



Kennel Union of Southern Africa

SCHEDULE 05D REGULATIONS FOR DOG JUMPING GRADES

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1. REGULATIONS FOR DOG JUMPING GRADES

1.1 Licensing and Show Rules

The Regulations relating to licensing and to all other matters to do with shows as set out in Schedule 3 (Championship Shows), Schedule 4 (Non-Championship Shows) and Schedule 4A (Qualifying Shows) of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA) shall apply to competitions for Dog Jumping Shows so far as they can be relevant to Dog Jumping Shows and so far as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 05D.

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-championship or Championship Shows may apply for and be issued with Licences to hold Dog Jumping Grades with any Show or separately there from, 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-championship Show 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 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.
- 1.2.4 The NDJSC may, on application from Provincial Sub-Committees, apply to Exco for additional Dog Jumping 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 NDJL.

1.3 Jumping Certificates

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, provided either Table A or Table B has been applied and provided further that no fewer than three (3) different dogs competed in each specific height category of the Grade 1 competition.

No Dog Shall be awarded a Qualifying Certificate unless that Dog has a clear round in the first round of a Table A competition. If there is only one (1) Dog that goes clear in the first round, then no run off will be required to obtain the Qualifying Certificate. The Dog that runs clear in the fastest time in Table "B" shall be awarded a Qualifying Certificate.

1.4 Champion Status

- 1.4.1 A dog awarded three (3) Dog Jumping Qualifying Certificates, in any height category, each by a different Judge, will qualify as a Dog Jumping Champion and a KUSA Certificate to this effect may be applied for.

1.4.2 Grand Champion

A dog awarded fifteen (15) Dog Jumping Qualifying Certificates will qualify as a Dog Jumping Grand Champion and shall be issued with a KUSA certificate to that effect.

1.5 Registering and Eligibility of Dogs for Competition

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.

- 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)
48cm and above	Large	One (1) and Two (2)
43cm and less than 48cm	Intermediate	One (1) and Two (2)
35cm and less than 43cm	Medium	One (1) and Two (2)
Less than 35cm	Small	One (1) and Two (2)

1.5.2

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

No dog shall be awarded a qualification unless that dog has a clear round in the first round of a Table "A" competition. If there is only one (1) dog that goes clear in the first round, then no run off will be required to obtain a qualification. The dog that runs clear in the fastest time in Table "B" shall be awarded a qualification. In the event of more than fifteen (15) dogs in the Grade 2 class then the dogs placed first and second shall receive a qualification provided they were clear in the first round in Table "A" or Clear in "Table B".

- 1.5.2.2 The dog may, at the Registered Owner's choice, remain in Grade 2 until it has gained a total of five (5) qualifications at either Non-championship or Championship Shows. It must then advance to Grade 1.

- 1.5.2.3 Any handler that decides that their dog is going up to a higher grade may not go back and jump at a lower grade once the dog has competed in the higher grade and the dog's record card should be endorsed by a Championship Show Judge to this affect.

- 1.5.3 A dog having become eligible to compete in a Grade may continue to compete in that Grade until it becomes ineligible, as stated, or until it is suspended or disqualified from competition.

- 1.5.4 At the conclusion of the judging of a Grade it is the responsibility of the Judge of that Grade to enter in each dog's Record Card particulars of the Show with details of marks scored, appropriate placing and certificates awarded when such information is relevant to the dog's eligibility to compete in a higher Dog Jumping Grade or to the dog's achieving Champion status.

1.5.5

1.5.5.1 It is permissible to enter a dog for competition in a Dog Jumping Grade in anticipation of the dog qualifying to compete in that Grade at a previous show, provided that the entry is made in accordance with the rules of the Club holding the Dog Jumping Grade and that the dog qualifies prior to the day of the show.

1.5.5.2 It is permissible for a dog to partake in a higher Grade than the Grade entered in advance of a Show, provided that the dog has qualified out of the lower Grade prior to the Show.

1.5.6 Prior to any dog being permitted to compete in a Championship or Non-championship show for the first time, that dog 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.

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 both Judges.

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

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

1.5.10 Should a dog be reclassified the dog either moves up or down to the next height category.

1.5.11 Awards or Certificates gained in a lower height category are valid for a higher height category and vice versa.

1.5.12 Where a dog is reclassified between the submission of an entry and the commencement of a Competition the Show Secretary shall alter the Show records accordingly.

1.5.13 NFC Entries (Not for Competition Entries)

Handlers shall be able to enter their dogs into Dog Jumping Grades as "Not for Competition" NFC at any KUSA Show. The dog entered as NFC should be clearly marked as such on the Entry Form and Score Sheet prior to the commencement of the Show and may not be changed to a competitive entry on the day.

Any NFC dogs will run last in their respective Class. The Handler will be allowed in the ring for the maximum course time.

No dispensation in respect of Regulation 3.7, Disciplining of Dogs shall be permitted.

Dispensations in respect of Regulations 3.9 and 7.17 are allowed. The dog may not be rewarded with food in the ring.

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

No dispensation in respect of Regulation 2.11 shall be permitted even if another Handler is entered to handle the dog.

NFC entries shall be identified by the Judge/Scribe to the other competitors when the Handler enters the ring and shall not be marked or be eligible for prizes or be able to qualify.

