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SCHEDULE 5(L) Appendix C
REGULATIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN DOGS TO COMPETE AT THE FCI AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Effective **01.01.2023**)

TERMINOLOGY

"Agility Treasurer" shall mean the Treasurer of the NAgSC and AWC Working Group, unless otherwise stated.

"AWC" shall mean the Agility World Championships.

"AWCWG" shall mean the AWC Working Group.

"AWC **Working Group"** shall mean the **group of individuals** specially **appointed to administer the South African AWC Trials** and **selection of the SA AWC** Team.

"Chairperson of the AWCWG" shall mean the person elected by the Working Group to take primary responsibility to ensure all matters pertaining to SA dogs competing at the AWC are achieved and officially liaise with the NAgSC.

"FCI Representative" shall mean the person appointed by the Federal Council of KUSA to attend to FCI Agility matters.

"NAgSC**"** shall mean the National Agility Sub-Committee.

"SAAC**"** shall mean the South African Agility Championships.

"SAAC Committee**"** shall **be** the **designated Provincial Council Agility** Sub-Committee **selected** each year to **host and** co-ordinate the **SAAC**.

"South African AWC Trials" shall mean the event organised for the final selection of South African dogs to compete at the AWC.

Words importing the singular shall include the plural, words importing the masculine shall include the feminine gender and neuter, and vice versa, unless such interpretation is inconsistent with the context hereof.

1. SHOWREGULATIONS

1.1 **The Regulations, as set out in Schedule 5(L) Regulations for Agility Classes shall apply to this competition, *mutatis mutandis,* and in so far as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule.**

2. ADMINISTRATION

NAgSC Proposal:

2.1 **General**

2.1.1 **The South African AWC Trials will be run by the AWCWG.**

2.1.2 **If the South African AWC Trials is held in conjunction with the SAAC, the AWCWG shall also form part of the SAAC Committee (refer to Schedule 5(L) Appendix D). Members of the AWCWG may be members of the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee hosting the SAAC.**

2.1.3 If the **South African AWC Trials are** run independently to the SAAC, then the **AWCWG** shall be responsible **for** obtain**ing** sponsorship to ensure **that** the event does not run at a loss.

3. **AWC WORKING GROUP**

3.1 Composition of the AWCWG

~~[3.1.1 A core committee with a member from each province will be formed for a minimum term of two (2) years. Each year the hosting province will be allowed additional members on this committee. The AWC Sub-Committee will comprise at least one (1) member from each Province with the exception of Gauteng which will have 2 (Gauteng, Kwazulu-Natal, Free State, Eastern Province and Western Province with the inclusion of Border, Southern Cape and Boland).]~~

NAgSC Proposal:

3.1.1 **The AWCWG shall be composed of one (1) Representative from each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee, all to be Members in good standing with KUSA and must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. The Representatives shall all serve for a period of four (4) years, coterminous with the term of the NAgSC.**

3.1.2 **In the event a member resigns from his Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee or has his membership revoked or suspended by KUSA, his representation on the AWCWG will cease automatically.**

3.1.3 **The AWCWG shall elect a Chairperson to liaise with and report to the NAgSC within the terms of reference issued by the NAgSC (refer to Regulation 3.2.1).**

3.1.4 **The Chairperson of the AWCWG shall remain in office coterminous with the term of the NAgSC Convener. Should the Chairperson of the AWCWG fail to serve out his term of office, another member of the AWCWG shall replace him until a new Chairperson is elected for the next term.**

3.1.5 **The Agility Treasurer, as appointed by the NAgSC, shall keep a true record of all proceedings and shall be responsible and have the authority to submit invoices received from the AWCWG to KUSA for remuneration. The account shall be held by KUSA.**

3.1.6 The FCI Representative **shall** be **a member** of the **AWCWG**.

~~[3.1.7 The sub-Committee may elect other members as required (e.g. treasurer, organiser etc.)]~~

NAgSC Proposal:

