

SCHEDULE 5(L) Appendix D REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

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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.

“NAgSC” shall mean the National Agility Sub-Committee.

“National Trials Co-ordinator” shall mean the person appointed by the AWCWG to oversee the organisation and completion of the Regional Trials nationally.

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

“SAAC Co-ordinator” shall be the person nominated by the hosting Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee to administer the running of the SAAC.

SAAC shall mean the South African Agility Championships.

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.

NAgSC Proposal:

1. SHOW REGULATIONS

- 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

2.1 General

- 2.1.1 The **SAAC** event will be run by the **SAAC Committee (refer to Regulation 2.2).**
- 2.1.2 The venue for the **SAAC** event will be rotated between the Provinces as often as possible **and held on the 24th week each year. However,** the timing of the event and conditions stipulated by sponsors may override this principle.

- 2.1.3 **By the end of October each year, the hosting Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee will be confirmed by the AWCWG and will co-ordinate all matters leading up to the following year's SAAC.**

2.2 **SAAC Committee**

- ~~[2.2.1 The SAAC Sub-Committee will comprise of the hosting committee (Provincial Agility Sub-committee). If additional assistance is required they can request the AWC committee to assist. The Agility Sub-committee is responsible for all administration matter relating to the event.~~
- ~~If the AWC team selection event is held in conjunction with the SA Agility Championships, the entire AWC Sub-Committee shall also form part of the SAAC Sub-Committee. Refer regulation 3.2. These members may be the same persons elected to both Sub-Committees.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

- 2.2.1 **The SAAC Committee is responsible for all administrative matters relating to the SAAC but may request assistance from the NAGSC, the AWCWG and any other specialised persons, if deemed necessary.**
- 2.2.2 **If the South African AWC Trials event is held in conjunction with the SAAC, the AWCWG shall also form part of the SAAC Committee (refer to Schedule 5(L) Appendix C). Members of the AWCWG may be members of the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee hosting the SAAC.**

~~[This combined Sub-Committee will provide oversight and assistance to the host province in order to provide the knowledge and experience required to successfully host the SA Championships and Agility World Championships Team selection event.]~~

- 2.2.3 The **duties of the SAAC Committee for the SAAC event include, but are not restricted to, the list** below:
- Apply for **the show licence** from KUSA
 - **Submit the** SAAC schedule to KUSA for approval.
 - Sponsorship for the SAAC
 - Reconcile all SAAC entry fees **with the Agility Treasurer**
 - Draw up a budget
 - Venue hire
 - Judges contracts
 - Invitations to handlers who qualify
 - **Liaise with the Agility Treasurer for payments from the KUSA control account**
 - **Complete appropriate show return form as required.**
 - ~~[Reconcile the Profit/Loss account with the NAC to be paid into the KUSA control account]~~
- ~~[2.3 The SAAC committee shall elect from amongst its members a Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be responsible and have the authority to make payments for the running of the event. The committee shall keep a true record of all proceedings and a receipt and payments account. The contest to participate in the South African Agility 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 NAC Convenor after completion of the contest. If any profit is made by the event. The proceeds will be transferred to the KUSA control account for the national team.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

2.3 Agility Treasurer

2.3.1 The Agility Treasurer, as appointed by the NAGSC, will administer the entry fees and shall be responsible and have the authority to submit invoices received from the SAAC Co-ordinator and AWCWG Chairperson for the running of the event to KUSA for remuneration. The account shall be held by KUSA.

2.3.2 The Agility Treasurer shall keep a true record of all proceedings, a receipt and payments account and submit a Profit/Loss Account to the NAGSC within sixty (60) days after completion of the SAAC.

2.3.3 All profits will be allocated towards the SA AWC Team expenses and all losses carried by the hosting Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee.

NAPC Proposal:

2.3.4 The Agility Treasurer will reconcile the entries with each Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator and distribute a copy of all entries received nationally for the SAAC Regional Trials to the National Trials Co-ordinator and all Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinators prior to the start of the first trial.

2.4 National Trials Co-ordinator

~~[2.4.1 — Each year, by the end of September, the SAAC Sub-Committee will appoint a Trials Coordinator.]~~

DOGSPC Proposal:

2.4.1 By the end of October each year, the AWCWG will appoint a National Trials Co-ordinator.

NAPC Proposal:

2.4.2 Ideally, the National Trials Co-ordinator shall be one of the Judges appointed to judge the SAAC the following year. However, if this is not feasible, the National Trials Co-ordinator shall be a current/active Championship Show Agility Judge with at least three (3) years experience. The National Trials Co-ordinator may not enter or handle any dog in the Regional Trials in the same year.