1.6 Training and Qualification of Judges and Course Designers

- 1.6.1 Persons wishing to become Dog Jumping Judges must firstly become members of KUSA and thereafter should make application in writing to the Dog Jumping Sub-Committee of the Provincial area in which they normally reside. In areas where there is no Provincial Council, application should be made directly to KUSA.
- 1.6.2 Such application should provide proof that the applicant has acted as an Official (Scribe, Scorer) or Competitor at Dog Jumping Shows for not less than twelve (12) months.
- 1.6.3 Once a person has been accepted by their Provincial Council Sub-Committee or KUSA they must attend a course and achieve the required pass mark in all elements of the course as stated in Regulations 1.6.4 to 1.6.8.
- 1.6.4 The course shall cover the Rules and Regulations (Schedule 5D), judging techniques and course design. This Course shall be run by three (3) Championship Show Dog Jumping Judges. On completion of the course, the Candidate Judge shall then take an examination and practical test which shall consist of the following:
- 1.6.5 A written examination on KUSA Rules and Regulations, Schedule 03, the Temporary Exclusion Order (TEO) Manual and Schedule 09, Appendix B must be passed with at least 80%.
- 1.6.6 A written examination on the Dog Jumping Schedule and Judging techniques must be passed with at least 80%.
- 1.6.7 Design a Dog Jumping course (the decision whether it be a Grade 1 or 2 course to be left to the discretion of the examiners).
- 1.6.8 Practical judging of five (5) dogs competing a full round of either Grade 1 or Grade 2 (at the discretion of the examiners.) The design of the course for the practical examination will be undertaken by the examiners and not by the Candidate Judges.
- 1.6.9 Once a Candidate Judge has successfully passed the examination they will be issued with a Judges record card by the Provincial Council Sub-Committee and they may accept a Dog Jumping Non-Championship Show appointment.
- 1.6.10 They will be required to judge two (2) Non-Championship Shows at which a minimum of six (6) dogs must be present and exhibited. The Provincial Council Dog Jumping Sub-Committee will arrange for each judging appointment carried out by the Candidate judge to be observed by a qualified Dog Jumping Judge who will report back to the Provincial Council Dog Jumping Sub-Committee and endorse the Candidate Judge's record card if passed.
- 1.6.11 Once all the requirements set out in 1.6.4 to 1.6.10 inclusive, have been met and the Candidate Judge's record card has been endorsed by the Dog Jumping judges observing, said record card will be sent to KUSA who will in turn issue a Dog Jumping Judges Licence to that Judge and thereafter the Judge will be able to judge at Championship Shows.

- 1.6.12 In the event of a Judge not judging for a period of two (2) calendar years or more, said judge may not judge a Championship Show but shall first judge a Non-Championship Show.

This will be under the supervision of a Championship Show Judge. A written report by the supervising judge to be completed and sent to the provincial sub-committee as proof.

- 1.6.13 All locally domiciled Judges shall be members in good standing of the Kennel Union and shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years at the time when formal studies or activities towards a judging qualification commence, and/or any judging is undertaken.
- 1.6.14 Before approving a foreign Judge to officiate at any event under this Schedule, the Executive Committee shall be satisfied that said Judge is recognised and approved to judge such events in their country of permanent residence as it is proposed they should judge within the KUSA area of jurisdiction.
- 1.6.15 In order to maintain his judging status, a Judge is required to attend a Refresher Course. This must happen within three (3) years from his previous attendance 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 Judges.

The list of attendees must be sent through to the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee as proof of attendance. A refresher course may be in the form of an interactive workshop or be part of a judge's course as stipulated in Regulation 1.6.3.

Any queries that arise at these workshops and that cannot be resolved must be forwarded to the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee for clarification.

If a judge does not complete a refresher within the prescribed three (3) year period, the judge will be required to do a refresher course and officiate at a Non-Championship Show and be observed by a qualified Dog Jumping Judge before they can judge a Championship Show. If the judge does not pass the practical evaluation, they will be required to repeat the Non-Championship Show appointment.

2. MANAGEMENT OF DOG JUMPING TESTS

2.1.1 Dog Jumping Show Manager

The management of Dog Jumping Grades shall be entrusted to the Dog Jumping Show Manager who shall be appointed by the committee of the Club holding the show.

2.1.2 Disputes

- 2.1.2.1 Any disputed matter requiring a decision on the ground shall be decided by the Dog Jumping Show Manager and the Judge(s). However, the control of all matters connected with the dogs during competition shall rest with the Judge(s) of the Grade, but the Manager, if required, may be called upon for assistance.

- 2.1.2.2 No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge.

The Judge's decision is final.

- 2.1.2.3 Unseemly behaviour towards the Judge – Elimination.

2.1.3 Complaints

Complaints lodged by competitors will be dealt with in accordance with the KUSA Regulations. (Refer to the appropriate Regulation in Schedule 3 for Championship Shows and Schedule 4 for Non-Championship Shows).

2.1.4 Other Matters

Any matter not provided for in these Regulations or in the Kennel Union Constitution and Schedules shall be decided upon by a simple majority of all the Judges and the Dog Jumping Show Manager.

In the case of an equality of votes the Grade 1 Judge, or if there is no Grade 1 Judge, the Show Manager shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote, and the decision made shall be final.

- 2.1.5 The Judge shall be assisted by two (2) timekeepers, or an electronic device and one (1) timekeeper, a scorer and such other assistants as may be required.

2.2 Misbehaviour of Dogs at a Show

Physical disciplining of a dog or serious uncontrollable behaviour of a dog at a Dog Jumping Show may be penalised at the discretion of the Dog Jumping Show Manager by excluding the dog and/or handler from further competition at the show and/or by ordering the exhibitor of the dog to forfeit any Dog Jumping Awards, positions or qualifications gained at the show (see Regulations 3.7 and 7.15).

2.3 Number of Dogs to be judged

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 shall appoint an extra Judge or Judge(s) and shall allocate competitors as equally as possible 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, the Handler shall have the right to claim exemption from the draw if one of the appointed Judges is the Judge under whom the dog qualified for the said Certificate.

2.4 Handler of Dog

Either the owner or deputy may handle the dog but it must be one or the other. Once the dogs have commenced the exercises, an owner must not interfere with their dog if they has deputised another person to handle it.

The dog shall be handled by the same handler throughout a competition held under one (1) licence. Substitution may not take place even though the competition may be spread over several days.