3.1.7 **The AWCWG shall be at liberty to fill casual vacancies and co-opt additional resources to assist the Working Group, provided that all those appointed to fill vacancies on the Working Group, or those co-opted to supplement the Working Group's resources, shall be Members in good standing with KUSA. They will not be entitled to a vote.**

3.2 Management of the AWCWG

NAgSC Proposal:

3.2.1 **While the AWCWG is responsible for all administrative matters relating to the South African AWC Trials and selection of the South African (SA) Team to compete at the AWC, it is accountable to the NAgSC in respect of fundraising, finances, travel arrangements and any other operational matters.**

3.2.2 **All duties and objectives of the AWCWG shall be controlled by the Chairperson as elected in terms of Regulation 3.1.3.**

3.3 Duties of the AWCWG

3.3.1 The duties **of the AWCWG** will include but not be restricted to:

- **Schedule and manage the South African AWC Trials**. If this event forms part of the SAAC, the AWCWG will form part of the SAAC Committee **(Refer to Schedule 5(L), Appendix D)**.
- **Ensure all documentation requirements are circulated to handlers timeously.**
- **Source** sponsorship for the **SA AWC** Team. This will be done on a national basis by enlisting members of the Provincial **Council Agility** Sub-Committees for assistance.
- **Select** the Team **Leader** and other relevant members of the South African squad **who** will travel to the AWC.
- **Assist** the Team **Leader** and members of the **SA AWC** Team with their preparations for the AWC.

3.3.2 The aim of the **AWCWG** will be to ensure preparations with regards to the **SA AWC Team are implemented** until the Team **Leader** is selected and tasks **have been allocated** to the team members **(refer to Regulation 6.1)**.

~~[3.3.3 The committee shall elect from amongst its members a Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer who shall have the authority to arrange payments. The payments shall be authorised by any two (2) of those persons. The committee shall keep a true record of all proceedings and a receipt and payments account. The contest to participate in the World Championships must be run on a breakeven situation. All profit/loss to accrue or be carried by the contest. A Profit/Loss Account to be submitted to the NAgSC Convenor after completion of the contest. All profits will be allocated to the AWC Team and all losses carried by the host Sub-Committee. A Profit/Loss Account is to be submitted to the NAC Convenor within thirty (30) days after completion of the AWC Final Selection event]~~

4. SOUTH AFRICAN TRIALS FOR THE AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

NAgSC Proposal:

4.1 **General**

4.1.1 **The South African AWC Trials may be held at the same time and venue as the SAAC event (refer to Schedule 5(L) Appendix D).**

4.2 Eligibility of Dogs

4.2.1 **All dogs must be twenty-four (24) months of age or older on the first day of the FCI AWC and in possession of a FCI recognised pedigree. Dogs must be tattooed or micro-chipped.**

4.2.2 Dogs must be in **at least Contact** Agility 2 with a qualification before the start of the South African **AWC** Trials **in order** to be eligible to compete in the South African **AWC** Trials **and AWC**.

4.2.3 Bitches in season **must** be allowed to compete in the **South African AWC Trials**. The onus will be on the handler to bring the bitch's condition to the attention of the judge**/s** at the event.

4.3 Schedule and Documentation

4.3.1 The AWCWG will publish a Show Schedule for the **South African AWC** Trials by the 31st January each year.

4.3.2 The closing date for entry into the **South African AWC** Trials will be **published on the Show Schedule**.

4.3.3 Handlers may enter the South African **AWC** Trials by completing and submitting an official KUSA entry form **or electronic form**, payment of the entry fee as determined by the **NAgSC** and payment of an AWC deposit as determined by the AWCWG.

4.3.4 All entrants to the **South African AWC Trials must** submit their complete **documentation**

package **to the Chairperson of the AWCWG or a designated member at least** fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the **South African AWC Trials.** The **AWCWG Chairperson or designated member** will inform entrants as to any errors or potential shortfalls noted in their documentation within two (2) working days of submission.