~~[2.4.3 — The Trials Coordinator will provide the courses for the Regional Trials. These courses may be sourced from the two (2) final event judges or if preferred from overseas.~~

~~———— The following criteria must be adhered to for the courses:~~

~~The courses may be sourced from overseas (i.e. that years' AWC judges courses).~~

~~Once the courses have been submitted by the two (2) Final Trials judges, the courses must be checked by the Trials Coordinator or a judge nominated by the SAAC Sub-Committee for accuracy and compliance to the regulations stipulated in Schedule 5L and this Schedule.~~

~~———— The Trials Coordinator will specify the deadline dates for the submission of the results for each leg.~~

~~———— After each Province has completed a regional trial, the results should be sent to the Trials Coordinator by the specified deadline date. The deadlines will be strictly adhered to and results not received in time will be excluded and the dogs will be treated as absent from those trials.~~

~~———— The Trials Coordinator will keep a record of the results and allocate points using the scoring system in Schedule 5L Appendix E.~~

— The Trials Coordinator will issue the results of each trial to the members of the NAgSC and SAAC/AWC Sub-Committees, who will be responsible for communicating them to the competitors in their Provinces.]

NAgSC Proposal:

2.4.3 The appointed National Trials Co-ordinator will be responsible for the following:

- 2.4.3.1 Either design the courses for the Regional Trials and/or source the courses, which may either be obtained from the two (2) selected SAAC Judges and/or non-competing Championship Show Agility Judges or, if at all possible, from overseas (i.e. the previous year's AWC Judges' courses).**
- 2.4.3.2 Ensure that the courses meet the requirements set out in Schedule 5(L) Regulation 11.**
- 2.4.3.3 Distribute the respective courses and schedule of co-ordinates to the Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator not more than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of each round being held in that Province.**
- 2.4.3.4 Ensure that the results for each round are submitted by each Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator to the web administrator for uploading.**
- 2.4.3.5 Ensure that the national results for each round and the final results/log are published on the website and all Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committees are notified.**

KZNDAS Proposal:

2.5 Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator

- 2.5.1 Each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee will be required to nominate a Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator who will liaise with the appointed National Trials Co-ordinator. The Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator may not enter or handle any dog in the Regional Trials in the same year.**
- 2.5.2 The duties of the Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator include, but not restricted to, the list below:**
 - 2.5.2.1 Ensure that all information relating to the Regional Trials and SAAC in general and each particular round is distributed to competitors timeously.**
 - 2.5.2.2 Reconcile entries with the Agility Treasurer.**
 - 2.5.2.3 In conjunction with the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee, organise qualified Championship Show Judges to judge each Regional Trial. The Judge may not enter or handle any dog in the Regional Trials in the same year as they judge unless dispensation is granted by KUSA.**
 - 2.5.2.4 Obtain the courses for each Regional Trial from the National Trials Co-ordinator timeously and ensure that the Judge of each Regional Trial has the course on the day of the event.**

DOGSPC Proposal:

- 2.5.2.5 If the Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator is a competitor, or not available on the day of competition, he must ensure that the courses are sent from the National Trials Co-ordinator to the appointed Show Judge (refer to Regulation 2.4.3.3).**

KZNDAS Proposal:

- 2.5.2.6 **Tabulate the results of each round for that Province and ensure that these results are supplied to the National Trials Co-ordinator and/or web administrator by the closing date specified.**

3. REGIONAL TRIALS

NAGSC Proposal:

- 3.1 **Show Licence**
- 3.1.1 **The Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee may approach any club affiliated to KUSA and is eligible to hold either Non-Championship or Championship Shows to host the Regional Trials in conjunction with any show.**

NAGSC Proposal:

- 3.1.2 **Any Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee is eligible to hold Regional Trials providing a Show Licence is applied for and issued (Refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 2.2).**
- 3.1.3 **In addition, any Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee may apply for not more than eight (8) Agility League licences in any calendar year, which may only be used for the completion of non-income generating League and Regional Trials rounds. However, participants may be charged an entry fee to cover venue costs, equipment hire and any other hosting costs that may occur.**

NAGSC Proposal:

- 3.2.2 **A dog that has not been registered/recorded with KUSA or reached the age of eighteen (18) months at commencement of the Trials, may enter before the closing date subject to it only being able to compete in any Regional Trial subsequent to registration or turning of age (refer to Schedule 5(L), Regulation 5.1.2).**

3.2 Eligibility of Dogs

- 3.2.1 All dogs **registered or recorded with KUSA and that have** valid Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility **Record Cards** [~~record cards~~] will be allowed to take part in the Regional Trials **provided they have not been disqualified or suspended from competition by KUSA (refer to Schedule 5(L), Regulation 5.1).**

3.3 Entries

- [3.3.1 An entry fee will be charged for each dog competing in the Regional Trials. The fee will cover all four (4) Regional Trials. The fee will be set each year by AWC Committee.]