2.5 Competing Dogs

Any dog at the age of 14 months on the first day of the show may compete unless they are a:

- 2.5.1.1 Pregnant bitch. Pregnant Bitches are not allowed to compete. A bitch will be considered pregnant from day one (1) of any mating or suspected mating, until proven otherwise.
- 2.5.1.2 Dog that is ill or hurt.
- 2.5.1.3 Doped dog.
- 2.5.1.4 Dog coming from or going to a region infected with rabies must have a valid inoculation certificate against rabies, administered in the last 3 years, which handlers shall produce if required by the Judge or Dog Jumping Show Manager.

Any dog without such a certificate shall not be eligible to compete.

2.5.2 Bitches in Season

- 2.5.2.1 Bitches in season may compete at the discretion of show holding club, and such permission must be published in the Show Schedule and the Catalogue.
- 2.5.2.2 Their condition must be declared to the Judge at the commencement of the show and announced to all competitors prior to course walking.

2.6 Conditions

It is the responsibility of the Dog Jumping Show Manager and of the Judge(s) to ensure that all dogs competing in a Grade, compete under the same conditions as far as this is practical.

2.7 Weather

It shall be at the sole discretion of the Judge whether or not competition in any Grade should be interrupted on account of inclement weather.

Cancellation of a Dog Jumping Show or any part of a Dog Jumping Show shall be at the discretion of the Dog Jumping Show Manager in consultation with the Judge(s).

2.8 Starting Times

All competitors shall be informed of the starting time for their Grade and competitors and dogs in each Grade shall be present at the site of the show at least thirty (30) minutes before that time.

The Judge shall have discretion to postpone the starting time of a Grade and the draw for order of competition for a reasonable period if competitors in the Grade are delayed through competition elsewhere in the show falling behind schedule. Such postponement shall be made known to all competitors in the Grade who are present.

Any competitor who is not present at the end of such postponement shall be regarded as having withdrawn from the Show and shall not be allowed to compete. The Judge has the discretion to commence a test without all competitors being present.

2.9 Order of Competition

- 2.9.1 The order of competition shall be determined by a draw among competitors entered, where applicable, for that Grade supervised by the Judge or any person to whom they delegate this authority, immediately before the first exercise of the Grade is due to begin.

OR

- 2.9.2 The order of competition shall be determined by a random computer draw of exhibitor numbers, where applicable, for that Grade on the day before the Show, supervised by the Judge or any person to whom they delegate this authority. In the case of Non-Championship Shows, if there are late entries (i.e. on the day of the Show) these shall run first.

2.10 Provision of Obstacles

- 2.10.1 The show-holding club and/ or the Provincial Council Dog Jumping Sub-Committee is responsible for the provision of obstacles, markers and similar objects which may be required in any Grade for which entries are accepted.

As indicated in the Schedules and Description of Exercises, the Judge/course builder is responsible for ensuring that all obstacles, markers, objects and other articles used in that Grade comply with these Regulations.

- 2.10.2 The Dog Jumping Show Manager is responsible for the demarcation of the areas to be used for Dog Jumping Grades and is responsible for ensuring that the areas comply with these Regulations.
- 2.10.3 The Grade 1 Judge is responsible for the building/designing of all courses for all Grades at a show and may specify a single course with applicable removal and adjustment of obstacles to accommodate all the Grades.

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-licensed event held at the same venue on the day that they are officiating, or in the same Dogsport held under the same licence on any day.
- 2.11.2 A Judge at a Show may not handle a dog in the same Dogsport (Breed, Obedience, Working Trials, IGP, Dog Jumping, Agility, Carting etc.) as that in which they are officiating.
- 2.11.3 An Agility or Dog Jumping Judge at a show may enter or handle a dog or dogs in the alternating Agility or Dog Jumping Dogsport on the day(s) that they are officiating, provided the following criteria are strictly adhered to:
- 2.11.3.1 The Dogsport they are judging will take preference at all times.
 - 2.11.3.2 At no time may the Dogsport they are judging be stopped or halted in any way so as that they may compete in another Dogsport.
 - 2.11.3.3 The Dogsport they intend entering must have a commencement time before or after the Dogsport they are judging.
- 2.11.4 At the discretion of the Show-holding Club, a Dog Jumping Judge at a Non-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 Class.

2.12 Catalogue Number

Handlers must announce the catalogue number to the scribe when the handler enters the ring and before starting the exercise. The handler is not required to wear the catalogue number in the ring

2.13 Jumping Show Arenas

- 2.13.1 When any Dog Jumping competition is held indoors, the arena must be at least 20m x 30m and thoroughly cleaned before judging starts. The floor shall have a

suitable surface so that competition can take place without possible injury to handler or dog.

2.13.2 When any Dog Jumping competition is held out of doors, the arena shall measure approximately 30m x 40m and the surface should be fairly level.

2.13.3 The perimeter of the arena must be clearly demarcated.

3. JUDGING OF JUMPING GRADES

3.1 Knowledge of the Regulations

All handlers are expected to have a thorough knowledge of the Regulations covering the Grade entered.

3.2 Dogs Tested Separately

The Judge must test each competing dog separately, except in Table D competitions.

3.3 Collars

For safety reasons a dog is not permitted to wear a collar or lead whilst under test.

3.4 Features of Judging

3.4.1 The purpose of Dog Jumping exercises is to demonstrate the usefulness and agility of the dog as a companion of man. Dog Jumping is meant to test the agility, obedience and fitness of the dog as well as the handler's skill to train and direct his dog faultlessly and quickly through an obstacle course.

3.4.2 It is the responsibility of the Judge to ensure that the exercises being performed are both interesting for spectators and worthwhile for the handler and dog. Championship Show Schedules shall indicate the Judge nominated Table to be applied by the Judge to the respective Grades.