~~[4.3.5 The reserves should also ensure that all their documents are in order so that they do not encounter problems if they have to replace a team member before the closing date of entries.]~~

NAgSC Proposal:

4.3.5 **The documentation package must include the following:**

- **Valid rabies titre certificate**
- **Valid rabies vaccination certificate**
- **Valid 5 in 1 vaccination certificate**
- **Copy of the dog's microchip registration certificate**
- **Copy of Record Card with at least one (1) qualification in Contact Agility 2**
- **Copy of the dog's KUSA Certificate of Registration and Certified Pedigree**
- **Proof of the handler's and owner's KUSA membership that must be current**
- **Handler's passport with at least two (2) clear pages and the expiry date must be more than six (6) months after the last day of the AWC.**
- **Any additional requirements that may be requested by the committee of the hosting country.**

Should any of the above items expire between the South African AWC Trials and the AWC event, the onus in on the owner to renew them. Failure to do so may result in the dog needing to be withdrawn from the South African Team.

4.3.6 Each entrant's documentation package needs to be 100% complete twenty-four (24) hours before commencement of the **South African AWC Trials** or they will not be eligible to compete **for selection** and will be refunded their full deposit.

4.4 Organisation

The following criteria must be read in conjunction with **Regulation 2** of this Schedule as well as Schedule 5(L) Appendix D – Regulations for the South African Agility Championships. Relevant items will apply to this Schedule were applicable.

4.4.1 The **South African AWC Trials** will be run by members of the AWCWG **and, if required, a nominated Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee** when the event is run on its own **(refer to Regulation 2)**.

~~[The AWC team selection event will be run by members of the AWC Sub-Committee assisted by members of the host Province's Agility Sub-Committee. Refer to Paragraph 2.2.]~~

4.4.2 If the event is held in conjunction with the SAAC, the SAAC Committee will [~~also~~] **organise and run** the **South African AWC Trials together with the AWCWG**.

4.4.3 The **hosting of** the South African **AWC** Trials [~~event~~] will be rotated between the Provinces as often as possible, but the timing of the event and conditions stipulated by sponsors may override this principle. Whenever possible, the **South African AWC Trials** should be held indoors to simulate the conditions at the **AWC**.

4.4.4 The South African **AWC** Trials will be held at least eight (8) weeks prior to the deadline for entries **to compete at** the **AWC**.

4.4.5 Each year the **AWCWG** will select two (2) judges from the applicants to officiate at the **South**

African AWC Trials. **Eligibility, application process and** criteria for selection of the judges can be found in Schedule 5(L) **Appendix E, Regulation 4**.

4.4.6 If the **South African AWC Trials** are held at the same time and venue as the **SAAC, the selected judges should judge both events, if possible.**

4.5 Format

4.5.1 The **South African AWC Trials** will consist of five (5) rounds, three (3) of which will be Contact Agility. All dogs will jump the same course with the obstacles set at the heights**/specifications** prescribed for **each Grade 3 height** category.

4.5.2 The running order for the first round **of the South African AWC Trials** will be determined by a random computer draw.

4.5.3 The running order for subsequent rounds will be determined by the results table as it stands after each preceding round. The dogs with the least number of points **scored** will run first and those with the most number of points will run last, i.e. reverse order of placings. **For those handlers with more than one (1) dog in a height category, a gap of no less than five (5) dogs will be applied, whenever possible.**

4.5.4 If the **South African AWC Trials are** run in conjunction with the **SAAC**, then a random draw **must also** be done to determine the second round **of the South African AWC Trials, including the dogs entered for SAAC**.

4.5.5 The dogs will be awarded points for their performance in each round, using the points scoring system **set out** in **Regulation 4.6**.

4.5.6 **The 15% rule will be used to determine the Standard Course Time (SCT) for each height category as per Schedule 5(L) Regulation 12.1.1.2.**

4.5.7 **At** the conclusion of the **South African AWC** Trials, tables **based on points gained as per Regulation 4.5.5** will be compiled to determine the dogs eligible **to be selected** for the **SA AWC** Team **(refer to Regulation 5.2.1)**.

