changes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) As per FCI, new Sign set released and welcomed by Rally Dog SA.</li> <li>2) The NRDSC voted on keeping most of the signs which were dropped by FCI and have incorporated them at the end of the level they were in and renumbered these signs to flow after the FCI signs.</li> <li>3) The Sign Set emailed to KUSA on 12 April 2024 and as agreed with CPA, shows the new FCI signs highlighted in purple and the previous SA signs highlighted in yellow.</li> </ol> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05T</b></p>

Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~].

**4. Registration and Eligibility of Dogs for Competition**

**4.12. Once a dog has qualified in a higher Class, they may not compete again in the lower Class. The dog may, however, enter NFC in a lower Class.**

**4.13. Should a dog qualify out of a Class on a bumper weekend of Shows, the dog may compete in the higher Class that is held later that day, or subsequent days. It is the responsibility of the Handler to inform the Show Secretary as well as the Judge of the Show they will enter under in the higher Class.**

**5.3. Novice Class (offered at Championship and Non-championship Shows)**

5.3.4. [~~A cut-off time of four (4) minutes will apply. The timing will commence at the Start Marker and end at the Finish Marker.~~]

5.3.5. [~~In the event of a tie for points between two (2) or more dogs, the fastest time on the course will earn the placing. This applies to all classes from Novice to Grand Master.~~]

5.3.6. [~~In order to qualify out of the Novice Class, a dog must have qualified with at least 90% (ninety percent) a minimum of three (3) times and a maximum of five (5) times, at either Championship or Non-championship Shows. Once the dog has qualified five (5) times, it must progress to the Advanced Class.~~]

**5.3.4 For a dog to qualify to the Advanced Class, it needs to achieve 90% or higher a minimum of three (3) times. On achieving three (3) qualifications the Handler may elect to move up to the next Class. A compulsory move to a higher Class requires five (5) qualifications with two (2) of the qualifications being 95% or higher. Two (2) of the qualifications of 95% or higher are to be completed in the shaded area on the dog's Record Card.**

**5.4. Advanced Class – (offered at Championship and Non-championship Shows)**

5.4.4. [~~In order to qualify out of the Advanced Class, a dog must have achieved a score of at least 90% (ninety percent) a minimum of three (3) times and a maximum of five (5) times, at either Championship or Non-championship Shows. Once the dog has qualified five (5) times, it must progress to the Excellent Class.~~] **For a dog to qualify to the Excellent Class, it needs to achieve 90% or higher a minimum of three (3) times. On achieving three (3) qualifications the Handler may elect to move up to the next Class. A compulsory move to a higher Class requires five (5) qualifications with two (2) of the qualifications being 95% or higher. Two (2) of the qualifications of 95% or higher are to be completed in the shaded area on the dog's Record Card.**

**5.5. Excellent Class (offered at Championship and Non-Championship Shows)**

5.5.4. [~~In order to qualify out of the Excellent Class, a dog must have achieved a score of at least 90% (ninety percent) a minimum of three (3) times and a maximum of five (5) times, at either Championship or Non-championship Shows. Once the dog has qualified five (5) times, it must progress to the Master Class.~~] **For a dog to qualify to the Master Class, it needs to achieve 90% or higher a minimum of three (3) times. On achieving three (3) qualifications the Handler may elect to move up to the next Class. A compulsory move to a higher Class requires five (5) qualifications with two (2) of the qualifications being 95% or higher. Two (2) of the qualifications of 95% or higher are to be completed in the shaded area on the dog's Record Card.**

**6.3. Course Orientation:**

6.3.3. The competitors may ask questions within the time allowed. **However, the Judge will only advise the Fun and Novice Class Handlers on how to interpret a sign.**

<b>Level 1</b> Cards 100-199	<b>Level 2</b> Cards 200- 299	<b>Level 3</b> Card 300- 399	<b>Level 4</b> Cards 400- 499	<b>Additional Comments</b>
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<b>Fun Class</b>	Level 1	----	----	----	A Fun Course must consist of 12-15 exercises in addition to the Start and Finish Markers. The Test Cards are from Level 1 only.
<b>Novice</b>	Level 1	Level 2	----	----	A Novice course must consist of 12-15 exercises in addition to the Start and Finish Markers. <del>[Of which]</del> <b>At</b> least five (5) of the signs must be from Level 2.
<b>Advanced &amp; Senior</b>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	----	An Advanced and Senior course must consist of 14-16 exercises in addition to the Start and Finish Markers. <del>[of which]</del> <b>At least five (5) of the signs must be</b> from Level 2 and at least five (5) from Level 3.
<b>Excellent</b>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	An Excellent course must consist of 15-17 exercises in addition to the Start and Finish Markers. <del>[of which]</del> <b>At least five (5) of the signs are to be</b> from Level 2, five (5) from Level 3, and a maximum of four (4) from Level 4. <del>[PLUS the Temptation Exercise]</del> <b>The Distraction Exercise is to be included in the above signs.</b>
<b>Master &amp; Grand Master</b>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	A Master <b>and Grand Master</b> course must consist of 18-20 exercises, in addition to the Start and Finish Markers. <del>[of which]</del> <b>At least three (3) of the signs are to be</b> from Level 2, three (3) from Level 3 and five (5) from Level 4. <del>[PLUS the Temptation Exercise]</del> <b>The Distraction Exercise is to be included in the above signs.</b>

**6.6. Exercise Area:**

**6.6.2 Definition of (A), (B), (C) and (D) (Refer to the updated Sign Set for A, B, C and D.)**

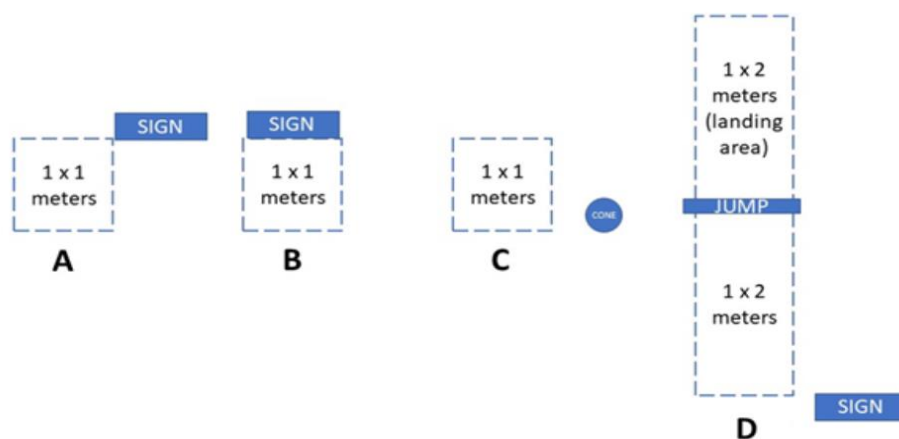
**During performing an exercise, at least at one point a part of the team must be within the exercise area. Note, that the team is not allowed to go past the sign first and then start performing the exercise.**

**A: The exercise is performed on the left side of the sign when the direction of the course does not change (A). Exercises 417 and 418 begin according to (A), even though the direction is changed.**

**B: When the direction is changed or side steps are shown, the exercise is performed in front of the sign (B). The same counts for figure exercises 119, 120, 121, 122 and 221.**

**C: Recalls are done in front of the special recall signs (B), or next to the recall cone (C).**

**D: Exercises 222 and 320 begin at the earliest next to the sign. A landing area after the (last) jump is defined, where the dog must stay until the handler catches up with the dog (D). The exercise area is 1 x 2 meters if no other instruction has been given. See picture below:**



**6.7 Numbering of Exercises:**

~~6.7.1 Each station shall be numbered to show the order on the course. The number should be displayed on the fixture of the A4 sign. From the position of the numbers, it must be clear from which side the exercise is to be negotiated (with the exception of a U-shaped Tunnel, where the number will be placed in the middle to indicate that either side may be taken).~~

**6.7.1 Each sign shall be numbered to show the order of the course.**

**6.7.2 The number is to be displayed on the fixture of the A4 sign.**

**6.7.3 The position of the numbers will indicate the direction of entry or turn for the Figure of 8 sign (131) and the Distraction sign (221).**

**6.8 Tunnel:**

~~6.8.1 The Tunnel has to be flexible and the standard FCI safety specifications are to be taken into account. The Tunnel must be 3–6 metres long and may be positioned to be a straight or a U-shaped obstacle.~~

**6.8 Repetition of exercises**

6.8.1 A specific exercise may be used a maximum of ~~[two times]~~ **twice** per course ~~[, with the Recall exercise being an exception].~~

**6.10 Jumps [and Tunnel]:**

With Jump ~~and Tunnel~~ exercises, the sign is placed two (2) meters before the Jump, and there is a two-metre landing area after the exercise. ~~[Tunnels and]~~ Jumps must not be closer than three (3) metres from the edge of the ring.

