



BREED COMPETITION
KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA REGULATIONS FOR THE
D.O.G.S BEST OF THE BEST COMPETITION (1998)
Effective 01-04-2011

SCHEDULE 5E (17)

1. LICENSING AND SHOW REGULATIONS

The Regulations relating to licensing and all other matters to do with shows as set out in Schedule 3 Regulations for Championship Shows and Schedule 4 Regulations for Non-Championship Shows of the Constitution of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa shall apply to this competition so far as they can be relevant to the D.O.G.S. Best of the Best Competition and they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 5E(17).

2. SCOPE OF THE LICENCE

An All Breeds Club which is qualified to hold a Championship Show in the D.O.G.S. area of jurisdiction in the calendar year in which it is intended to hold the D.O.G.S. Best of the Best Competition may hold the event named in this Schedule in conjunction with such Show or separate therefrom.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS FOR COMPETITION

- 3.1 This competition is open to dogs owned, owned in partnership or shown under written authority of the owner, provided that such owner(s) and dogs are ordinarily resident in the geographical area of Gauteng, North West Province, Limpopo and Mpumalanga as defined by the national boundaries of the Republic of South Africa.
- 3.2 All dogs competing must be on the Breed or Obedience & Trial Dogs Register or Development Register of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa; their eligibility must not be in conflict with the Regulations described hereunder nor may they have been disqualified or suspended from competition by The Kennel Union of Southern Africa or any other National Canine Control body.
- 3.3 Bitches in season on the day of this competition may compete in the Breed section only.
- 3.4 All references to dogs, unless otherwise stated, shall include bitches.

4. HOST CLUB

- 4.1 Until or unless this Schedule 5E(17) is amended or altered, the host for this event will be an All Breeds Club in the District of Gauteng & Surrounds area of jurisdiction, selected by the District of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa.

5. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY

5.1 Breed Competition

- 5.1.1 Entry for this competition will be by qualification at All Breed Championship_shows held under a K.U.S.A. licence
- 5.1.2 F.C.I. Shows will not be eligible for consideration in this competition
- 5.1.3 Entry shall be by invitation to the top 120 exhibits based on a points system.
- 5.1.4. Points shall be calculated from all All Breeds Championship shows held between the 1st November and 31st October in the year in which the competition is held.
- 5.1.5 Points shall be awarded to each exhibit placed in the respective Group as follows
 - 1st Place - eight (8) points
 - 2nd Place - six (6) points
 - 3rd Place - four (4) points
 - 4th Place - two (2) points