4.5.8 All ties in the **South African AWC Trials** competition (according to the combined results table) must be separated with a re-run **over** the last Contact Agility round or a modified round of the judge's choice. The re-run is only used to separate the dogs that are tied on the same points after the five (5) rounds **are completed**.

NAgSC Proposal:

4.6 **Points Scoring System for each AWC Round (for Team selection)**

4.6.1 **Clear rounds**

4.6.1.1 **Dogs with clear rounds shall be awarded ten (10) points.**

4.6.2. **Bonus points**

4.6.2.1 **Dogs with clear rounds shall also be awarded bonus points for bettering the Standard Course Time (SCT) as per Regulation 4.5.6. The points will equal the amount that the SCT is bettered to hundredths of a second.**

4.6.2.2 **The overall winning dog of each round, in each height category, will be awarded one (1) bonus point.**

4.6.3. **Points for Total Faults**

4.6.3.1 **Dogs with faults will be awarded points as follows:**

Total Faults	Points
0,01 – 5,00	Eight (8)
5,01 – 10,00	Six (6)
10,01 – 15,00	Four (4)
15,01 – 20,00	Two (2)
20,01 – 25,00	One (1)
25,01 or more	None
Elimination	None

4.7 Overall **South African AWC Trials** Winner

NAgSC Proposal:

4.7.1 **To determine the overall winner of the South African AWC Trials, the Standard Course Time (SCT) will be determined using the 15% rule across all height categories (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 12.1.1.2). All dogs in all height categories will compete under the same SCT.**

4.7.2 **The dogs will be awarded points for their performance in each round, using the points scoring system set out in Regulation 4.8.**

4.7.3 The overall **winner of** the South African AWC Trials will be awarded the **SA Trials AWC Floating Trophy** and a miniature, **the latter** may be kept.

4.8 Points Scoring System for [~~Overall~~] **South African AWC Trials (for Individual selection)**

NAgSC Proposal:

4.8.1 **Clear rounds**

4.8.1.1 **A dog will be awarded ten (10) points for each clear round.**

4.8.2 **Bonus Points**

4.8.2.1 **In each round, the overall winning dog across all height categories will be awarded one (1) bonus point.**

4.8.2.2 **Dogs with clear rounds shall also be awarded bonus points for bettering the Standard Course Time (SCT) as per Regulation 4.7.1. The points will equal the amount that the SCT is bettered to hundredths of a second.**

4.8.3 **Points for Total Faults**

4.8.3.1 **Any dog incurring faults will be awarded points based on the total faults for each specific round.**

Total Faults	Points
0,01 – 5,00	Eight (8)
5,01 – 10,00	Six (6)
10,01 – 15,00	Four (4)
15,01 – 20,00	Two (2)
20,01 – 25,00	One (1)
25,01 or more	None
Elimination	None

5. WORLD AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS **SELECTION**

5.1 General

NAPC Proposal:

5.1.1 **In order for a dog to be eligible for selection to compete at the AWC, the dog must have entered and competed in at least one (1) round of the South African AWC Trials.**

5.1.2 The eligibility of dogs will be determined according to the **top-most scores on the** results table.

5.1.3 Any withdrawal subsequent to the announcement of the team will be subject to a cancellation fee, which will be pre-determined by the AWCWG.

5.1.4 All South African handlers **competing** at the **AWC are representing KUSA so** must be Members in good standing with KUSA at the time of their competing at the **AWC**.

5.2 Team **Competition**

5.2.1 The **four** dogs **with the top scores** in **each height category (as per Regulation 4.5.7)** will be eligible for the SA **AWC** Team in that height category. If there are **fewer** than three dogs participating in any particular height category **at the South African AWC Trials**, then no **SA AWC** Team will be entered **for** that particular **height category** at the **AWC**.