NAGSC Proposal:

- 3.3.1 **Entry shall be open to all dogs that are registered with KUSA in terms of Regulation 3.2 above and are eligible to compete in the respective Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility Grades provided for in Schedule 5(L) Regulation 3.4.**

3.3.2 The dogs will compete in **the height** category, as specified on their record cards.

NAGSC Proposal:

- 3.3.3 **Handlers may enter the Regional Trials by completing and submitting an official KUSA entry form or an electronic form as circulated by the AWCWG before the specified closing date.**
- 3.3.4 **A dog may be entered to compete in any round of the Regional Trials in anticipation of the dog being eligible to compete in that round, provided the entry is made before the specified closing date for Regional Trials and the dog is eligible by the day of that round (refer to Schedule 5(L), Regulation 5.1.2).**
- 3.3.5 **An entry fee that will cover all four (4) Regional Trials will be levied on each dog per specific year. Said entry fee will be in addition to the entry fee levied by the Show Holding Club or Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee hosting any round of the Regional Trials in conjunction with a Show.**
- 3.3.6 **The entry fee shall be payable in full before any dog is registered as a competitor in the Regional Trials for that specific year.**
- 3.3.7 **A dog may be substituted after the closing date of entries providing a veterinary certificate confirming the dog is injured or unable to compete is submitted to the National Trials Co-ordinator before the first round of Regional Trials is held. The National Trials Co-ordinator will submit a motivation to NAGSC for approval.**

3.4 Courses

3.4.1 Course Design

~~[3.4.1.1 The courses must be designed to the specifications in Schedule 5L.~~

~~3.4.1.2 The courses must be suitable in terms of difficulty, so as to test skill and speed, without compromising the safety of competitors.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

- 3.4.1.1 **The course must be drawn using an appropriate course design program according to the specifications provided in Schedule 5(L) Regulation 11.**
- 3.4.1.2 **A schedule of co-ordinates for each course must be tabulated either by the National Trials Co-ordinator or a designated person. These co-ordinates must consist of two (2) measurements for each obstacle on the course determined by using the baseline along the thirty (30) metre arena boundary. The measurement must be taken from each end of the baseline to the exact centre of the front element of each obstacle or to the start and end of the tube tunnel, contacts and weave poles and to the midpoint of the long jump for all height categories. The baseline endpoints (A and B) must be clearly marked on the course plan.**
- 3.4.1.3 **The National Trials Co-ordinator must also specify any other relevant information on the co-ordinate schedule, such as the list of equipment required, designated time to walk the course, length of course, speed in metres per second, standard course time and maximum course time. It must also include the obstacle heights and depths for each height category.**
- 3.4.1.4 **The appointed Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator must use the co-ordinate schedule to build the designed course at the venue selected by the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee and, in conjunction with the Show Judge, is responsible for ensuring that the placing and angle of each obstacle is as identical as possible to the course plan provided.**

3.4.2 Requirements for the Courses

- ~~[3.4.2.1 Each Regional Trial will consist of a Contact Agility course and a Non-Contact course. Each trial event will cater for Small, Medium and Large dogs. The Contact and Non-Contact courses should be jumped on the same day.~~
- ~~3.4.2.2 All height categories will jump the same course, with the obstacles set at the heights prescribed for that Category.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

- 3.4.2.1 **Each round of the Regional Trials must have a Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility Grade 3 course that must be jumped on the same day. Each round must cater for each height category.**
- 3.4.2.2 **Only the obstacles laid down in Schedule 5(L) Regulation 11 and the FCI Agility Obstacle Guidelines (Schedule 5(L) Appendix B) are permitted for this competition.**
- 3.4.2.3 **The maximum obstacle heights and widths for all height categories will be used unless otherwise stated on the schedule of co-ordinates.**
- 3.4.2.4 **A handler that has a dog in more than one (1) height category may only walk the course once (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 9.4.4).**