5.2 Puppy Breed Competition

- 5.2.1 Entry for this competition will be by qualification at all All Breed Championship shows held under a KUSA licence.
- 5.2.2 F.C.I. Shows will not be eligible for consideration in this competition
- 5.2.3 Entry shall be by invitation to the top 50 exhibits based on a points system.
- 5.2.4 Points shall be calculated from all All Breeds Championship shows held between the 1st November and 31st October in the year in which the competition is held.
- 5.2.5 Points shall be awarded to each exhibit placed in the respective Group as follows:
 1st Place - eight (8) points
 2nd Place - six (6) points
 3rd Place - four (4) points
 4th Place - two (2) points
- 5.3 **Veteran Competition**
 Open to any Champion Veteran dog owned by an exhibitor resident in the area as defined by 3.1. Dogs may compete for the Title D.O.G.S. Best of the Best Veteran in Show.
- 5.4 **Obedience Competition** : Open to any dog which has been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd at two (2) Open shows or one (1) Championship show in Class C at shows held by a member club of D.O.G.S.P.C. under a KUSA licence during the period 1 November of the preceding year up to and including 31 October in the year in which the competition is held. The Top 15 dogs or any number as decided by the organizers shall be invited to enter.
- 5.5 **IPO and International Tracker Trial Competitions** : Dogs must qualify to enter the run-offs with at least eighty percent (80%) twice under two (2) different Judges in either IPO3 or ITT5. Qualifying scores will be entered onto the official score sheet for the competition. These will be submitted to the organisers within one (1) week of the close of the competition. All dogs for both competitions must be registered with the Kennel Union of Southern Africa, either on the Obedience & Trial Dogs Record or Breed Register, or must be registered with a body with whom a written agreement has been made in terms of Article 3.19.
- 5.6 **Working Trials (PD and TD3) Competition**: Any dog which is exhibited in either PD or TD3 at more than fifty percent (50%) of the shows held by a member club of D.O.G.S.P.C. under a KUSA licence during the period 1 November of the preceding year up to and including 31 October in the year in which the competition is held is eligible for entry. However, no more than six (6) entrants will be accepted for exhibition in either the PD or TD3 Competitions. Should there be more than six (6) entrants for either Competition, the six (6) highest scorers in each case will be chosen.
- 5.7 **Agility** : The top thirty (30) dogs, or a suitable number as determined by the organizers, which have qualified into A3 Contact Agility at shows held by a member club of D.O.G.S.P.C under a KUSA licence during the period 1 November of the preceding year up to and including 31 October in the year in which the competition is held are eligible for invitation. Should the required number of dogs not be met, the organizers reserve the right, at their discretion, to invite dogs which have qualified into A2 Contact Agility at shows held by a member club of D.O.G.S.P.C under a KUSA licence during the period 1 November of the preceding year up to and including 31 October in the year in which the competition is held.
- 5.8 **Carting Competition** : Any dog placed first, second or third in a Senior Carting event on at least one (1) occasion at any Championship Show or at any Open show held by a member club of D.O.G.S.P.C under a KUSA licence during the period 1 November of the preceding year up to and including 31 October in the year in which the competition is held, is eligible for entry.
- 5.9 **Flyball Competition**: Teams will be invited to enter based on the times recorded at any Championship or Open show held by a member club of D.O.G.S.P.C under a KUSA licence during the period 1 November of the preceding year up to and including 31 October in the year in which the competition is held. The number of teams invited to participate will be determined by the organizers with a minimum of 2 teams competing.
- 5.10 **Child Handlers Competition** : Open to any child resident as per 3.1, who has placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th at any All Breeds Championship or Open Show held by a member club of D.O.G.S.P.C during the period 1 November of the preceding year up to and including 31

October in the year in which the competition is held.

5.11 **Junior Handlers' Competition** : Open to any junior handler resident as per 3.1, who has placed (1st,2nd,3rd or 4th) at any All Breeds Championship or Open Show held by a member club of D.O.G.S. P.C. under a KUSA licence during the period 1 November of the preceding year up to and including 31 October in the year in which the competition is held.

6. **DATE OF THE COMPETITION**

The Competition will be held on a date and at a venue to be decided by the organisers but not earlier than 31st October and not later than 31st December in any one (1) year.

7. **JUDGING**

7.1 **Breed Competition**

7.1.1 There shall be a minimum of Two Judges and one Referee for the Breed Competition.

7.1.2 The Top 120 Exhibits qualifying will be notified by the Committee of their qualification, in writing.

7.1.3 The 120 Exhibits will be split by means of a random draw into 4 groups of 30 exhibits. For the benefit of clear administration the draw shall be undertaken by the Show Secretary or a person nominated by the presiding Committee prior to the show date but after the closing date. These lists will be catalogued and displayed at the show venue.

7.1.4 From each Group of 30 exhibits the nominated Judge will choose 8 exhibits, unplaced, to go forward to the next round.

7.1.5 The 32 exhibits qualifying for the 2nd round will then be drawn, one against the other, in a knockout competition. Similarly the remaining 16 for the 3rd Round and remaining 8 for the 4th round, until 4 Exhibits remain. These 4 exhibits will be judged and placed 1st to 4th.