**6.11 Jumps: Height of Jump(s):**

This is defined by the dog's height at the withers, as follows:

Dog's Height	Obstacle Height
up to 30cm	10cm
<del>up to 40cm</del> <b>from 30.1 to 40cm</b>	20cm
<del>up to [50cm]</del> <b>from 40.1 to 50cm</b>	30cm
<del>50-50.1cm</del> <b>and higher</b>	40cm

6.11.3 With exercise 322 (send over two Jumps), the distance between Jumps is four (4) metres **measured from the middle of the crossbars**. There can be a maximum of three (3) Jump[s] ~~[or Tunnel]~~ exercises per course.

**6.12 Ring size:**

6.12.1 The ring must be at least 25m x 25m in size without obstacles, with a minimum side length of

		<p>25 metres. The ring must be clearly demarcated with rope, ring tape <b>or similar</b>.</p> <p><b>6.13 Start and Finish Markers:</b></p> <p>6.13.1 The Start Marker shall be positioned a minimum of two (2) metres in from the <b>boundary</b> [rope], with the Finish Marker inside the ring.</p> <p><b>6.13.2 Start Marker: The Start Marker is in the position of the top right corner of the 1m exercise area, i.e. (A). The Handler positions the dog at the start of the 1m exercise area, the dog is in sit position. The Judge indicates that the Handler may start, and the dog and Handler move forward. Timing commences when either dog or Handler passes the Start Marker, whichever passes first.</b></p> <p><b>6.13.3 Finish Marker: Normal pace shall always be used to pass the Finish Marker. Should the last sign before the Finish Marker be a different pace, the dog and Handler are to change to normal pace at the start of the 1m exercise area of the Finish Marker and pass the Finish Marker in normal pace. Timing ends when either dog or Handler passes the Finish Marker, whichever passes first.</b></p> <p><b>6.14 Judging and Timing of Classes</b></p> <p>[6.14.1 The handler must wait for the Judge's permission to enter the ring. The stopwatch will start from when the handler and dog move away from the Start Marker. The handler and dog will be under Judge's orders and being judged from the Start Marker to the Finish Marker.]</p> <p><b>6.14.1 The Handler must wait for the Judge's permission to enter the ring.</b></p> <p><b>6.14.2 For Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master and Grand Master Classes, a cut-off time of 4 (four) minutes applies. Exceeding the time limit in these Classes will result in disqualification.</b></p> <p><b>6.14.3 The Fun and Senior Classes are timed for the purposes of assigning placings only.</b></p> <p><b>6.14.4 In terms of timing Classes, Judges are to ensure that the timing is recorded to the hundredth of a second and that the time is noted on the score sheet immediately.</b></p> <p><b>[6.15 Repetition of Exercises:</b></p> <p>6.15.1 A specific exercise may be used a maximum of two times per course, with the Recall exercise being an exception.]</p> <p><i>Renumber 6.16 as 6.15</i></p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by LT, the above amendments to Schedule 05(T) were <b>approved, unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.10.2024, to allow Handlers and Judges to familiarise themselves with the new Sign Set (see 12.14.1 below)</b></p>
***	12.14.1	<p><b>Schedule 05T (A) – Rally Dog Signs</b></p> <p><b>See attached Rally Sign Set</b></p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by LT, the introduction of the new Sign Set with the retention of certain signs from the previous Sign Set (see Motivation under 12.14) was <b>approved, unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.10.2024, to allow Handlers and Judges to familiarise themselves with the new Sign Set.</b></p>
	12.15	<b>Canicross – None.</b>
	12.16	<b>Schedule 05U – Regulations for Mondioring + (Appendix A &amp; B) – None.</b>

		12.16.2	<b>Schedule 05U Appendix A – International Rules for Mondioring Competition – None.</b>
		12.16.3	<b>Schedule 05U Appendix B – South African Begleithund (BH ZA). Requirements for Mondioring.– None.</b>
13			<b>MATTERS RELATING TO SPECIAL EVENTS – VARIOUS SCHEDULES 05E</b>
	13.1		<p><b>Schedule 05E(24) – Regulations for KUSA Showdog of the Year Competition</b></p> <p><b>Date and Venue for the Competition to be determined.</b></p> <p>JH thanked NR for having checked the KUSA Events Calendar, which yielded the options of Saturday, 14 September, or Saturday, 21 September. When JH recently spoke to the preferred Events’ Organiser, the date of 14 September 2024 was favoured.</p> <p>LT said she was unfortunately not available on the 14<sup>th</sup>, but urged Fedco to go ahead on that date if it suited the other members of Fedco and was the one preferred by the Events’ Organiser. JH offered to re-check with the Events’ Organiser on whether the 21<sup>st</sup> was, although not the preferred date, nevertheless doable. She would revert to Fedco on the final date in due course.</p> <p>JH informed Fedco that she had briefed the Events Organiser on what was required from a venue and was awaiting recommendations. It was her intention to personally visit the identified venues before making her proposal to Fedco.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
	13.2		<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(10) – Kennel Union of Southern Africa Regulations for the KwaZulu-Natal Supreme Dog Competition</b></p> <p>Submitted by the KZN Provincial Council.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> To address housekeeping changes and refine the running of the show following the 2023 event.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(10)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in <del>[struck through square brackets]</del>.</p> <p>Title of Schedule:</p> <p><del>[Kennel Union of Southern Africa]</del> Regulations for the <del>[Kwa-Zulu-Natal]</del> <b><u>KwaZulu-Natal</u></b> Supreme Dog Competition</p> <p>1. Licensing and Show Regulations</p> <p>The Regulations relating to licensing and all other matters to do with Shows as set out in Schedule 04 – Regulations for Non-championship Shows (Breed) of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa shall apply to this Competition <del>[as far as]</del> <b><u>insofar</u></b> as they can be relevant to the <b><u>KwaZulu-Natal</u></b> <del>[Kwa-Zulu-Natal]</del> Supreme Dog Competition and <del>[as far as]</del> <b><u>insofar as</u></b> they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule.</p> <p>2. Scope of Licence</p> <p>A <b><u>C</u></b>[e]lub which is qualified to hold a <b><u>C</u></b>[e]hampionship <b><u>S</u></b>[s]how in the calendar year in which it is intended to hold the <b><u>KwaZulu-Natal</u></b> <del>[Kwa-Zulu-Natal]</del> Supreme Dog Competition may hold the event named in this <b><u>S</u></b>[s]chedule in conjunction with such Championship Show or separate <del>[there from]</del> <b><u>therefrom. This Club must submit an application for approval by the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council.</u></b></p> <p><b>3. Eligibility of Dogs for Competition</b></p>

**3.1** This Competition is open to dogs owned, owned in partnership or shown under written authority of the owner by current paid up members of a [n] KwaZulu-Natal [Kwa-Zulu-Natal] based **All-breeds** [All-Breed] Club or Group Club as defined in Article 2 of the Kennel Union Constitution, provid[ing]ed that such member has a physical address in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal [Kwa-Zulu-Natal] and that the dog resides in KwaZulu-Natal [Kwa-Zulu-Natal] on the date of the S[s]how. [.]

#### **4. Management**

[The management of the Competition shall be the responsibility of the KwaZulu-Natal [Kwa-Zulu-Natal] Supreme Dog **Competition Sub-C** [c]ommittee of the KwaZulu-Natal [Kwa-Zulu-Natal] Provincial Council which shall [convene] **comprise** a working committee of **six to seven (6—7)** members who will be responsible for [the staging of] **organising** the event.]

The management of the Competition shall be the responsibility **of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council and the Club that has been awarded permission to host the event.** [of the KZN Supreme Dog Sub-committee of the Kwa-Zulu-Natal Provincial Council which shall convene a working committee of 6—7 members who will be responsible for the staging of the event].

#### **5.1 Classes**

There will be three (3) **Classes** [classes] for this Competition

- Veteran
- Puppy
- Supreme Dog

5.1.1 Supreme Veteran Competition – this **Class** [class] is open to dogs that have won a Best Veteran in Group at any **Non-championship** [Open] or Championship Show held in KwaZulu-Natal [Kwa-Zulu-Natal] or Championship Show held in South Africa

5.1.2 Supreme Puppy Competition – this **Class** [class] is open to dogs that have won a Best Puppy in Group at any **Non-championship** [Open] or Championship Show held in KwaZulu-Natal [Kwa-Zulu-Natal] or Championship Show held in South Africa

5.1.3 Supreme Dog Competition – this **Class** [class] is open to dogs that have scored the highest points at any **Non-championship** [Open] or Championship Show in KwaZulu-Natal [Kwa-Zulu-Natal] or Championship Show held in South Africa. Entry is restricted to the top 36 dogs that have the highest **points in** [points in] total as per 5.3 below.

#### **5.2 Eligible Points**

A dog may be awarded points whilst it [normally] resides in KwaZulu-Natal [Kwa-Zulu-Natal]. The points to be awarded as follows:

**Open Shows Group and All-breeds [All-Breed] Shows – KwaZulu-Natal [Kwa-Zulu-Natal] only**

- Group 1 four (4) points
- Group 2 three (3) points
- Group [2]3 two (2) points
- Group 4 one (1) point

**All Group and All-breeds [All-Breed] Championship Shows held in South Africa**

**BEST 9 (NINE) SHOWS TO COUNT ONLY**

7.1 One (1) **International All-breeds** Judge Officiating

The Veteran **Class** [class] will be followed by the Puppy **Class** [class] and Supreme Dog **Class** [class], both of which will be judged in the same way.