3.4.3 Dogs must be judged on their ability to negotiate the course as laid out and not upon their breed qualities.

3.4.4 Standardised judging is of paramount importance. Judges must not introduce their own variations into the competition and must ensure that each handler and dog execute the various obstacles as described.

A handler who is familiar with the Regulations should be able to enter the ring without having to enquire how the Judge wishes to have the course completed.

Judges must adhere strictly to the Regulations.

Where Federal Council has approved the appointment of a Judge whose normal permanent domicile is outside the KUSA area of jurisdiction, it shall be the responsibility of the Dog Jumping Show Manager to ensure that said Judge is made familiar with and applies the Regulations and terms of this Schedule.

3.5 Interference with Competitors

3.5.1 The Judge of a Dog Jumping Grade may remove from competition any dog which behaves in an uncontrollable manner or any handler who interferes wilfully with another competitor or their dog.

3.5.2 The Judge may also expel from competition, any dog which they consider unfit to compete, pregnant or any bitch which appears so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element.

If necessary, an official veterinarian shall be called to give his opinion, but the Judge's decision is final.

3.6 Withdrawal from Competition

The owner or their deputy entering a dog in a Dog Jumping Grade does so at their own risk and the dog must compete in each Grade in which it is entered, unless expelled by the Judge or excused by the Judge.

3.7 Disciplining of Dogs

From the time when a Judge takes control of assembled competitors to begin judging a Grade until the Judge dismisses the competitors after the results of a Grade have been announced, no handler in that Grade shall physically discipline a dog either inside or outside the arena.

In the event of such physical disciplining occurring, or in the event of serious uncontrollable behaviour of a dog in the arena, the Judge will severely penalise the dog concerned by adding faults to the total score of the dog. In addition, the Judge may, at their discretion, exclude the dog from further competition in the Grade (see also Regulations 2.2, 7.14 and 7.15).

3.8 Practice

Handlers will be allowed to practice with their dogs at a show subject to the provisions of Regulation 3.7 but no practice or training may take place in any arena before competition commences.

3.9 Rewarding Dogs

No food, object or substance of any kind may be taken into the arena. Refer to 7.17.

No baiting with a ball, toy or food to be allowed. Refer to Regulation 7.17

However, words of praise and encouragement are permitted during the competition.

3.10 Handler's Commands

In all Grades the handler may use the dog's "call name" and may signal without penalty. The use of any kind of manufactured whistle is prohibited.

3.11 Commencement of Exercise

- 3.11.1 The Judge shall not signal the start of the exercise until the handler and dog are in the arena, the dog is independently under control and the handler has confirmed that the exercise may start.
- 3.11.2 No dog shall be permitted to negotiate any obstacle or encroach upon the area between the starting posts before the Judge's signal has been given.
- 3.11.3 No exercise shall commence until the Judge has signalled the start of the exercise by means of a whistle, bell or other audible signal. The first obstacle must be negotiated within thirty (30) seconds of the signal. (See also 7.9).
- 3.11.4 The dog must be positioned on the start line side of the first obstacle, and not past the refusal line of this obstacle.

3.12 Competitor's Score

As each dog completes an exercise their score for the exercise must be entered by the scorer on a score sheet and that score must be made known to the handler and to spectators before the next competitor commences.

Scores may not be changed subsequently except to correct arithmetical errors or add faults for contravention of paragraph 3.7.

3.13 Equal Scores

In the case of an equality of scores in any Grade those dogs shall be tested again, immediately, by having them complete the whole or part of the course at the Judge's discretion.

3.14 Announcement of Results

After the scores are totalled and winners decided, before announcing the placing, the Judge will inform the public as to the time allowed and the time limit for the course.

They shall then announce the winner, including any qualifiers for the award of a Dog Jumping Certificate, and their scores as well as the scores of other competitors placed.

It remains up to each judge or show hosting committee to issue prizes to non-jump off dogs in Table 'A' competitions based on time and faults.

3.15 Abnormal Circumstances

If, in the Judge's opinion, the dog's performance in any exercise was prejudiced by peculiar and/or unusual circumstances, the Judge must stop the Handler and re-judge the dog on the entire exercise.

3.16 Additional Commands

The Judge shall position themselves and their steward(s) in the arena so as to be aware at all times of physical handling/guiding of a dog.

3.17 Adhering to Regulations

No Judge shall require any dog or handler to do anything or penalise a dog or handler for failing to do anything which is not required by these Regulations and the Schedule of Description of Exercises.

3.18 Judge's Orders

Judge's/Steward's orders are required to be clearly spoken for everyone to follow the judging.

3.19 Events outside the Regulations

In the event of circumstances arising not covered by KUSA Rules and Regulations, the Judge of the Grade will have discretionary powers to make a ruling subject to confirmation by KUSA.

In such instances the Judge must submit a report to KUSA setting out all details within fourteen (14) days of the close of the Show.

3.20 Dogs' Qualifying Record Cards

No Judge shall permit a dog to compete in any Grade which they are judging unless the handler produces, before the start of said Grade, their dog's Qualifying Record Card

showing that the dog is eligible to compete in that Grade as certified by Provincial Councils, or the National Committee

4. SCHEDULE OF EXERCISES FOR JUMPING GRADES

4.1 Grade 2 Small, Medium, Intermediate and Large

Eligibility

This will be in accordance with Regulations 1.5.1 and 1.5.2.

Exercise

The table for competition will be nominated by the Judge. Refer to regulation 6.

4.1.1 Time allowed:

Minimum	Maximum
1.5 meters per second	2.5 meters per second

4.1.2 The time limit set for the exercises must be approximately twice the time allowed.

4.1.3 Not less than eight (8) and not more than twelve (12) obstacles may be used.

4.1.4 Only the following obstacles shall be permitted:

4.1.4.1 Hurdles (See Regulation 5.2.2 and 5.2.3)

4.1.4.2 Not more than three (3) double upright spread hurdles. (See Regulation 5.2.3).

4.1.4.3 Bending Poles as a single obstacle consisting of twelve (12) poles.

4.1.4.4 Tube Tunnel.

4.1.4.5 Breakaway Frameless Tyre Jump.

4.1.4.6 Long Jump

4.2 Grade 1 Small, Medium, Intermediate and Large

Eligibility

This will be in accordance with Regulations 1.5.1 and 1.5.2.