7.2 **Puppy Breed Competition**

7.2.1 There shall be a minimum of Two Judges and One Referee for the Puppy Breed Competition.

7.2.2 The Top 50 Exhibits qualifying will be notified by the Committee of their qualification, in writing.

7.2.3 The 50 Exhibits will be split by means of a random draw into 2 groups of 25 exhibits. For the benefit of clear administration the draw shall be undertaken by the Show Secretary, or a person nominated by the presiding Committee prior to the show date but after the closing date. These lists will be catalogued and displayed at the show venue.

7.2.4 From each Group of 25 exhibits the nominated Judge will choose 8 exhibits, unplaced, to go forward to the next round.

7.2.5 The 16 exhibits qualifying for the 2nd round will then be drawn, one against the other, in a knockout competition. Similarly the remaining 8 for the 3rd Round, until 4 Exhibits remain. These 4 exhibits will be judged and placed 1st to 4th.

7.3 **Obedience Competition**: The dogs will be judged as is normal for an Obedience Competition.

7.4 **IPO and International Tracker Trial Competitions:**

7.4.1 **IPO Competition**: The dogs will be judged as is normal for an IPO Competition.

7.4.2 **International Tracker Trial Competition**: The dogs will be judged as is normal for an International Tracker Trial Competition.

7.5 **Working Trials (PD and TD3) Competition**: The dogs will be judged as is normal for a Working Trials (PD and TD3) Competition.

7.6 **Agility**: The dogs will be judged as is normal for an Agility Competition.

7.7 **Carting Competition**: The dogs will be judged as is normal for a Carting Competition.

7.8 **Flyball Competition**: The dogs will be judged as is normal for a Flyball Competition.

7.9 **Child Handlers' Competition**: The Child Handlers will be judged as is normal for a Child Handlers' Competition.

7.10 **Junior Handlers' Competition:** The Junior Handlers will be judged as is normal for a Junior Handlers' Competition.

8. **JUDGES**

8.1 The organisers shall appoint Judges, subject to KUSA approval, for all the Disciplines in this Competition.

8.2 The names of the Judges shall be advised to the competitors at the time their invitations are despatched.

8.3 The organisers have the right to appoint an alternative Judge(s) should there be excessive numbers of qualifiers or should the advertised Judge(s) not be able to keep the appointment.

8.4 All Judges selected shall be approved by The Kennel Union of Southern Africa not later than six (6) months before the date of the Competition.

9. **DRESS**

Competitors are expected to dress in a manner befitting this prestigious Competition. T-shirts, shorts, jeans and takkies are not allowed. Shoes must be worn.

10. **SANITATION**

All competitors are responsible for the removal of any faeces deposited by their dogs and the cleaning of any grooming area used by them. Any competitor failing to do so is liable to instant disqualification.

11. **PRIZES AND AWARDS**

The winning dog will be entitled to be called, in each Discipline, D.O.G.S. Best of the Best Dog of (year). This title will not be eligible to be placed on the Registration Certificate of the dog or any other official Kennel Union document. The winning dogs will be awarded prizes appropriate to the Competition. The organisers will issue suitable commemorative certificates to all qualifiers.

12. **ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

12.1 A Committee, for the following year, shall be formed each calendar year by no later than December 31, consisting of a minimum of eight (8) members nominated by the District of Gauteng and Surrounds Provincial Council to run D.O.G.S. Best of the Best Competition.

12.2 The Committee shall elect, from amongst its members, a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Committee shall keep a true record of their proceedings and a Receipts and Payments Account.

13. **SPONSORSHIP**

This event may be sponsored permanently or on an annual basis by any organisation(s) acceptable to both the Federal Council of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa and the District of Gauteng and Surrounds Provincial Council of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa. In the years when the event is sponsored the title may be preceded by the name of the Sponsor. Should either the District of Gauteng and Surrounds Provincial Council of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa or the Sponsor wish to disassociate themselves with the event, this may not be done so as to prejudice the holding of the event in that year or any succeeding years. For this reason, a contract must be drawn up between the District of Gauteng and Surrounds Provincial Council of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa and any Sponsor establishing the rights and obligations of both, should either or both wish to withdraw from associating with this Competition.

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