## 7.2 Three (3) **KUSA All-breeds** Judges Officiating Preliminary Rounds

### **Veteran and Puppy Competition**

The Supreme Veteran **Class** [class] will be judged first followed by the Supreme Puppy **Class** [class] and then the Supreme Dog **Class** [class].

The Judges will draw ballots immediately prior to the commencement of the Show to see which Class they will be judging. One Judge will judge the Veteran **Class** [class] and one judge the Puppy **Class** [class]. All three (3) Judges will judge the **KwaZulu-Natal** [KZN] Supreme Dog **Class** [class].

### 7.3 Supreme Dog Competition

#### **Supreme Dog Competition – First Round**

A list will be placed on a board so that exhibitors will be able to ascertain which group their dog is in, [who they will be exhibiting under] and when they will be judged.

Each Judge will **score** [evaluate] all the dogs in each group [and shortlist each group to four (4) dogs]. [He] **They** will then write their [numbers] **scores from one (1) to ten (10); one (1) being the lowest score and ten (10) being the highest score**, on the prescribed form which will be handed to the Show Manager.

#### **Supreme Dog Competition – Second Round**

The [final] **top scoring twelve (12)** dogs will then be judged by all three (3) Judges. Each Judge [will select four (4) dogs and allocate those dogs a score of four (4) to one (1), four (4) being the highest score and one (1) the lowest score] **will score all the dogs in each group. They shall score each dog from one (1) to ten (10); one (1) being the lowest score and ten (10) being the highest score. They will then write their scores on the prescribed form which will be handed to the Show Manager. The top scoring twelve (12) dogs will be reduced to four (4), based on their scores.**

The Host Club's Committee will have a selected team of helpers to calculate the scores. Should there be a tie, a runoff will occur.

[Each Judge will write down the dog's number on the prescribed form, with scores, and place the form in a sealed envelope which will be handed to the Show Manager.]

### 7.4 The Finals

The final round for each **Class** [class] will be judged by all three (3) Judges in the following order – Supreme Veteran, Supreme Puppy, and Supreme Dog.

Each Judge will allocate the four (4) dogs in each **Class** [class] a score of [four (4) to one (1), four (4) being the highest score and one (1) the lowest score.] **one (1) to ten (10); one (1) being the lowest score and ten (10) being the highest score.**

## 8. Prizes and Awards

8.1 A [Floating] Trophy will be [handed] **presented** to the Owner/Handler of the winner **for the Veteran, Puppy and Supreme Dog Classes**[-] of the **KwaZulu-Natal** [Kwa-zulu] Supreme Dog Competition[, to be held for one (1) year] **to be used for photographic purposes only, after which it shall be returned.**

~~8.2 The KZN Supreme Dog Sub-committee shall ensure that all trophies which may be awarded for the Kwa-zulu Natal Supreme Dog are fully insured at all times, and further, that each recipient of such trophies signs an undertaking to return such trophies awarded to the Committee not later than twenty eight (28) days before the holding of the KZN Supreme Contest in the year subsequent to the one in which they were awarded.]~~

**8.2** [8-3] Prizes as determined from time to time, [in] **as per** Schedule **03** Regulation 29 may be awarded. Also, a tangible gift and/or suitable gift voucher may be donated by a sponsor.

## 11. General Conditions

		<p>11.4 Should, for any reason, the <del>KwaZulu-Natal</del> <u>KwaZulu-Natal</u> <del>[Kwa-Zulu-Natal]</del> Supreme Dog Competition be dissolved, all monies held in the <del>KwaZulu-Natal</del> <u>KwaZulu-Natal</u> <del>[Kwa-Zulu-Natal]</del> Supreme Dog bank account must be held by the <del>[KZN]</del> <u>KwaZulu-Natal</u> Provincial Council for a period of three (3) years <del>[in order to resuscitate]</del> <u>with the object of resuscitating</u> the <del>C[ompetition]</del> <u>C[ompetition]</u>. <del>[If unsuccessful]</del> <u>If unsuccessful</u> thereafter, the monies must be paid to an animal welfare organisation as nominated by the <del>KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council</del>. <del>[outgoing committee of the KZNSDC Sub-Committee.]</del></p> <p>On a proposal from MV, seconded by NR, the above amendments to Schedule 05E(10) were <b>approved, unanimously</b>, subject to the text adjustments indicated in red.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p>
13.3		<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(14) – Regulations for Western Cape Top Dog and Top Puppy Competition</b></p> <p>Submitted by Western Cape Provincial Council</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Include Veterans Class in Schedule.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> To encourage more Veterans to attend shows as their accomplishments will be celebrated when they qualify to be shown at this event. It will also bring in extra funds. We feel that Veterans accomplishments should be noted throughout the year in the same manner that Puppies qualify.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(14)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in <del>[struck through square brackets]</del>.</p> <p>Title of Schedule: Schedule 05E(14) – <del>[Kennel Union of Southern Africa]</del> Regulations for Western Cape Top Dog <u>Invitational</u> <del>[and Top Puppy Competition]</del></p> <p><b>1. Licensing and Show Regulations</b> The Regulations relating to licensing and all other matters to do with shows as set out in Schedule <del>03</del> Regulations for Championship Shows and Schedule <del>04</del> Regulations for Non-<del>[C]</del>hampionship Shows of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa shall apply to this Competition <del>[so far as]</del> <u>insofar as</u> they can be relevant to the Western Cape Top Dog <u>Invitational</u> <del>[and Top Puppy Competition]</del> and they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule <del>05E(14)</del>.</p> <p><b>2. Scope of Licence</b> A Club which is qualified to hold a Championship Show in the Western Cape in the calendar year in which it is intended to hold the Western Cape Top Dog <u>Invitational</u> <del>[and Top Puppy Competition]</del> may hold the event named in this Schedule in conjunction with <u>a</u> Championship Show or separate there from.</p> <p><b>3. Eligibility of Dogs for Top Dog <u>Invitational</u> <del>[And Top Puppy Competition]</del></b></p> <p>3.4 The names of the top four (4) dogs in each group at each <u>All-breeds</u> <del>[All Breeds]</del> or Group Championship Show, excluding FCI International Shows, shall be ascertained and confirmed by the Organising Committee of the Competition.</p> <p>3.5 The name of the highest placed eligible puppy in each Puppy Group at each <u>All-breeds</u> <del>[All Breeds]</del> or Group Championship Show, excluding FCI International Shows, shall be ascertained and confirmed by the Organising Committee of the Competition.</p> <p>3.6 Bitches in season on the day of this Competition may attend. Owner to be considerate towards other Exhibitors.</p> <p><b>3.6 The name of the highest placed eligible Veteran in each Veteran Group at each</b></p>

**All-breeds or Group Championship Show, excluding FCI International Shows, shall be ascertained and confirmed by the Organising Committee of the Competition.**

#### **4. Host Club**

Until or unless this Schedule 05E(14) is amended or altered, the Host Club for this event is[-]: The Kennel Association

#### **5. Qualifications for Top Dog Entry**

5.2 The dogs in each Group that have been awarded a Group placing between the holding of the first and the last Western Cape **All-breeds** [All Breeds] and Group Club Championship Shows, excluding FCI International Shows, held in any calendar year in which it is intended to have the Western Cape Top Dog **Invitational** [~~and Top Puppy Competition~~] will be invited to enter.

#### **6. Qualifications for Top Puppy and Top Veteran Entry**

6.2 The highest eligible placed puppy in the Puppy Group, between the holding of the first and the last Western Cape **All-breeds** [All Breeds] and Group Club Championship Shows, excluding FCI International Shows, held in any calendar year in which it is intended to have the Western Cape Top Dog **Invitational** [~~and Top Puppy Competition~~], as defined in Regulation 3.1 above, will be eligible to attend the Competition.

**6.3 The highest eligible placed Veteran in the Veteran Group, between the holding of the first and the last Western Cape All-breeds and Group Club Championship Shows, excluding FCI International Shows, held in any calendar year in which it is intended to have the Western Cape Top Dog Invitational, as defined in Regulation 3.1 above, will be eligible to attend the Competition.**

**6.4 If the qualifying Veteran is no longer resident in the Western Cape, as defined in Regulation 3.1 above, the next-placed Veteran in the Veteran Group at the same show will qualify, subject to Regulation 3.1 above.**

#### **8. Judging of Top Veteran Competition**

**8.1 The Top Veteran Competition will be judged before the commencement of the Top Puppy Competition.**

**8.2 The order in which the Veterans are judged:**

**8.2.1 The Dog Veterans will parade first. At the conclusion of the parade of the Dog Veterans, and assessment of each individual Veteran, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced Veterans.**

**8.2.2 The Bitch Veterans will parade second. At the conclusion of the parade of the Bitch Veterans, and assessment of each individual Veteran, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced Veterans.**

**8.3 The four (4) finalists will parade before the Judge and the Judge will place the Top Veteran and the Reserve Top Veteran.**

*Renumber consecutive sections*

#### **10. Judges**

10.2 Any Judge selected shall be an **All-breeds** [All Breeds] Judge and approved by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa not later than six (6) months before the date of the Competition.