Exercise

The table for competition will be nominated by the Judge, except that Table C or D may not be nominated for a Championship Show.

4.2.1 Time allowed:

Minimum	Maximum
2.5 meters per second	3.5 meters per second

4.2.2 The time limit set for the exercises must be approximately twice the time allowed.

4.2.3 Not less than eight (8) and not more than fifteen (15) obstacles may be used.

4.2.4 For Grade 1 dogs all obstacles and any combination of obstacles are permitted, subject to these regulations.

4.2.5 Bending Poles as a single obstacle consisting of a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of twelve (12) poles.

4.3 Veterans Class

- 4.3.1 The Veterans Class may be offered at the discretion of the show holding club.
- 4.3.2 The Class is only for dogs who are a minimum age of seven (7) years and have previously entered other classes competitively i.e. the dog must have record cards.
- 4.3.3 Dogs entered in the Veterans Class at a show may only compete in their respective Veterans Class.
- 4.3.4 The Veterans Class will be run on the Grade 1 courses at the Grade 2 time allowed.
- 4.3.5 Obstacles:

Veterans Class	Jump Height	Long Jump (Depth)
Small/Medium	20 cm	40 cm
Intermediate/Large	40 cm	50 cm

- 4.3.6 The Tyre and Spread hurdle/s are not permitted to be used in the Veterans Class.
- 4.3.7 The running order of the Veterans Classes will be at the Judge's discretion
- 4.3.8 No jump off is required for Veterans. The winner will be decided as per Table B, even if the class is run as Table A.

5. SCHEDULE OF COURSE AND OBSTACLES FOR JUMPING GRADES

5.1 Course:

- 5.1.1 The course designer/ builder will arrange the obstacles as determined in 4.1.3, 4.1.4, 4.2.3 and 4.2.4 according to the Grade competing.
 - 5.1.1.1 The start and finish poles shall be positioned a minimum of six (6) metres in from the boundary rope.

Both the start and finish poles shall be positioned in such a manner that they are approximately parallel to the first or last obstacle and approximately in line of flight from the first or last obstacle and no more than two (2) meters from the first or last obstacle.
 - 5.1.1.2 From the position of the numbers, it must be clear from which side the obstacle has to be negotiated (with the exception of a U-shaped tunnel where the number can be placed in the middle to indicate that either side can be taken) and shall be placed in such manner that it does not interfere with either dog or handler.
 - 5.1.1.3 The obstacles shall be arranged in such a way that they are no danger to the dogs or handlers and placed so that the distance in a straight line shall not be less than six (6) meters nor more than twelve (12) meters measured from the nominal points.
 - 5.1.1.4 The course design must include at least one (1); 180 degree turn.
 - 5.1.1.5 A run-off course used in a Table 'A' competition shall also include at least one (1); 180 degree turn.
 - 5.1.1.6 Each obstacle must be negotiated in the order indicated.

- 5.1.1.7 The approach to the Tyre, Long Jump and Spread obstacle shall be in a straight approach on the dog's path from the previous obstacle.
- 5.1.1.8 The course distance shall be measured by the Judge following the average dog's path.
- 5.1.2 A copy of the course plan will be provided by the Judge and displayed outside the arena for the benefit of the competitors before the start of the Grade.

The course plan must show the sequence of the jumps and their approximate location in the arena, the length of the course and the time allowed and the applicable Table(s).

- 5.1.3 The course shall have a time controlled start and finish line. The minimum width between the posts of the start and of the finish shall be 1.2m.

Timing shall commence when either handler or dog impinges the area between the start and ends when the dog passes between the finish posts.

- 5.1.4 Before the Grade commences, competitors shall be permitted to walk the course without their dogs.

Course	Minimum	Maximum
First round/Main course	Two (2) minutes	Five (5) minutes
Run-off course	One (1) minute	Two (2) minutes

5.2 Obstacles:

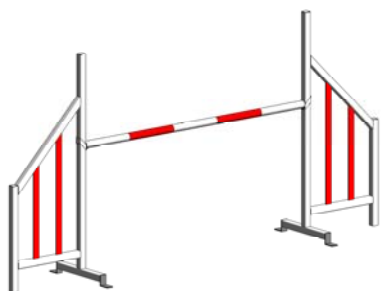
- 5.2.1 The width of the wing is not to exceed 75cm and the height must not exceed the height of the posts.

All hurdles must be constructed in such a manner that the horizontal bar/crossbars will fall away from the hurdle, in the dog's direction of travel.

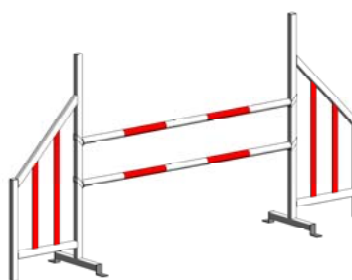
5.2.2 Vertical Hurdles:

Uprights, wall jump(s), brush jump(s) and cross poles.
Height of horizontal or at centre, of cross poles:

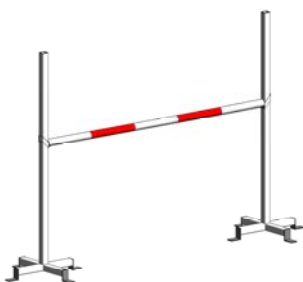
Grade	Category	Min Height (cm)	Max Height (cm)	Min Width (m)
One (1)	Large	55	60	1.2
	Intermediate	45	50	1.2
	Medium	35	40	1.2
	Small	25	30	1.2
Two (2)	Large	50	55	1.2
	Intermediate	40	45	1.2
	Medium	30	35	1.2
	Small	20	25	1.2



