



ROTTWEILER BREED COUNCIL OF KUSA



JUDGES CONVENOR REPORT

SATURDAY 28th JUNE 2014:

SPECIALIST JUDGES STATUS:

The new Judges Status Excel matrix is now in full circulation and all have received a copy via e-mail to be updated and to be returned to the Judges Convenor as requested.

ALL JUDGES TO PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

As informed during the 2013 meeting, the updating of this Excel matrix will now be the duty and full responsibility of all the Qualified and Aspirant Judges. The RBC Judges Convenor will not ask or beg any judge for any future updates. Updates need to be in the hands of the Convenor at least **30 days** before the next planned RBC Judges meeting. The RBC Judges Convenor will distribute the annual copy to all judges, 21 days after the last RBC Judges meeting for all to be used for the next term or until the next planned meeting. So to bottom line is this responsibility is now yours. No time will be used or wasted to update any statuses during any future RBC judges meeting.

RBC JUDGES TRAINING MODULE MANUALS:

I am pleased to announce that **Module 3** has finally been updated in 2013. The updated revision, do now includes the new RBC Specialist and RBC Grand Victor Show Schedule rules and regulations as promised. Several other items and new relevant topics were also added. Thanks must go the Chris Pretorius who help and assisted me with the update to make it possible. Quite a lot of thought and work was required to do the updating.

The Revised Module 3 course notes were used for the RBC Aspirant Training course held in Cape Town in September 2013.

Module 1 & 2 still needs to be updated.

Module 2 page 17 point 11 currently allows for the presentation of a dog with a missing/broken tooth, when this occurred under traumatic conditions. Provided that an X-ray and vet report is included stating this and X rays that can verify that the tooth is in fact broken. A dog can still be permitted to pass the BA. This should only be allowed if it can be proven that the dog has also received at least three V grading's by other specialist judges meaning that the dog dentition was complete. I tooth can easily be broken doing defense work or fence fighting and this should be catered for not too loose a good dog for breeding purposes.

This Module 2 should be updated and re-worded to add the proof of 3 previous critiques to be presented on the day of the BA, This critiques must clearly state that the all dentition was complete.

We further need to add that if a dog has previously passed a BA and a tooth was lost afterwards, that the dog should be permitted to do a BST if requested. A copy of the BA certificate must be added with the application for BST. This will be sufficient proof that the dog had its entire tooth otherwise it would not have passed the BA.

THE ABOVE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW PROPOSED REVISED BA/BST SCHEDULE.

No proposals were received from any club for this to be added during 2013.

OTHER PROPOSED GUIDELINES TO BE COMPILED.

RBC RING STEWARDS GUIDELINE:

The need to have a Ring Stewards guideline was requested by WPRC to facilitate the smooth running of all future Rottweiler Specialist Ch. Shows using the new Rottweiler Specialist and the new Rottweiler GV shows schedules and rules. At the last meeting the Judges Convenor has asked for volunteers to assist him with the compiling of a Ring Stewards guideline. Barron Africa kindly volunteered. Feedback received from Barron is that he has done it in a Power Point presentation it and would have presented it at the meeting. But due to him moving and driving back down to Cape Town on our meeting day, the plan is to be present it at the next judges meeting.

SPECIALIST JUDGES GUIDELINES:

The need to have an RBC judge' guideline for all Rottweiler specialist shows & BA/BST's, which will be the RBC's official high level guideline. The guideline will include the following points.

- 1) Types of gradings that can be awarded for what classes and at what ages.
- 2) How the CC awards are given and what gradings do qualify to be called back in the ring.
- 3) How the dogs with no tails shown must or should be judged.
- 4) Teeth how dogs with missing teeth and other disqualifying faults must be judged and graded.
- 5) How to go about judging BA/BST and when a dog can be deferred
- 6) Show holding clubs responsibilities to brief overseas judges regarding all our show rules and BA/BST rules before judging on the day.

This can be a useful tool for clubs and overseas judges and a quick high level reference summary.

Still to be completed. Asking for any judges who would like to volunteer to help with this

JUDGES COURSES HELD AND COMPLETED IN 2013:

I am proud to announce that the long awaited and overdue Module 3 course was finally presented after the CRC Grand Victor show for all the Cape Town Aspirant Specialist Judges. The Course was held over a three day period on the 25th 26th and 27th of September 2013. The Written exam took place on Friday the 27th September. The exam papers were marked by Chris and me straight after the exam. It is with great pleasure that we can officially announce that all have passed with marks well over the 80% pass mark required and several have pass marks over 97%.

I want to take this opportunity to officially congratulate them all with this great achievement showing there clear dedication to become Specialist Rottweiler Judges.

A very, very big and special thanks must go from me and the RBC to Chris and Vicky for putting my up in their house for the CRC Grand Victor show and also for the Module 3 course duration as mentioned above. Both of them and Petrus treated me like a king whilst staying with them. Thanks for your hospitality it was greatly appreciated.

PROPOSED JUDGES COURSES FOR 2014:

To date the RBC have not received any official application/request from any Gauteng Aspirant judges to present a training course for Module 1, 2 or 3.

REPORT BACK ON THE NEW KUSA NATIONAL JUDGES QUALIFYING SCHEME:

As we all know the new revised KUSA Judges scheme has been approved by FEDCO and it came into effect as from 1/7/2013. The new scheme guidelines and information are available on the KUSA site for download.

The RBC have received several requests and complaints regarding the new KUSA judges training scheme and how it impact and affected our Rottweiler Aspirant judges. Neil and I have discussed this via our respective Provincial Councils. It was then agreed by the National Judges Sub Committee that the NAPC Chairlady Jenny Hubbart and the NAPC Judges Sub Committee Secretary Nikki Redtenbacher will deal with our concerns and to make proposal to the National Judges Sub Committee of how things can be improved to assist the RBC to resolve any problems experiencing presently and how we can together streamline the system so that it can work more effectively for all.

Neil and I had several meetings with Jenny and Nikki putting all the concerns on the table to be resolved. Between the two of them they have made every effort possible to accommodate us and it took them several weeks of hard work to draw up the proposals that have been submitted and approved by the National Judges Sub Committee, who will submit it to FEDCO at their next meeting on 28/06/2014 for their approval.

On behalf of the RBC we want to say a very special word of thanks to both of them offering up their free time and also for their willingness and dedication they have shown to help the RBC to resolve our issues with the new scheme. They have also offered to come to our RBC Judges meeting to discuss the issues tabled with our judges so that all can be aware of what is happening.

ROTTWEILER TAILS:

The tail issue has now more than ever before become quite a serious problem when it came to overseas judges when judging our shows. To them and in all FCI Countries they see a Rottweiler without a tail as an in-complete dog. According to all of them them stated that a dog without a tail is not complete.

RBC RULE REVISED:

The rule that aspirant Specialist Rottweiler Judges who completed the RBNC Modules 1, 2 & 3 must write their two KUSA exams within a 12 month period after the completion of their last RBC Module needs to be re-considered. This rule is not practical with the new KUSA scheme because it might take much longer to qualify under the new rules.

The rule that all specialist judges who judged Championship Shows must submit their show reports to the RBC Judges Convenor is not adhering to. This is bad discipline and we cannot accept it any longer.

We must also discuss if it is still practical to do the modules in conjunction whilst still also doing the KUSA scheme or to only do the three modules after all the KUSA requirements have been met.

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Judges Convenor