*This will be numbered 11 if the insertion of the new 8 is accepted*

#### **13. Prizes and Awards**

**13.3 The winning Top Veteran will be entitled to be called Western Cape Top Veteran (year). This title will not be eligible to be placed on the dog's Certificate of Registration or any**



		<p><b><u>other official Kennel Union document. The winning Top Veteran will be awarded a Floating Trophy and a prize and the Reserve Top Veteran will receive a prize. All qualifiers will receive a rosette.</u></b></p> <p><i>This will be numbered 14 if the insertion of the new 8 is accepted</i></p> <p>On a proposal from LT, seconded by RJ, the above amendments to Schedule 05E(14) were <b>approved, unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p> <p>[<b>Note:</b> LT sought advice on the best way to phase the Veterans Challenge into the Competition. All present thought it was simplest to invite Veteran qualifiers as from 01.01.2024, the same as other qualifiers.]</p>
13.4		<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(16) Regulations for the National Dog Jumping League</b></p> <p>Submitted by the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee.</p> <p><b>Proposal and Motivation:</b> See each item below.</p> <p><b>Proposed changes to Schedule 05E(16)</b> Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>]</p> <p><b>Proposal 1:</b> To broaden the scope of licence</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> This request was supported by NDJSC and approved by Exco on a trial basis for 2024.</p> <p><b>2. Scope of Licence</b></p> <p><b>2.4</b> <b><u>The NDJSC may, on application [<del>from</del>]by Provincial Sub-Committees, apply to Exco for additional Dog Jumping League Licences to be held within that Provincial Sub-Committees geographical centre. This will be limited to non-income-generating rounds of the KUSA NDJL.</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above insertion into to Schedule 05E(16) was <b>approved, unanimously</b>, subject to the text amendments in <b>red</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p> <p><b>Proposal 2:</b> Grammar correction</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> To correct grammar error.</p> <p><b>2. Eligibility of Dogs</b></p> <p><b>3.1</b> Any dog that is registered or recorded with KUSA [<del>may</del>] and has not been disqualified or suspended from competition by KUSA may compete. No <b>d[D]</b>og's Qualifying Record Card shall be issued or be valid for any dog not so registered.</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendment to Schedule 05E(16) was <b>approved, unanimously</b>, subject to the text amendments in <b>red</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p> <p><b>Proposal 3:</b> Housekeeping amendment</p>

**Motivation:** For administrative purposes, entries must be done before the closing date.

### 3. Eligibility of Dogs for Competition

3.3 Dogs which are not registered with KUSA at the commencement of the NDJL year may subsequently compete in other parts of the Competition following their registration with KUSA, provided[ing] they enter and pay before the specified closing date (refer to Regulation 5.2.4).

On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendment to Schedule 05E(16) was **approved, unanimously**, subject to the text amendments in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 4:** Inclusion of New Height Category for dogs' safety

**Motivation:** To bring in line with the new Regulation 1.5.1 in Schedule 05D to help improve the safety of the dog.

### 5. Qualification for Entry and League Administration

5.1 Entry shall be open to all dogs ~~[who]~~**that** are registered with KUSA in terms of Regulation 3.1 above and have qualified to compete in Grade 1 ~~[Small, Medium or Large]~~ as provided for in Schedule 05D.

**Proposal 5:** Housekeeping amendment

**Motivation:** Amend as difficult to administer.

5.2.4 ~~[The entry fee may be reduced at the discretion of the NDJSC where entry into the NDJL is done after all competing Provinces have conducted the third round of the NDJL.]~~ **Only entries made and paid for prior to the specified closing date for each Province will be accepted (refer to Regulation 5.2.3).**

On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above insertion into Schedule 05E(16) was **approved, unanimously**, subject to the text amendments in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 6:** Housekeeping amendment

**Motivation:** Remove as conflicts with what is specified in Regulation 8.

~~[5.2.7 The surplus funds will be used for prizes that will be awarded to the dogs placed in each height category.]~~

On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above deletion from Schedule 05E(16) was **approved, unanimously**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 7:** Housekeeping amendment

**Motivation:** With the date not specified, there have been delays in results being submitted.

### 5.4 Provincial NDJL Course Co[-]ordinator

5.4.11 Tabulate the results of each round for that Province and ensure that these results are supplied to the National NDJL Co-ordinator and web administrator. ~~[by the specified closing date]~~ **This must be done within (4) days after the completion of each NDJL round. The National NDJL Co-ordinator must be notified immediately if this deadline can't be met for whatever reason.**

On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above insertion into Schedule 05E(16) was **approved, unanimously**, subject to the text amendment in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 8:** Housekeeping amendment

**Motivation:** With SAAC Trials and Bumper Weekends at the beginning of the year, most Provinces only schedule NDJL for the latter part of each year.

### **7. The Competition**

7.2 The six (6) rounds of the NDJL ~~[shall]~~ **must** be ~~[contested in the months of February, April, June, August, October and November]~~ **completed by the end of November each year, unless the NDJSC request dispensation for an extension from the KUSA Executive [Council]Committee.**

~~[Dispensation will be given to Provinces unable to hold a particular round in the relevant month to hold the leg within thirty (30) days either side of that month.]~~

On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendment to Schedule 05E(16) was **approved, unanimously**, subject to the text amendments in **red**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 9:** Housekeeping amendment

**Motivation:** It is very possible for a Handler to travel to another centre to run another dog in the same Trial. The issue that the Handler would already have seen the course. It is also necessary to include a cross-reference to Regulations.

7.4 A **Handler and/or** dog may compete at any Centre holding a round of the League, but if ~~[it]~~ **either** subsequently competes at another Centre where the same course is being used, only the results from the first competition shall be valid for that NDJL round. The **Handler and/or** dog will be required to enter the subsequent show as "Not ~~f[F]~~or Competition (NFC)" and **the dog** will not be eligible to receive qualifications.

On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendment to Schedule 05E(16) was **approved, unanimously**.

**Effective 01.09.2024.**

**Proposal 10:** Clarification of Regulation

**Motivation:** Currently this clause implies that all dogs in the jump-off receive bonus points, whereas the intention was only for dogs with clear rounds receive bonus points. It makes no sense that a fast dog with faults may gain more bonus points than the dog that was clear in the jump-off.

		<p>7.6.2.3.1 <del>[Bonus points are scored in the jump-off for beating the Standard Course Time.]</del> <b><u>Only dogs going clear in the jump-off will be eligible for bonus points and bonus points will be awarded for beating the Time Allowed</u></b><del>[.]</del> by the exact <del>[amount]</del> <b>number</b> of seconds to the hundredth of a second under the <del>[Standard Course] Time</del> <b>Allowed</b>. These points are then corrected by being multiplied by 100 and divided by the <del>[J]</del> jump-off course length. Bonus points = (time allowed – dog's time) x 100/(course length).</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendment to Schedule 05E(16) was <b>approved, unanimously</b>, subject to the text amendments in <b>red</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p> <p><b>Proposal 11:</b> Housekeeping amendment</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Amendment to numbering as per Reg 7.6.2.3.1.</p> <p><del>[7.6.2.3.1]</del> <b><u>7.6.2.3.2</u></b> The overall winner of a round, in each height category, will be awarded one (1) bonus point.</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendment to Schedule 05E(16) was <b>approved, unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p>
13.5		<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(04) Regulations for the KUSA S.A. Dog Jumping Championship</b></p> <p>Submitted by the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee.</p> <p><b>Proposal and Motivation:</b> See each item below.</p> <p><b>Proposed changes to Schedule 05E(04)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in <del>[struck through square brackets]</del></p> <p><b>Proposal 1:</b> Housekeeping amendment</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> New heading to define the semi-finals section.</p> <p><b>8. Format for Competition</b> <b><u>8.1 Semi-Finals</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendment to Schedule 05E(04) was <b>approved, unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented of publication of these Minutes.</b></p> <p><b>Proposal 2:</b> Housekeeping amendment</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> The current scoring system is skewed resulting in a dog with minimal faults not being awarded points in the Table A round.</p> <p>8.1.3 <del>[In the Semi-Final Table "A" round, only those dogs in the run-off will receive points. However, in the event no dogs qualify for the run-off, points will be allocated to the placings in the first</del></p>