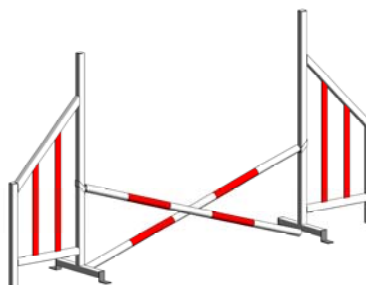
Single Wing Hurdle/ Jump



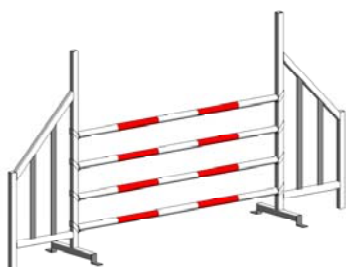
Single Wing Double Pole Hurdle/ Jump



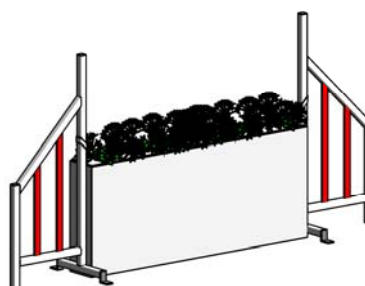
Single Wingless Hurdle/ Jump



Single Cross Pole Wing Hurdle/ Jump



Wall Wing Hurdle/ Jump



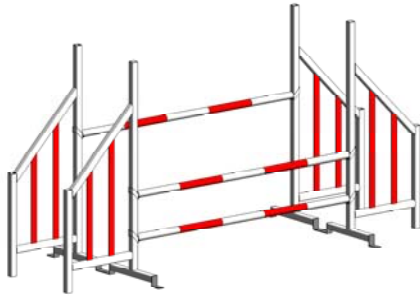
Single Brush Hurdle/ Jump

5.2.3 Spread Hurdles:

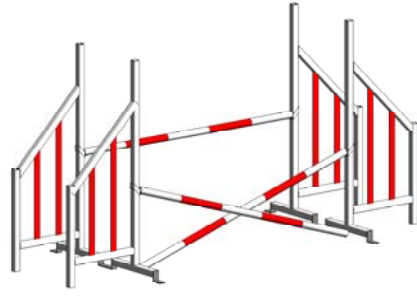
Double uprights; brush and upright(s); triple bar; cross poles and upright(s); triple bar fan and uprights.

The dimensions of the Hurdle/s shall be as follows:

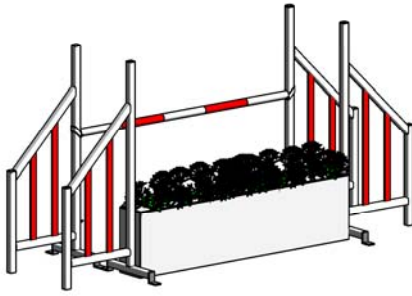
Grade	Category	Min Height (cm)	Max Height (cm)	Max Depth (cm)	Min Width (m)
One (1)	Large	50	60	60	1.2
	Intermediate	40	50	50	1.2
	Medium	30	40	40	1.2
	Small	20	30	30	1.2
Two (2)	Large	40	50	50	1.2
	Intermediate	35	45	45	1.2
	Medium	25	35	35	1.2
	Small	15	25	25	1.2



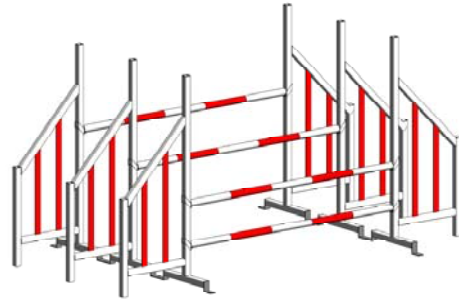
Double Spread Hurdle/ Jump



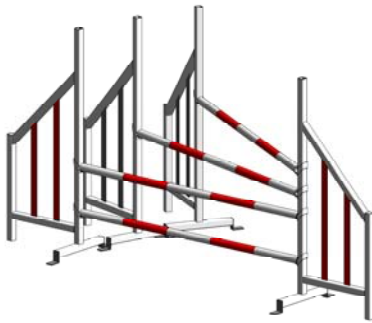
Cross Pole Double Spread Hurdle/ Jump



Double Spread Brush Hurdle/ Jump



Triple Spread Hurdle/ Jump



Triple Spread Hurdle/ Jump

On all hurdles, the top part must be easily displaced.

The centre of the front element for Grade 1 and 2 Large shall be a minimum of 10cm lower than the back element and a minimum of 5cm lower for Grade 1 and 2 Small and Medium.

The parallels of all spread hurdles shall be in ascending order.

When the depth of a spread hurdle exceeds 50cm then the hurdle shall consist of three (3) pairs of uprights and pole/s.

5.2.4 Collapsible Tyre Jump

The obstacle will consist of a mounted or suspended tyre, with the dimensions listed below:

Grade(s) One (1) and Two (2)	Aperture	Centre height
Large	Between 45 and 60cm	80cm
Intermediate		70cm
Small and Medium		55cm
The width of the tyre is minimum 8cm. and maximum 18cm.		

5.2.4.1 Frameless Tyre

The tyre must have a consistent shape, constructed using an impact absorbing material. The tyre is fixed into position (height) by two (2) uprights on either side of the tyre.

The construction must provide sufficient stability to ensure that the obstacle is not tipped over too easily.

The uprights must not protrude above the top of the tyre.

There should be no beam across the top.

Breakaway frameless tyres may also be used.