5.2.2 The next two (2) handlers and dogs in each **height** category will be named as reserves. They will not be expected to travel to the **AWC**, but must be on standby to take their place in the team in the event of any withdrawals before the deadline date for **AWC** entries.

5.2.3 The dogs selected to compete in the team event do not automatically qualify to participate in the individual event at AWC.

5.3 Individual Competition

~~[5.3.1 The results tables compiled at the conclusion of the AWC team selection event for the three (3) different height categories will be combined into one results table.]~~

NAgSC Proposal:

5.3.1 **At the conclusion of the South African AWC Trials, a results table based on points gained as per Regulation 4.7.2 will be compiled to determine the dogs eligible for the individual competition.**

5.3.2 Eligibility to compete in the individual competition at the **AWC** will be determined as follows:

5.3.2.1 The South African Champion in each height category will be eligible, provided that they are breed-registered **and at least twenty-four (24) months or older on the first day of the FCI AWC**.

FCI:

5.3.2.2 **There may be a maximum of six (6) dogs in any particular height category and a maximum of twelve (12) dogs in total that will be eligible to compete in the individual competition.**

6. MANAGEMENT OF **THE** SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM AFFAIRS FOR THE **AGILITY** WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

~~[A Team Co-ordinator will be appointed by the AWC Sub-Committee by 30 November each preceding year and his / her name announced at the National Trials. A Team Leader/Manager, which may be a team member, may be appointed by the AWC Sub-Committee and his/her name announced at the National Trials.]~~

6.1 SA Team Organisation

6.1.1 The **Chairperson of the AWCWG or a designated member** shall act in the capacity of Team **Co-ordinator** until such time as the SA AWC Team is announced and the team members elect a Team Leader. The Team Leader will travel to the AWC with the team and will be responsible for the organisational and administrative matters at the AWC.

6.1.2 The **AWCWG** will be responsible for **all arrangements** leading up to the **AWC until a Team Leader is appointed who will then assist with arrangements. These include** travel and accommodation plans, AWC entries, ensuring that the necessary veterinary certificates are in order, distribution of sponsorship money, clothing, etc.

6.1.3 The **AWCWG** shall decide upon the design of the team uniform, which **must be** sanctioned by KUSA. Team members shall be required to wear this uniform during the opening and closing ceremonies as well as during the competition at the AWC.

6.2 Any additional persons wishing to travel to the **AWC** with the team shall be responsible for all their own expenses.

6.3 Sponsorship for SA AWC Team

6.3.1 The sponsorship for the **SA AWC** Team and funds raised by the **AWCWG** will be used as far as possible to cover the travel and accommodation expenses of the Team.

6.3.2 If the AWCWG **and NAgSC have** potential sponsorship opportunities that can be used at the SAAC, then **they** must liaise with the SAAC **C**ommittee to ensure maximum exposure for the sponsorship/s and benefits for the **SA AWC** Team.

6.3.3 Where possible, existing sponsors should be retained or offered continuation of sponsorship for future events. The AWCWG **and NAgSC** should be aware of and try to mitigate potential conflicts between sponsors, and where possible, the sponsors for SAAC and **the SA AWC** Team should be aligned to maximise the return on investment for sponsors.

6.3.4 All sponsorship negotiations must be:

6.3.4.1 discussed with the AWCWG and NAgSC prior to confirmation.

6.3.4.2 **put in** writing.

6.3.4.3 KUSA must be informed of such sponsorships **and the** written contract must be submitted to KUSA.

7. SPONSORSHIP.

7.1 The South African AWC Trials may be sponsored permanently or on an annual basis by any organisation acceptable to the Federal Council of **KUSA**. In years when the event is sponsored, the title may be preceded by the name of the Sponsor. Should either KUSA or any Sponsor wish to disassociate themselves **from** 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 KUSA and any Sponsor establishing the rights and obligations of both should either or both wish to withdraw from association with this Competition.

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