		<p>round of the Table "A".] <b><u>In the Semi-Final rounds, dogs will be awarded points for their performance in each round as per the points scoring system set out in Regulation 8.3.</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendments to Schedule 05E(04) were <b>approved, unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented of publication of these Minutes.</b></p> <p><b>Proposal 3:</b> Housekeeping amendment</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> The format for the Finals is not specified at the moment.</p> <p>8.2.1 The Finals of the KUSA SA Dog Jumping Championship shall take place the day after the second round of the Semi-Finals is held <b><u>and will be run under Table "A".</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendment to Schedule 05E(04) was <b>approved, unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented of publication of these Minutes.</b></p> <p><b>Proposal 4:</b> Amend the weighting of points</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Decision to weight the first three placings to award the dogs in the top standings in each round.</p> <p>8.3 <b>Points Scoring System for Each Height Category</b></p> <p><b>8.3.1</b> Points, in all sections of this event, shall be awarded as follows:  <del>[1st Place Twenty-four (24) points]</del>  <del>[2nd Place Twenty-three (23) points]</del>  <del>[3rd Place Twenty-two (22) points, etc]</del>  <del>[24th Place One (1) point.]</del>  <b><u>1st Place – Twenty-five (25) points</u></b>  <b><u>2nd Place – Twenty-two (22) points</u></b>  <b><u>3rd Place – Nineteen (19) points</u></b>  <b><u>4th Place – Seventeen (17) points</u></b>  <b><u>5th Place – Sixteen (16) points, etc...</u></b>  <b><u>20th Place – One (1) point</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the above amendments to Schedule 05E(04) were <b>approved, unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented of publication of these Minutes.</b></p>
***	13.6	<p><b>Proposed new Schedule 05E(31) – Regulations for KUSA Dog Jumping Inter-Provincial Competitions</b></p> <p>Submitted by the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee.</p> <p><b>Proposed new Schedule 05E(31)</b> See attached</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> For many years the Inter-Provincial event was run in the Free State without a Schedule. In 2023, Schedule 05E(02) was split into a Schedule for Breed and a Schedule for the Inter-Provincial Dog Jumping Competition which was hosted at the NAPC Bumper weekend. However, the Schedule was not circulated via any Dog Jumping Provincial Sub-Committee or the National Sub-Committee.</p>

		<p>When the event was run in 2023, there were issues found, for example with the scoring and the fact that all 4 dogs' scores counted, as opposed to 3 of the 4 which was always the case in the past. The latter point made it particularly difficult for smaller provinces that may only have 3 dogs in a height category.</p> <p>Another concern is that the Schedule 05E(2B) is restricted to one hosting Club. The National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee feels that there should be a general Schedule that any Province can use in order to run the event regardless of Province or hosting Club, and that it shouldn't be tied to one specific Club in Gauteng.</p> <p>On a proposal from DS, seconded by CC, the yellow-highlighted changes in the attached Schedule 05E(2B) were <b>approved, unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p>
13.7		<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(03) – Regulations for the Southern African Working Dog Invitation Stakes</b></p> <p>Submitted by Fedco, as recommended by the KUSA Legal Adviser.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Insert clause governing the use of guns and live ammunition.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(03)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>].</p> <p><b>19.5. Criminal Work</b></p> <p>19.5.4. The <b>H[h]</b>andler shall, with his dog at heel position, interrogate the “criminal”. During this interrogation the “criminal” shall talk to the handler, gesticulate and <b><u>begin [being]</u></b> moving backwards. The test here is the dog’s reaction towards incitement. After fifteen (15) backward paces the “criminal”, while continuing talking and gesticulating, will firstly fire a <b><u>blank</u></b> shot [<del>from a .38 Special</del>] into the ground and then secondly will turn and run away. <b><u>The ‘gun’ used must be a suitable starter’s pistol, electronic starter’s pistol, cap gun or blank pistol. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).</u></b></p> <p>19.5.5. The <b>H[h]</b>andler will in a loud clear voice (3) call three times upon the “criminal” to stop. The “criminal” will ignore this order and fire another <b><u>shot [bank]</u></b> into the air, and continue to run away. <b><u>The ‘gun’ used must be as per Regulation 19.5.4.</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded by NR, the above amendments to Schedule 05E(03) were <b>approved, unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p>
13.8		<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(19A) – Regulations for the German Shepherd Dog Grand Victor Competition</b></p> <p>Submitted by Fedco, as recommended by the KUSA Legal Adviser.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Prohibiting the use of live ammunition.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(19A)</b></p>

		<p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>].</p> <p><b>9 Judging</b></p> <p>9.2 The gun shot test shall be carried out at least 200 meters away from the main show area, preferably with baffle sheeting and at a distance no closer than 10 meters from the dogs which shall be tested in manageable groups. All dogs between the ages of 12 Months and 84 Months shall be tested. <b><u>The ‘gun’ used must be a suitable starter’s pistol, electronic starter’s pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts)</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded by NR, the above insertion into to Schedule 05E(19A) was <b>approved, unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p>
	13.9	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(28) – Regulations for German Shepherd Dog Specialist Championship Shows</b></p> <p>Submitted by Fedco, as recommended by the KUSA Legal Adviser</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b> Removal of use of live ammunition</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(28)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>].</p> <p><b>6. GUN-SURENESS</b></p> <p>6.1 All dogs entered that are over 12 months of age shall be subject to a Gun-sureness Test.</p> <p>6.2 [<del>The gun should be a 6mm calibre or similar.</del>] <b><u>The ‘gun’ used must be a suitable starter’s pistol, electronic starter’s pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).</u></b></p> <p>6.3 The gun may not be discharged closer than 15 meters from the dogs being tested and must be fired at least twice.</p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded by NR, the above amendments to Schedule 05E(28) were <b>approved, unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p>
14		<p><b>MATTERS PERTAINING TO COMPANION EVENTS – SCHEDULE 11 + Schedules 11(A), 11(B) &amp; 11(C)</b></p>
	14.1	<p><b>Schedule 11(A) – Regulations for Canine Good Citizen (CGC)</b> (Fedco 06-2019 end of Item 5.1, Fedco 12-2020 Item 5.1.2, Fedco 06-21 Item 5.23.1, Fedco 12-2021 Item 5.23.1)</p>
	14.1.1	<p><b>Interim Resolution Empowering the Offering of Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Evaluator Training</b></p> <p>Submitted by the Executive Committee</p> <p><b>Background and Motivation:</b></p> <p>When the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Task Team submitted Schedule 11(A) to Fedco 12-2022 for consideration and adoption, it was noted that the training of Evaluators and management of Companion Events still needed clarification. The need to resolve this matter has become urgent, especially with regard to the training of Aspirant Evaluators and the offering of Refresher Courses for</p>

		<p>existing Evaluators. Following consultation with KUSA's Legal Adviser, Exco has, in terms of Article 18.1.1, established a CGC Sub-Committee to focus on the management of CGC, especially the training component. However, until such time as this Sub-Committee can formulate the relevant Rules and Regulations, no one is empowered to offer training to existing or Aspirant Evaluators. Exco therefore requests that Fedco considers adopting a Resolution to empower the CGC Sub-Committee to address the urgent need for training in the interim period, until such time as the process has been completed. This Resolution will grant the Sub-Committee a period of 18-months to enact suitable Rules and Regulations.</p> <p><b>For information purposes, Extracts of the relevant Articles reflected below:</b></p> <p><b>18 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SUB-COMMITTEES</b></p> <p><i>18.1.1 The Executive Committee shall have power to establish and appoint sub-committees consisting of two (2) or more persons, who shall be Members of the Kennel Union, whether or not they are also Councillors, for the purpose of dealing with any business delegated to it by the Federal Council and subject to its right to revoke such delegation any time and may delegate to such sub-committee all or any of its functions and powers relating thereto. Such sub-committees may be either permanent, for dealing with recurring administrative or business matters, or temporary, for dealing with any special object. The Executive Committee shall have power to appoint additional persons who shall be members of any sub-committee at any time or to co-opt a member to fill a casual vacancy on any sub-committee.</i></p> <p><b>43. INTERPRETATION AND FEDERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS &amp; DIRECTIVES</b></p> <p><i>43.3 The resolution of the Federal Council upon all questions relating to matters inadequately provided for, or unprovided for, in this Constitution and its Schedules, Rules, Regulations and By-Laws, shall become effective and binding upon the date of publication of the Minutes of the meeting at which the resolution was taken.</i></p> <p><i>43.4 Should a resolution as contemplated in Article 43.3 be replaced by a fresh resolution in amended form during the period of eighteen (18) months permitted for enactment, the first resolution shall become null and void upon the publication of the Minutes in which the replacement resolution is recorded, which shall also be the commencement date of the period of eighteen (18) months for the enactment of the replacement resolution. Should, for any reason, an additional period of time be required by the Federal Council for the enactment of any resolution, the Federal Council shall, by supplementary resolution, be entitled to extend the period of eighteen (18) months for enactment to an achievable future date, which shall be finite.</i></p> <p>Following discussion, on a proposal from BJ, seconded by NR, a <b>Resolution</b> empowering the CGC Sub-Committee to offer training to qualified and aspirant CGC Evaluators as an interim measure (pending the formalisation of CGC Training in Schedule 11(A)), was <b>adopted for immediate implementation</b>.</p>
	14.2	<b>Schedule 11 (B) – Regulations for Scent Work</b> (Fedco 12-2020 item 5.20) – None.
	14.3	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 11(C) – Regulations for Trick Dog</b></p> <p>Submitted by Trick Dog Evaluators</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Make some changes to provide clarity on items and to introduce a minimum age for Champion to ensure dogs have sufficient maturity to cope with the requirements of the various tricks needing to be performed.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regulation 4: The use of music was not specifically mentioned and we've had a few queries. Music often drowns out cues and hearing cues is important for certain tricks, e.g. Chains and Hand Signals</li> </ol>