5.2.5 Bending Poles:

The obstacle will consist of a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of twelve (12) poles, each to be 60cm apart in a straight line, (Regulation 4.1.4.6 and 4.2.5)

Each pole must have a minimum height of 1.2m.

5.2.6 The Long Jump:

Two (2) to five (5) separate units comprise the long jump.

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

Width of unit: 1,20m minimum

Height of highest unit: 28cm

Height of lowest unit: 15cm

Depth of each unit: 15cm slightly slanting

Corner poles with a minimum height of approximately 1,20m should be placed at all corners. The corner poles should not be fixed to the units. If a corner pole banks an element, it is no fault.

5.2.7 Tube Tunnel:

The obstacle dimensions:

Tunnel Type	Diameter	Length
Tube	Between 60 and 75 cm	minimum 3m and maximum 6m
Collapsible tunnels will not be allowed.		

The tunnel has to be flexible and it is recommended that it should be made from a uniformly surfaced material in a light colour.

Tube tunnels must always be pulled out to their full length.

When securing the tunnel, the strapping or webbing must follow the contours of the tunnel and not cause it to become misshaped or its diameter to be reduced.

6. SCHEDULE OF TABLES FOR JUMPING GRADES

The Table/s shall be nominated by the Judge/s and are to be included in the displayed course plan. Championship Show schedules must indicate the nominated Table(s) for each Grade.

6.1 **Table A:**

Table A consists of two (2) rounds with a time limit, see regulation 4.2. All dogs with a clear first round compete on a shortened course and the dog with the least faults and fastest time will be declared the winner.

A Qualification Certificate, in the case of Grade 1, shall be awarded to the winning dog only if the first round is a clear round. The same shall apply for a Qualification in Grade 2.

When only one (1) dog obtains a clear first round, a second round is not required, and this dog is declared the winner.

Where no dog obtains a clear round the dog with the least faults and fastest time is declared the winner but that dog shall not receive a Qualifying Certificate in the case of Grade 1, or a Qualification in the case of Grade 2.

6.2 **Table B:**

Table B consists of one (1) round with a time limit. The dog with the least faults and fastest time is declared the winner.

A Qualifying Certificate, in the case of Grade 1, shall be awarded to the winning dog only if a clear round is achieved. The same shall apply for a Qualification in Grade 2.

6.3 **Table C:**

Table C consists of one (1) round with a time limit.

A one (1) second penalty is incurred for every five (5) faults.

All disqualifications will apply.

The dog with the fastest time is declared the winner.

6.4 **Table D:**

Prior advice must be sent to KUSA, giving full details of informal events and written permission must be received before these are held.

Informal events may not be held at national or regional competitions.

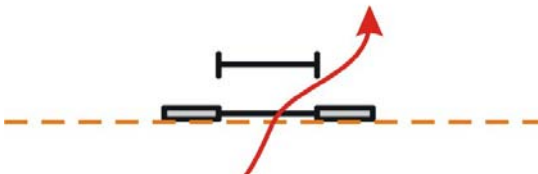
7. **PENALTIES**

Penalty faults are applied to every infringement.

7.1 **Vertical Hurdles:**

Infringement	Penalty
Top horizontal bar dislodged.	Five (5)
Lower bar dislodges (Single Double Pole/Wall Jump/Hurdle).	Zero (0) / No Penalty
The dog runs under the obstacle without dislodging the bar. The refusal must be corrected.	Refusal; Ten (10)
The dog negotiates the next obstacle before the refusal is corrected.	Disqualification

7.2 Spread Hurdles:

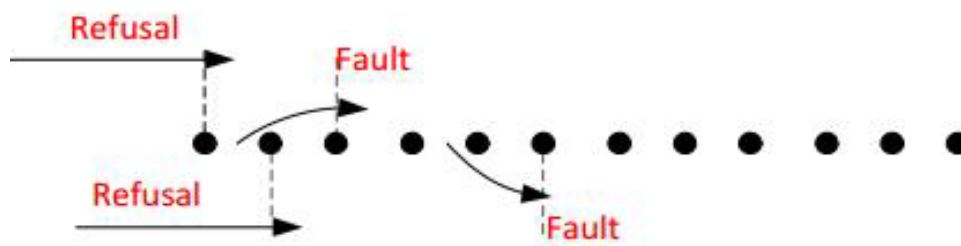
Infringement	Penalty
Top horizontal bar of any element of the spread hurdle is dislodged.	Five (5)
Lower bar dislodges.	Zero (0) / No Penalty
<p>The dog splits a spread hurdle so that it exits the hurdle at the side between the front and back uprights instead of between the back uprights.</p> <p>The refusal must be corrected.</p> 	Refusal; Ten (10)
The dog negotiates the next obstacle before the refusal is corrected.	Disqualification

7.3 The Frameless Breakaway Tyre Obstacle:



Infringement	Penalty
The dog attempts to jump through the Tyre but hits the surround and causes the entire obstacle to fall. (Dog has not gone through the tyre).	Disqualification
The dog jumps over or runs under the obstacle breaking the tyre.	Disqualification
The dog attempts to jump through the tyre, where the one half of the tyre dislodges from the other half.	Five (5)
The dog jumps over or runs under the obstacle. The refusal must be corrected.	Refusal; Ten (10)
The dog jumps over, runs under or past the tyre without dislodging/breaking one half from the other half. The refusal must be corrected.	Refusal; Ten (10)
The dog negotiates next obstacle before a refusal is corrected.	Disqualification
The dog places a paw or both front paws in the aperture of the hoop or tyre and immediately negotiates the obstacle.	Zero (0) / No Penalty