3.4.3 Timing

- ~~[3.4.3.1 The course speeds will be run as per Schedule 5L A3 class using the 15% rule for the S.A. Championship dogs per height category.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

- 3.4.3.1 **The Standard Course Time (SCT) will be determined in metres per second as stipulated for Grade 3 Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 12.1.1.1). All dogs in all height categories and entered for the Regional Trials will compete under the same speed and SCT.**
- 3.4.3.2 **Under no circumstances may the SCT stated on the co-ordinate schedule be altered, in any way.**

3.5 The Competition

- 3.5.1 Regional Trials will be held **in each Province with all dogs jumping** the same courses **with the obstacles set at the heights/specifications prescribed for each height category (refer to Regulation 3.4.2.3).**

~~[3.5.2 Regional Trials will be held in which dogs in all the Provinces will compete on the same courses.]~~

NAPC Proposal:

- 3.5.2 **Each year, the Regional Trials shall consist of four (4) separate competitions/rounds to be held under licence in each participating Province. Each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee will arrange for their four (4) Regional Trials to be held, except for the Gauteng region where the Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC) and the Districts of Gauteng and Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC) Agility Sub-Committees must collaborate with regard to holding the four (4) rounds in Gauteng in any one year.**

~~[3.5.3 Four (4) Regional trials will be held, between the first day of November and the last day of March.~~

~~3.5.4 Written application must be made to the SAAC Sub-Committee if an extension is required to run a Regional trial/s.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

3.5.3 **The four (4) Regional Trials must be contested during the months January to March, unless permission for an extension is obtained from the NAGSC and KUSA.**

3.5.4 **The Regional Trials may be held and form part of any licensed show with the permission of the Show Holding Club.**

KZNDAS Proposal:

3.5.5 **A dog may compete in any Province holding a Regional Trial, but if it subsequently competes at another centre where the same course is being used, only the results from the first competition shall be valid for that Regional Trial. The dog will be required to enter the subsequent show as not for competition (NFC) and will not be eligible to obtain qualifications.**

3.5.6 **Substitution of a dog's handler may take place during the duration of Regional Trials without any effect on the dog's score/points.**

~~[3.5.7 Bitches in season shall be allowed to compete in these trials and final event, on condition that they are kept apart from the other dogs. The onus will be on the handler to bring the bitch's condition to the attention of the judge at these events.]~~

DOGSPC Proposal:

3.5.7 **Bitches in season must be allowed to compete in the Regional Trials. The onus will be on the handler to bring the bitch's condition to the attention of the Judge/s at the event.**

3.5.8 The top dogs from the Regional Trials will be invited to compete in the SAAC for that year.

~~[3.5.9 When determining the final Regional qualifying table, the worst Contact score and the worst Non-Contact score will be dropped for each dog, so that the best three (3) Contact scores and the best three (3) Non-Contact scores will count. These scores will be added together.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

3.5.9 **Scoring is as per Regulation 3.6 of this Schedule.**

3.5.10 **Final placings in the Regional Trials table shall be determined by computing the accumulated scores of the best three (3) Contact Agility rounds and best three (3) Non-Contact Agility rounds from the four (4) rounds for each competing dog.**

3.6 Scoring for Regional Trials

NAGSC Proposal:

3.6.1 **Clear rounds**

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

3.6.2 **Bonus Points**

3.6.2.1 **In each round, the overall winning dog in each height category, will be awarded one (1) bonus point.**

3.6.2.2 **Any dog with a clear round will also be awarded bonus points for every two (2) seconds that the SCT is bettered.**

<u>Seconds faster than SCT</u>	<u>Bonus Point</u>
<u>2,00 – 3,99</u>	<u>One (1)</u>
<u>4,00 – 5,99</u>	<u>Two (2)</u>
<u>6,00 – 7,99</u>	<u>Three (3)</u>
<u>8,00 – 9,99</u>	<u>Four (4)</u>

3.6.3 **Points for Total Faults**

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

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

4. SOUTH AFRICAN AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The **SAAC** event may be held at the same time and venue as the **South African AWC Trials** event (refer to Schedule 5(L) Appendix C). ~~[The AWC Committee is responsible for the entry form and the entry fees.]~~

4.1 Eligibility **of Dogs**

NAGSC Proposal:

4.1.1 **In order to be invited to compete at the SAAC event, dogs must be eligible as per Regulation 3.2.1 and must have qualified by acquiring points during the Regional Trials.**

4.2 Entries

~~4.2.1 The top sixty (60) dogs in the Regional Trials, based upon a combined results table of small, medium and large dogs, will be invited to compete at the SA Agility Championships event. If there is a tie for sixtieth (60th) position, all dogs involved in the tie will be invited. The next ten (10) dogs on the combined results table will be placed on standby to fill positions of possible withdrawals.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

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

4.2.2 The reigning South African Champion in each height category will automatically qualify **to compete in the SAAC**. An entry fee according to **Regulation 3.3.5** will be waived.