		<p>2. Regulation 8: A few examples have come to light recently where it was not possible for one Evaluator to sign off on the whole test. This change is to provide for flexibility where needed.</p> <p>3. Regulation 9: A submission recently raised the point that this should be clarified.</p> <p>4. Regulation 10: We have had a number of submissions where the presence of other dogs/pets in the video hinders the performance or visibility of the dog submitting.</p> <p>5. Regulation 11.6: It has been noted that young dogs do not have the mental maturity or depth of trick range to warrant the status of Champion and thus a minimum age has been introduced.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 11(C)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>].</p> <p><b>4. Format for Test</b></p> <p><b><u>4.4 Music may not be added to videos or used in live events. The handler’s cues must be audible at all times.</u></b></p> <p><b>8. Evaluations</b></p> <p>8.1 Once a test is submitted for evaluation, the same Evaluator should <b><u>as far as possible</u></b> evaluate the entire test. For live events, each time a test is taken, the Evaluator must date and initial the Test Sheet and indicate whether “ready” or “not ready”.</p> <p><b>9. Equipment</b></p> <p><b><u>9.2 Where dogs are wearing collars while being filmed, or taking part in live events, only plain training collars may be used. This includes plain buckle collars, limited slips, harnesses etc. It excludes any aversive collars such as spike collars, prong collars, e-collars, halti’s and anti-bark collars.</u></b></p> <p><b>10. Code of Practice</b></p> <p><b><u>10.7 Other dogs and pets should not appear in the video unless needed for the trick.</u></b></p> <p><b>11.6 Champion Trick Dog</b>  <b><u>Minimum age: All dogs entering this level must be at least sixteen (16) months of age on the last day of the month in which they first submit their video. For live events, the dog must be at least sixteen (16) months of age on the day of evaluation.</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from LT, seconded by JH, the above amendments to Schedule 05E(19A) were <b>approved, unanimously</b>, subject to the text adjustment in <b>red</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024.</b></p>
15		<b>MATTERS RELATED TO BREED JUDGING</b>
	15.1	<p><b>The Judges Education Council (JEC)</b></p> <p><b>Report by the Chairman.</b></p> <p>The Chairman of the JEC presented his report, reflecting on the JEC’s activities since he took over in March 2024. He undertook to lodge his report with the KUSA Office for archiving.</p> <p><b>On behalf of Fedco, JH thanked MV for his report.</b></p>
	15.2	<b>Proposed updates to the Judges Education Council (JEC) Constitution – None.</b>
	15.3	<b>Matters relating to the Breed Judges’ Learning Programme – Schedule 10</b>
		15.3.1 <b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 – Group Course KUSA Breed Judges’ Learning Programme and Appendix 3 – Breed Specialisation Course KUSA Breed Judges’ Learning Programme</b>

Submitted by the NAPC

**Proposal:**

To amend the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme requirements as defined under Schedule 10 Appendix 1 – Group Course KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme Course and Schedule 10 Appendix 3 – Breed Specialisation Course KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme.

The proposal was presented at the Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC) ordinary meeting, held on 17.04.2024, and was unanimously approved. The objective of the amendments is to remove the requirement for Learner Judges to judge out-of-province at one or more Non-championship Shows.

A proposed amendment to Schedule 10 Appendix 3 was erroneously omitted with the initial submission and adjustments were made to Appendix 3. The additional proposal was sent via email to all NAPC Clubs for round-robin approval. On 25.04.2024 it was once again unanimously approved with no one objecting to the proposed amendments.

**Motivation:**

Learner Judges are required to accept an out-of-province judging appointment for at least one Non-championship Show to meet the requirements of the Breed Judges' Learning Programme. This becomes a very costly exercise for the Learner Judge when taking into account the costs of flights, accommodation and car rental, especially when considering that the Judge may evaluate only two (2) to three (3) dogs at a Non-championship Show, which defeats the intended purpose of the requirement. As out-of-province CCs have been discontinued, it makes sense to remove this requirement from the current Judge's Learning Programme.

The rationale for this module is to gain practical experience in the multi-skilled task of judging at conformation shows. It is not conducive to require a Learner Judge to officiate an out-of-province appointment where there are a minimal number of exhibitors, which will not contribute to the Learner Judge's experience. It will be of greater value and more beneficial to require a Judge to judge at an additional Championship Show to qualify as a Level 4 Judge or Breed Specialist Judge.

**Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 – Group Course KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme**

Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~].

**2.3.3. Judging Appointments**

2.3.3.2. The Learner Judge will need to judge:

- a) at least eight (8)\* different breeds in the chosen Group
- b) at least sixty (60)\*\* exhibits
- c) at a minimum of three (3) Non-championship Shows, at least two (2) of which must cover the whole Group, subject to Regulation[~~s 2.3.3.4 and 2.3.3.8~~] \_below.

[~~2.3.3.4. At least one (1) of the judging appointments must be in a different geographical Centre from the one in which the Learner Judge is based; more if possible~~]

*Following the deletion of Regulation 2.3.3.4, the subsequent Regulations under 2.3.3 Judging Appointments, need to be renumbered as outlined below:*

[~~2.3.3.5.~~] **2.3.3.4** The Learner Judge completes the standardised report form during his/her judging, in which details and numbers of the exhibits judged are entered, as well as a brief report on each Best of Breed winner. Should none of the dogs entered be eligible for Best of Breed, but only for Best Baby Puppy, the Learner Judge shall complete the report on the Best Baby

Puppy. At Non-championship Shows where the winner of the Champions Class does not compete for Best of Breed, the Learner Judge shall complete the report on the Best Champion in Breed. If, for reporting purposes, there is a choice between Best Champion in Breed and Best Baby Puppy in Breed, the Champion shall take precedence.

~~[2.3.3.6.]~~ **2.3.3.5** On completion of the judging appointment, the Learner Judge must request the Show Secretary to endorse the report form. The Show Secretary will acknowledge having signed off on said report form in the normal Return of Show Levies form, which is required to be forwarded to the KUSA Office as per normal procedure.

~~[2.3.3.7.]~~ **2.3.3.6** On receipt of the Return of Show Levies form from the Show Secretary, the KUSA Office will record and update the Learner Judge's progress and grant clearance for future judging appointments. No clearance for future judging appointments shall be granted without this procedure having been completed correctly.

~~[2.3.3.8.]~~ **2.3.3.7** A minimum of three (3) judging appointments must be observed by an Assessor assigned to the Learner Judge by the Assessment Officer, which appointments may only take place in the metropolises within Gauteng, Western Cape, or KwaZulu-Natal.

~~[2.3.3.9.]~~ **2.3.3.8** The Assessor will provide verbal feedback and guidance on the Learner Judge's performance and endorse the completed judging reports immediately on completion of the judging appointment.

~~[2.3.3.10.]~~ **2.3.3.9** The Learner Judge must store all his/her judging reports in the Portfolio.

~~[2.3.3.11.]~~ **2.3.3.10** At one (1) of the assessed appointments, the Assessor will make a formative assessment of the Learner Judge's judging skills and ring management on the official Assessor's Judging Skills Assessment form and provide verbal feedback and guidance immediately on completion of the judging appointment.

- a) If the minimum approval rate is not achieved in all sections of the Assessor's Judging Skills Assessment, the Learner Judge will be required to undergo one or more subsequent Assessor's Judging Skills Assessments, in the underrated section only, until a successful rating is achieved.
- b) Upon qualifying as a Senior Judge, i.e. licensed for four (4) Groups, no further Assessor's Judging Skills Assessments will be required.

~~[2.3.3.12.]~~ **2.3.3.11** The Learner Judge must make and forward a copy of the signed and completed Assessor's Judging Skills Assessment form to the KUSA Judges' Department. The original Assessor's Judging Skills Assessment form, and any subsequent original Assessor's Judging Skills Assessment form(s) (if applicable), must be stored in the Portfolio.

~~[2.3.3.13.]~~ **2.3.3.12** On the successful completion of the required three (3) assessments, (see ~~[2.3.3.8.]~~ **2.3.3.7.**), the Learner Judge may continue to judge, without assessment, in any geographical Centre, in order to make up the required quota, if not yet achieved.

~~[2.3.3.14.]~~ **2.3.3.13** On completion of all requirements outlined under Judging Appointments 2.3.3. above, the Learner Judge may continue to judge at Non-championship Shows in any geographical Centre, without assessment, or writing of reports, until the Learner Judge feels ready to sit the examination.

(\*\*Note: The total breed entry recorded in the Learner Judge's Reports, as confirmed in the Return of Show Levies form, will be credited towards the final total requirements of 60 exhibits across all varieties).

### 3. Level 3: Provisional Judge

3.1.3. The Provisional Judge will be required to judge a minimum of eight (8)\* breeds during at least ~~one (1))~~ **two (2)** Championship Show appointments.