7.4 Bending Poles:

Infringement	Penalty
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any incorrect entry to the Bending Poles. The dog's nose projects past first pole on the left side. The dog's nose projects past the second pole on the right side. 	Refusal; Ten (10)
Missing out a Pole.	Fault - Five (5)
Taking a pole in wrong order.	Fault - Five (5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dog's nose projects past the pole of the next correct gate. 	Fault - Five (5)
A Fault can only be given once for the complete exercise regardless of the amount of faults incurred.	
The dog back weaving more than three (3) gates.	Disqualification
In all the above cases, the dog should be brought back to the approximate point of error and must negotiate all the remaining poles. If a mistake occurs, the Bending Poles can be negotiated from the beginning.	
Failure to complete the poles correctly	Disqualification
All refusals must be corrected. Not correcting refusal.	Disqualification
Dog has incurred 3 Refusals at the entry of the poles.	Disqualification



7.5 Long Jump:

Infringement	Penalty
Running past the Long jump or jumping in it. The refusal must be corrected.	Refusal; Ten (10)
Banking or knocking down one of the units.	Five (5)
Walk in the Long Jump. The refusal must be corrected.	Refusal; Ten (10)
<p>A dog that exits through the side instead of the demarcated rear poles.</p>  <p>or a dog that enters through the side instead of the demarcated front poles</p>  <p>The refusal must be corrected</p>	Refusal; Ten (10)
A dog that touches or knocks down one of the corner poles of the long jump.	Zero (0) / No Penalty, as they are guides to the judges only
No casual contact with the elements of the long jump will be faulted	

7.6 Tube Tunnel:

The Tube Tunnel may be curved/ shaped or used in a straight line as the Judge prefers.

Infringement	Penalty
If the dog goes into the tunnel correctly and comes back out again The refusal must be corrected	Refusal; Ten (10)
The dog jumps over or places part of its body in either side of the tunnel when it is not the next obstacle.	Disqualification
The dog jumps over the tunnel while busy negotiating the tunnel. The refusal must be corrected	Refusal; Ten (10)

7.7 The Arena:

From the beginning of the course building to the start of the competition the arena is closed.

Infringement	Penalty
Any dog practising in the arena.	Disqualification
After starting the round, the dog leaves the arena but returns within fifteen (15) seconds	Time faults
Dog leaves the arena and fails to return within fifteen (15) seconds	Disqualification
Handler leaves the arena after starting the round	Disqualification

7.8 The Start:

The round is deemed to have begun when the dog or handler passes between the start poles when they are a separate entity to the first obstacle.

The time begins as the dog (or handler) passes between the start poles.

In the case of the start poles being on the first obstacle and the dog passes the poles without taking the first obstacle, the time will commence, and a refusal fault can be given.

Infringement	Penalty
The dog fails to commence the competition within thirty (30) seconds of the Judge's start signal.	Disqualification
The dog starts the round before the start signal	Disqualification
The dog does not cross the start poles and takes an obstacle	Disqualification

7.9 The Finish:

Time stops when the dog crosses the finish line.

Infringement	Penalty
The handler crosses the finish line before the dog.	Disqualification
The dog does not cross the finish line within thirty (30) seconds of negotiating the final obstacle.	Disqualification
The dog crosses the finish line at any stage before completing the course.	Disqualification

7.10 Missing out a Hurdle/Jump or Obstacles jumped out of order:

Infringement	Penalty
The dog misses a hurdle/obstacle	Disqualification
A dog running under a hurdle without dislodging the top element(s). The refusal must be corrected	Refusal; Ten (10)
The dog negotiates a hurdle/obstacle in the wrong order or wrong direction	Disqualification
The dog negotiates a further hurdle/obstacle or returns to its handler over the finish line after it has crossed the finish line from the correct side and the timing has stopped.	Zero (0) / No Penalty
The handler clears/ negotiates an obstacle at any time during a course (i.e. handler jumps over tunnel).	Disqualification

7.11 Refusals:

7.11.1 Three refusals in total during a round – disqualification.

7.11.2 All refusals mentioned in these regulations are valid for the statement in.

7.11.3 All refusals must be corrected.

Infringement	Penalty
The dog stops in front of a hurdle/ obstacle for five (5) seconds or longer. The refusal must be corrected.	Refusal; Ten (10)
The dog approaches the hurdle/ obstacle and moves away from it in any direction, except towards the obstacle. The refusal must be corrected.	Refusal; Ten (10)
The dog runs past or its nose projects past a hurdle/ obstacle and has to reverse or come back to negotiate the hurdle/ obstacle. The refusal must be corrected.	Refusal; Ten (10)

7.12 Disobedience:

Any act by the dog which indicates that it is out of control or shows unruly or aggressive behaviour - disqualification.

7.13 Handling:

Infringement	Penalty
If a dog or handler gains any advantage by physically handling/guiding of the dog by the handler throughout the round, on the course or while negotiating any hurdle/obstacle.	Ten (10) (non-refusal)
Bumping : Inadvertent	Zero (0) / No Penalty
Bumping: Deliberate	Ten (10) (non-refusal) Per infringement
Any physical handling or touching of any of the hurdle/obstacles.	Ten (10) (non-refusal)

7.14 Time Allowed:

Exceeding the time allowed – One (1) time fault per second or fraction thereof to two (2) decimal places.

7.15 Time Limit:

Exceeding the time limit - disqualification.

7.16 Movement of Obstacles:

Infringement	Penalty
The dog refuses to negotiate a hurdle/ obstacle and thereby causes the hurdle/ obstacle or any part of the hurdle/ obstacle to move, fall, break or dislodge.	Disqualification
Should the handler dislodge an element of the hurdle prior to the dog negotiating it.	Disqualification

7.17 Baiting:

7.17.1 Baiting or offering food or other inducement whilst in the arena – disqualification.

7.17.2 Clothing worn by the competitor is not considered as a baiting tool. e.g. Hat blows off and is caught by the handler. The handler completes the round with hat in hand. There will be no dispensation for baiting.

However, if it is perceived by the judge that the handler is using the article of clothing for baiting once retrieved, the handler must be disqualified under this paragraph.



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