4.2.3 The top five (5) dogs from the previous year's National Agility League, based upon a combined results table of **all heights categories but** excluding the reigning SA Agility Champions, shall be invited to compete at the **SAAC** event (refer to Schedule 5 (L), Appendix F). An entry fee according to Regulation 3.3.5 will still be payable.

4.2.4 Handlers **who receive an invitation** to compete at the **SAAC** must confirm their **participation by submitting** an official KUSA entry form **or electronic form**, which must reach the **SAAC Committee** before the **specified** closing date.

4.2.5 **The NAGSC shall** place **Regulations 4.2.1 and 4.2.3** under review annually in order to determine whether the ratio **of qualifying dogs** is still representative of the dogs competing nationally.

4.3 Judges

~~4.3.1 Each year the SAAC /AWC Sub-Committee will select two (2) judges to officiate at the SA Agility Championships event. A general invitation will be sent each year by 30 September to all current Championship Show Agility Judges inviting applications to judge the following year's SA Agility Championships. A closing date for applications will be specified in the invitation.~~

~~Applicants must be eligible as referred to under paragraph 4.2.4.~~

~~Applicants must submit a brief CV on their Agility Judging. Any judge will only be allowed to judge this event once every 2 years.~~

~~Judges should be chosen based on:~~

- ~~• Schedule 9~~
- ~~• Schedule 5L~~
- ~~• FCI guidelines~~
- ~~• Overseas type/design of course.~~
- ~~• Courses should have suitable test of skill as well as allowing the dogs speed to be tested.~~

4.3.2 Qualifying criteria for Judges application to judge the SAAC/AWC Final Event:

4.3.2.1 Only KUSA championship show Judges with a minimum of three (3) years' experience in judging agility will be considered

4.3.2.2 Has judged a minimum of six (6) agility competitions in the last three (3) years. These exclude learner judging appointments.

4.3.2.3 No judging appointments from non-KUSA affiliated clubs or organisations will count for the application.

- 4.3.2.4 ~~In addition, candidates must have judged a minimum of two (2), Agility 3 Contact and a minimum of two (2), Agility 3 Non-Contact classes in the proceeding twelve (12) months from the date of application. Future and qualifying appointments will not apply.~~
- 4.3.2.5 ~~Applicants will submit a brief Curriculum vita (CV) on their Agility judging career, along with one (1) Agility course and one (1) Non-contact course, designed to the level suitable for this competition.~~
- ~~A judge will only be allowed to judge a SAAC/AWC final event once every two (2) years.~~
- 4.3.3 ~~The SAAC Sub-Committee, with the assistance of the AWC Sub-Committee, will be responsible to review applications and to vote for, and appoint the two (2) preferred judges based on the following criteria:~~
- 4.3.3.1 ~~The judges must be a member in good standing with KUSA.~~
- 4.3.3.2 ~~Judges knowledge and application of the rules.~~
- 4.3.3.3 ~~Judges experience in judging important events such as previous SAAC, FCI shows, KUSA- National Agility events and Championship shows.~~
- 4.3.3.4 ~~Judges command of the ring and general courtesy.~~
- 4.3.3.5 ~~Judges course design.~~
- ~~This would include the following:~~
- ~~✦ application of modern course design techniques~~
 - ~~✦ safety for both dog and handler~~
 - ~~✦ balance between skill, speed and enjoyment.]~~

KZNDAS Proposal:

- 4.3.1 **Each year two (2) Judges will be selected to officiate at the SAAC event. A Judge will only be allowed to judge a SAAC/South African AWC Trials event once every two (2) years.**
- 4.3.2 **By 31 August each year, a general invitation will be sent to all current/active Championship Show Agility Judges inviting applications to judge the following year's SAAC. The closing date for applications will be 30 September each year.**
- 4.3.2.1 **Applicants must be eligible as per Schedule 5(L) Appendix E, Regulation 4.2.**
- 4.3.2.2 **In order to apply to judge the SAAC/South African AWC Trials event, the application process as specified in Schedule 5(L) Appendix E, Regulation 4.3 must be complied with.**
- 4.3.3 **The AWCWG will be responsible for reviewing applications for eligibility and submitting the qualifying applicants to the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committees for voting.**
- 4.3.3.1 **The criteria for the appointment of the two (2) preferred Judges are specified in Schedule 5(L) Appendix E, Regulation 4.4.**

4.4 Courses

- 4.4.1 The courses must be designed according to the specifications provided in Schedule 5(L), Regulation 11.