		<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 3 – Breed Specialisation Course KUSA Breed Judges’ Learning Programme</b></p> <p><b>6.3. Judging Appointments</b></p> <p>6.3.3. <u>[At least one (1) of the appointments must be in a different geographical Centre from the one in which the Learner Judge is based, more if possible.] <b>Learner Judges are not required to accept judging appointments outside the geographical area in which they are based in order to meet the minimum of forty (40) exhibits, as is required under Regulation 6.3.1 supra, but may accept judging appointment in any geographical Centre in order to achieve the minimum requirement of forty (40) exhibits judged on the relevant breed.</b></u></p> <p><b>8. Final Assessment</b></p> <p>8.3. The Provisional Breed Specialist Judge will be required to judge at least <del>one (1)</del> <b>two (2)</b> Championship Speciality Show appointments.</p> <p><b>For decision.</b> NdP needed to bring to the attention of the JEC that Schedule 05E(15)(1.3) – The Rules and Regulations governing the Supreme Bull Terrier of Southern Africa and the Bull Terrier Major Trophy Show (MTS) and Related Matters – that a Judge must have judged a minimum of <b>three (3)</b> Bull Terrier Specialist Club Championship Shows to be permitted to judge the MTS. NR responded that Schedule 05E(15)(1.3) was not linked to Schedule 10 or any of its Appendices and that the criteria to qualify as a Level 4 Specialist Judge under Schedule 10 Appendix 3 differed from the criteria in Schedule 05E(15)(1.3) to judge the MTS. However, it was important for the two Schedules to be cross-referenced to obviate any misunderstanding of the status of a Judge qualifying under either.</p> <p>The Chairman of the JEC, MV, informed Fedco that, for various reasons, the JEC had not yet had an opportunity to consider the current proposal which, in any event, ought to form part of a wider discussion on the KUSA Breed Judges’ Learning Programme. He appealed to Fedco to indulge the JEC’s view that it would be unwise to proceed with the amendments without proper investigation of the possible ramifications and the conceivable impact on judges’ education and to permit the proposal to be deferred to Fedco 12-2024.</p> <p>NdP said he had no objection to the matter being deferred to Fedco 12-2024, but declared his desire to be consulted by the JEC on the manner in which the Council proposed to accommodate Schedule 05E(15)(1.3) in Schedule 10. These two Schedules needed to be in sync to avoid confusion regarding the statuses of Bull Terrier Specialist Judges.</p> <p>NdP’s request was noted by the Chairman of the JEC and, on a proposal from MV, seconded by JH, the deferment of the proposal to Fedco 12-2024 was <b>approved, unanimously.</b></p>
	15.3.2	<b>Schedule 10 Appendix 1 – Group Course – None.</b>
	15.3.3	<b>Schedule 10 Appendix 2 – Junior Showmanship Course – None.</b>
	15.3.4	<b>Schedule 10 Appendix 3 – Breed Specialisation Course – None.</b>
	15.4	<b>Matters relating to Dogsport Judges – None.</b>
16		<b>MATTERS RELATING TO THE CODE OF ETHICS – SCHEDULE 09 – None.</b>
17		<b>MATTERS RELATED TO BREED/LIAISON COUNCILS</b>
	17.1	<b>Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA (RBC)</b>
	17.1.1	<b>Schedule 05E(18) – Regulations for the South African Rottweiler Sieger Show – None.</b>
	17.1.2	<b>Schedule 05E(21) – Regulations for Rottweiler Specialist Championship Shows – None.</b>
	17.1.3	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05F – Regulations for Regulations 9.1.3 &amp; 9.1.4 (BA &amp; BST &amp; CT)</b></p> <p>Submitted by the Rottweiler Breed Council</p> <p><b>PROPOSAL 1:</b></p>

Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in ~~[struck through square brackets]~~.

**Proposal:**

Remove stick blows and replace with threats with approved flexible leather covered stick only, and no stick blows or contact.

**Motivation:**

The reason for the proposed change is that FCI has changed their regulation that no stick blows are allowed, not in IGP or any discipline. Please refer to [www.fci.de/en/utility-dogs58.html](http://www.fci.de/en/utility-dogs58.html)  
This regulation was discussed at the National IGP Sub-Committee of KUSA and it was confirmed that no stick blows, only stick threats for any discipline, IGP, BST and ZTP would be allowed. As an FCI country we are bound by these rules. The KUSA IGP helpers are bound by these rules.

**Schedule 05F – Regulations for Regulations 9.1.3 & 9.1.4 (BA & BST & CT)**

Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in ~~[struck through square brackets]~~.

~~9.18 Hardness (BST only) — Härte~~

~~9.18.1 Accepts unexpected pain. [Note: Like the stick blows given by the assailant. Must be high.]~~

10. GUARD AND DEFENCE EXERCISE (BREED SUITABILITY TEST AND CHARACTER TEST SECTION)

10.1 The dog and H[h]andler moves approximately fifteen paces with his dog on the lead, then removes the lead whilst on the move. The dog may be held by the chain and while moving another thirty metres to the point of the attack on the H[h]andler. This happens when the helper suddenly appears from the hide and attacks the H[h]andler (the helper may not physically touch the H[h]andler). The dog must immediately intervene by taking hold of the H[h]elper's protective arm and maintain its grip. At this point, the dog is **threatened** ~~[struck]~~ twice with an approved~~[,]~~ flexible leather covered stick~~[,]~~ ~~[on the withers]~~ **no physical contact is made by the stick onto the dog.**

10.3 The dog MUST accept **the two (2)** ~~[2]~~ required **stick threats** ~~[stick blows]~~ in succession while on the sleeve.

**PROPOSAL 2:**

Submitted by the Rottweiler Breed Council & Fedco, as recommended by the KUSA Legal Adviser.

**Proposal:**

1. Prohibit use of live ammunition for gunshot steadiness tests.
2. Remove stick blows and replace with threats with approved flexible leather covered stick only, and no stick blows or contact.

**Motivation:**

The reason for the proposed change is that FCI has changed their regulation that no stick blows are allowed, not in IGP or any discipline. Please refer to [www.fci.de/en/utility-dogs58.html](http://www.fci.de/en/utility-dogs58.html)  
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**Proposed amendments to Schedule 05F(9.1.3 & 9.1.4)**

Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in ~~[struck through square brackets]~~.

		<p><b>8 Assessment Judging Procedure for a Breed Assessment (BA) and Breed Suitability Test (BST) and Character Test (CT)</b></p> <p>8.5 Gun-sureness: When firing, the distance must not be less than fifteen paces from the dog. Two shots fired in succession as instructed by the <u>J</u>udge [<del>with a starter pistol or handgun (6-9 mm)</del>]. The dog is allowed to take note of the noise on the first shot.</p> <p>The dog should not display signs of fear or nervousness. The Surveyor may if deemed necessary, request that more shots be fired. The dog's reaction to the sudden noise is to be documented on the Assessment form. If the dog shows a flight response (Ref to item 2.a) after the first shot, the <u>H</u>andler must sit his/her dog, take the leash off and move 5m away leaving the dog in the sit position.</p> <p>Only then may a second shot be fired (alternatively, the <u>J</u>udge may decide to repeat the test from a different direction). If the dog shows further flight response, it should be eliminated from the test and deferred. (BA&amp;BST and CT)</p> <p><b><u>The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by DS, the amendments to Schedule 05F (9.1.3 &amp; 9.1.4) contemplated in the above Proposals 1 &amp; 2 were <b>approved, unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented of publication of these Minutes.</b></p>
17.2		<p><b>Federation of Boxer Clubs of SA Breed Council (FBCSA BC)</b></p>
	17.2.1	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05F(9.1.7 &amp; 9.1.8) – Regulations for FBCSA BC Breed Assessment &amp; Survey Procedures</b></p> <p>Submitted by Fedco, as recommended by the KUSA Legal Adviser</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Prohibit the use of live ammunition for gunshot steadiness tests</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05F(9.1.7 &amp; 9.1.8)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>].</p> <p><b>8. Breed Assessment Procedures</b></p> <p>5. Steadiness to gunshot</p> <p>While the dog walks off-lead with its owner, two shots [<del>(6mm or 9mm calibre)</del>] are to be fired at a distance of not less than 15 paces from the dog. Except for taking note of the origin of the shots, the dog must remain unperturbed and must show no fear, aggression or anxiety. <b><u>The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by DS, the above amendments to Schedule 05F (9.1.7 &amp; 9.1.8) were <b>approved, unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented of publication of these Minutes.</b></p>
17.3		<p><b>German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council (GSDLC)</b></p>
	17.3.1	<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05F(9.1.2) – Regulations for German Shepherd Dog Breed Assessments</b></p> <p>Submitted by Fedco, as recommended by the KUSA Legal Adviser.</p>

		<p><b>Motivation:</b> Prohibit the use of live ammunition.</p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in <del>[struck through square brackets]</del>.</p> <p><b>8. Breed Assessment Procedures</b> 4. Steadiness to gunshot While the dog walks off-lead with its owner, two shots [<del>6mm or 9mm calibre</del>] are to be fired at a distance of not less than 15 paces from the dog. Except for taking note of the origin of the shots, the dog must remain unperturbed and must show no fear, aggression or anxiety. <b><u>The ‘gun’ used must be a suitable starter’s pistol, electronic starter’s pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by DS, the above amendments to Schedule 05F(9.1.2) were <b>approved, unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented of publication of these Minutes.</b></p>
17.4		<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05F(9.1.10) – Regulations for Boerboel Character &amp; Breed Assessment</b></p> <p>Submitted by Fedco, as recommended by the KUSA Legal Adviser.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Prohibit the use of live ammunition for gunshot steadiness tests.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05F(9.1.10)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in <del>[struck through square brackets]</del>.</p> <p><b>2.1 Assessment Manager</b> 2.1.1 A protection sleeve and stick, suit, hide and a [<del>starting pistol or handgun (as approved by KUSA for Working Trials)]</del> <b><u>suitable gun. The ‘gun’ used must be a starter’s pistol, electronic starter’s pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).</u></b></p> <p>8.2 Assess Gun[-]sureness: When firing, the distance must not be less than thirty paces from the dog. Two shots are fired by approx. five (5) second interval with <b><u>a suitable gun (see Regulation 2.1.1)</u></b> [<del>starter’s pistol</del>], while the dog and <b>H[h]</b>andler is moving away from the Assessor. If the dog shows any flight reaction, the Assessor may decide to repeat the Assessment from a different direction, or (depending on the dog’s reaction) eliminate it from the Assessment and have it deferred to another date.</p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by DS, the above amendments to Schedule 05F(9.1.10) were <b>approved, unanimously</b>, subject to the text adjustment indicated in <b>red</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented of publication of these Minutes.</b></p>
17.5		<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05F(9.1.11) – Regulations for Bullmastiff Character &amp; Breed Assessment</b></p> <p>Submitted by Fedco, as recommended by the KUSA Legal Adviser.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b></p>

		<p>Remove use of live ammunition for gunshot steadiness tests</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05F(9.1.11)</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>].</p> <p><b>8. The Organising Club's Responsibilities</b></p> <p>g. During the event the following equipment must be available:</p> <p>i. A protection sleeve and stick, suit, hide and suitable gun [<del>starting pistol or handgun (as approved by KUSA for Working Trials)</del>]. <b><u>The 'gun' used must be a starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by DS, the above amendments to Schedule 05F(9.1.11) were <b>approved, unanimously</b>, subject to the text adjustment indicated in <b>red</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented of publication of these Minutes.</b></p>
17.6		<p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05H – Regulations for Breed Working Test (BWT)</b></p> <p>Submitted by Fedco, as recommended by the KUSA Legal Adviser.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Prohibit the use of live ammunition for gunshot steadiness tests.</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05H</b></p> <p>Insertions in <b><u>underlined bold type</u></b> and deletions in [<del>struck through square brackets</del>].</p> <p><b>4. Schedule and Description of Exercises for Breed Working Test</b></p> <p>4.2.1 Steadiness to Gunshot (Pass or Fail) This exercise is judged separately. The dog, 'off lead', must heel with the <b>H[h]</b>andler whilst two (2) shots are fired from a distance of about twenty (20) paces from the dog and <b>H[h]</b>andler. [<del>The gun should be of 6 to 9mm calibre, or a starting pistol (cap type).</del>] Should the dog fail this test it must be eliminated from further exercises. <b><u>The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).</u></b></p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by DS, the above amendments to Schedule 05H were <b>approved, unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Effective 01.09.2024, but may be implemented of publication of these Minutes.</b></p>
18		<b>MATTERS RELATING TO NATIONAL SUB-COMMITEES – None.</b>
19		<b>MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN</b>
19.1		<p><b>German Shepherd Dog Federation of South Africa (GSDFSA) vs Department of Agriculture, Land Reform &amp; Rural Development (DALRRD) and Others</b></p> <p>At the request of the Chairman, GR apprised Fedco of the most recent developments in the GSDFSA saga and NdP elaborated on possible next steps for KUSA, which included a consultation with KUSA's external Legal Counsel as soon as practicable.</p> <p>Given the budgetary provisions which were in place, there were no objections from Fedco for the Chairman to proceed on the advice of GR and NdP.</p>



	19.2	<p><b>Proposed urgent FEDCO Interim Resolution to provide for amendments to Schedule 07 – Subscription &amp; Fees Document – Animal Improvement Act Import Permit Administration Fee</b></p> <p>Matter brought forward by the Chairman of Fedco.</p> <p><b>Motivation:</b></p> <p>The Federal Council is requested to take an urgent Interim Resolution in accordance with the provisions of Articles 43.3 and 43.4 that, until KUSA has received the required official written instruction or directive and related documentation from the Registrar in the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform Rural Development (DALRRD), and has accordingly amended its applicable regulatory framework to give immediate effect to the directive from the DALRRD to the prescribed Declaration on the Animal Improvement Act, 62 of 1998 (AIA), Import Permit Application Form, in respect of live animals and genetic material, as required in terms of the provisions contained in section 15, 16(3) and 16(4) of the AIA and, in execution of the above, to levy an interim Administration Fee of R200.00 (two hundred Rand) per application processed.</p> <p>Should this resolution be passed by the Federal Council, it will remain in effect until such time as the required constitutional changes to Schedule 07 requested below have become effective. The Effective Date is envisaged to be 1 September 2024.</p> <p>Articles 43.3 &amp; 43.4 state:</p> <p><b>43. INTERPRETATION AND FEDERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS &amp; DIRECTIVES</b></p> <p><i>43.3 The resolution of the Federal Council upon all questions relating to matters inadequately provided for, or unprovided for, in this Constitution and its Schedules, Rules, Regulations and By-Laws, shall become effective and binding upon the date of publication of the Minutes of the meeting at which the resolution was taken.</i></p> <p><i>43.4 Should a resolution as contemplated in Article 43.3 be replaced by a fresh resolution in amended form during the period of eighteen (18) months permitted for enactment, the first resolution shall become null and void upon the publication of the Minutes in which the replacement resolution is recorded, which shall also be the commencement date of the period of eighteen (18) months for the enactment of the replacement resolution. Should, for any reason, an additional period of time be required by the Federal Council for the enactment of any resolution, the Federal Council shall, by supplementary resolution, be entitled to extend the period of eighteen (18) months for enactment to an achievable future date, which shall be finite.</i></p> <p><b>Motivation:</b></p> <p>The Federal Council had been advised of the Administration Fee of R200.00 mooted by the Chairman together with the KUSA General Manager and KUSA Acting Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting with the DALRRD held on 12 April 2024.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b></p> <p>Amendments to Schedule 07 Subscription and Fees Document.  Insertions <b>underlined in bold type</b> and deletions [<del>struck through in square brackets</del>].</p> <p>Fees shall be set by the Federal Council for the subjects noted below:</p> <p>1 – 19 stet</p> <p><b><u>20. Animal Improvement Act Compliance Import and Export Permits</u></b></p> <p>Any change of fees will normally come into effect on the first day of the second month following a Federal Council Meeting in terms of the requirement provided for in Article 41.3 of the KUSA Constitution. Should any change to fees be urgently required due to increases or decreases in outside</p>
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20		<p><b>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</b></p> <p><b>2024</b>  <b>29 &amp; 30 November plus 1 December – CONFIRMED</b> (Depending on the Agenda, the meeting may be confined to 30 November &amp; 1 December.)</p> <p>NR had advised the Chairman that, due to a prior commitment, she would not be available on Friday, 29 November 2024. JH said that, with the number of FDFs anticipated to be held prior to Fedco 12-2024, which were consensus-seeking forums, it might not be necessary to schedule Fedco 12-2024 over three days and that Friday, 29 November, could then be sacrificed. She did, however, suggest that, as a precautionary measure, the latter date should be provisionally retained, and only relinquished once the extent of the Agenda of Fedco 12-2024 had been assessed.</p> <p>All present <b>agreed.</b></p>

			<p><b>2025</b>  <b>27 &amp; 28 June 2025 (Friday &amp; Saturday) + 29 June (Sunday) – CONFIRMED TO BE RESERVED</b></p> <p><b>28 &amp; 29 November 2025 (Friday &amp; Saturday) + 30 November (Sunday) – CONFIRMED TO BE RESERVED</b></p>
21			<p><b>CLOSING</b></p> <p>Although the Agenda had been completed by the end of Day 1 (Friday, 28 June 2024), the Chairman nevertheless welcomed Fedco back to the meeting at 09h00 on Saturday, 29 June 2024, in case there were items which still required resolution, or any further business to be brought forward by the Chairman. She accepted the apologies of BJ who had been unable to join the meeting due to connectivity problems.</p> <p>Having assessed the completed Agenda overnight, and the need for further items to be advanced by her, JH said that she was content that all the business of the meeting had been concluded to her satisfaction. She <b>closed the meeting at 09h10</b> with thanks to the Federal Councillors and the Office Staff for their time and valued contributions during the meeting, wishing everybody a pleasant weekend.</p>