NAGSC Proposal:

- 4.4.2 **Timing for SAAC**
- 4.4.2.1 **The 15% rule will be used to determine the SCT for each height category as per Schedule 5(L), Regulation 12.1.1.2 for each SAAC round.**

4.5 SAAC Competition

4.5.1 All dogs will jump the same courses, with the obstacles set at the heights/**specifications** prescribed for **each height** category (**refer to Regulation 3.4.2.3**).

~~[4.5.2 A dog may be handled at the SA Agility Championships event by any person.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

4.5.2 **Substitution of a dog's handler may take place prior to the commencement of the SAAC.**

~~[4.5.3 Bitches in season **must** be allowed to compete in the **SAAC** event, on condition that they are kept apart from the other dogs. The onus will be on the handler to bring the bitch's condition to the attention of the judge at the event.]~~

DOGSPC Proposal:

4.5.3 **Bitches in season must be allowed to compete in the SAAC event. The onus will be on the handler to bring the bitch's condition to the attention of the Judge/s at the event.**

4.5.4 Each judge will set a Contact **Agility** Course and a Non-Contact **Agility** course, making four (4) rounds in total.

NAGSC Proposal:

4.5.5 **If the SAAC event is held at the same time and venue as the South African AWC Trials, the Judge gaining the most votes (refer to Regulation 4.3.3) will judge the first SA AWC Trials Contact Agility round and the last SAAC Contact Agility round.**

~~[4.5.6 A judge may allow a handler that has a dog in more than one (1) height category to walk the course for each dog.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

4.5.6 **A handler that has a dog in more than one (1) height category may only walk the course once (refer to Schedule 5(L), Regulation 9.4.4).**

4.5.7 The running order for the first SAAC round will be determined by a random computer draw. The **results table as it stands after each preceding round will determine the running order for subsequent rounds**. The dogs with the least points **scored over all rounds at that stage** will run first and those with the most points will run last, i.e. reverse order of placing.

~~[4.5.8 The computer will determine a reasonable gap between dogs for the handlers with more than one (1) dog.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

4.5.8 **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.**

- 4.5.9 ~~[The dogs will be awarded points for their performance in each round using the points scoring system set out in Schedule 5L Appendix 'E'.]~~ In each individual round of the **SAAC**, the dog in each height category with the least faults and fastest times will be determined the winner.

NAGSC Proposal:

- 4.5.10 **For the overall results in each height category, the dogs will be awarded points for their performance in each round, using the points scoring system set out in Regulation 4.6.**

- 4.5.11 **At** the conclusion of the **SAAC**, the scores **obtained in each round** will be totalled and the dogs with the most points will be determined as the winners in each **height** category. In the event of a tie, all dogs involved in the tie, will be awarded the place.
- 4.5.12 The winning dog in each **height** category will be awarded the **"KUSA Floating Trophy SA Agility Championships"** **and a miniature memento, the latter may be kept.** **The top three (3) placed dogs in each height category will receive a KUSA medal.**

NAGSC Proposal:

- 4.5.13 **To determine the overall top Agility dog across all height categories, the dogs will be awarded points for their performance in each round, using the points scoring system set out in Regulation 3.6 with the Standard Course Time (SCT) being determined in metres per second as stipulated for Grade 3 Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility (refer to Schedule 5(L), Regulation 12.1.1.1). The winner will be awarded the "Agility Top Dog of South Africa" Trophy.**

NAGSC Proposal:

4.6 **SAAC Points Scoring System for each height category**

4.6.1 **Clear rounds**

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

4.6.2. **Bonus points**

4.6.2.1 **In each round, the overall winning dog in each height category, will be awarded one (1) bonus point.**

4.6.2.2 **Dogs with clear rounds shall also be awarded bonus points for bettering the SCT as per Regulation 4.4.2. The points will equal the amount that the SCT is bettered to hundredths of a second.**

4.6.3 **Points for Total Faults**

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

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

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