

SCHEDULE 5(L) Appendix E REGULATIONS FOR AGILITY JUDGES

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1. TERMINOLOGY

- 1.1 **"AWC" shall mean the Agility World Championships.**
"FCI" shall mean the Federation Cynologique Internationale.
"KUSA" shall mean the Kennel Union of Southern Africa.
"NAgSC" shall mean the National Agility Sub-Committee.
"SAAC" shall mean the South African Agility Championships.
"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.

2. AGILITY JUDGES

2.1 General

- ~~[2.1.1 All locally domiciled Judges shall be members in good standing with **KUSA** 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.]~~

NAgSC Proposal:

- 2.1.1 **All locally domiciled Judges shall be members in good standing with KUSA and shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years at the time when any judging is undertaken.**

- 2.1.2 Before approving a foreign Judge to officiate at any **Agility** event held under Schedule 5(L), the Executive Committee **of KUSA** shall be satisfied that such Judge is recognised and approved to judge **equivalent Agility** events in their country of permanent residence.

2.2 Refresher Courses

- ~~[2.2.1 A Judge is required to attend a refresher course/workshop at least once every two (2) years to maintain their judging status. Such a refresher course/workshop will be organised by the Provincial **Council** Agility Sub-Committees.]~~

NAgSC Proposal:

- 2.2.1 **A Judge is required to attend a refresher course/workshop at least once every two (2) years to maintain their judging status. Such a refresher course/workshop will be organised by the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committees. It is permissible for a Judge to attend a refresher course presented/organised by any of the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committees.**
- 2.2.2 **In the event a Judge fails to attend a refresher course as per Regulation 2.2.1, then Regulation 2.3 applies.**
- 2.2.3 **The NAgSC must approve the content of the refresher course and it must be presented by at least two (2) current/active Championship Show Agility Judges.**

- 2.2.4 The Provincial **Council** Agility Sub-Committees **must administer** Judges' attendance **at** refresher courses. Once completed, the list of Judges must be sent to the NAgSC, **who will** in turn ~~[will]~~ supply the names to KUSA for ratification.
- 2.2.5 Any queries that arise at these courses/workshops and that cannot be resolved must be forwarded to the **NAgSC** for clarification.

2.3 Inactive Judges

- ~~[2.3.1 In the event of a Judge not judging for a period of two (2) calendar years or more, such Judge may not judge a Championship show but shall first judge a Non-Championship Show. (Refer to Regulation 2.6.1.13).]~~

NAgSC Proposal:

- 2.3.1 **In the event of a Judge not judging for a period of two (2) years or more, such Judge will be required to attend a refresher course/workshop and judge a minimum of two (2) grades in both Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility classes at a Non-Championship Show under supervision.**

- ~~[2.3.2 If the judges' status lapses, refer regulation 2.6.1.10, they will be required to attend a refresher course/workshop and judge a supervised non-championship show. The provincial Agility Sub-Committee must appoint a (senior) Agility judge to oversee the non-championship show appointment and once passed, the judge may accept Championship show appointments.]~~

NAgSC Proposal:

- 2.3.2 **The Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee shall appoint a current/active Championship Show Agility Judge to oversee the Non-Championship Show appointment and once passed, the Judge may accept Championship Show appointments.**

3. CANDIDATE AGILITY JUDGES

3.1 Eligibility

- ~~[3.1.1 Such applicant should have acted as an official (Steward, Marshall, Timekeeper, Scribe, Scorer) or competitor at agility shows for not less than one (1) calendar year.]~~

DOGSPC Proposal:

- 3.1.1 **Before a person may apply to become an Agility Judge, such applicant must have acted as a Scribe/Scorer or competed at Agility shows for not less than a period of twelve (12) months and a minimum of eight (8) shows within the last three (3) years.**

KZNDAS Proposal:

- 3.1.2 **The Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee where the applicant resides must confirm that experience gained is sufficient for the applicant to be considered.**

- 3.1.3 All Candidate Judges shall be members in good standing with KUSA and shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years at the time when formal studies or activities towards a judging qualification commence.

3.2 Qualifying Criteria

- ~~[3.2.1] Once a person has been accepted by their Provincial Council Sub-Committee or by KUSA, before they may accept an Agility 1 Non-Championship Show appointment, they must attend a course and achieve the required pass rate in all elements of the course as stated in Regulations 3.2.2 to 3.2.6.~~
- ~~3.2.2 A Candidate Judge shall attend a course, which shall cover the Rules and Regulations (Schedule 5(L)) judging techniques and course design. This course shall be run by three (3) Championship Show Agility Judges. On completion of the course, the Candidate Judge shall then take an Examination and a Practical test, which shall consists of the following:~~
- ~~3.2.3 A written Examination on KUSA Rules and Regulations (unless previously done).~~
- ~~3.2.4 An oral or written Examination on the Agility Schedule and judging techniques.~~
- ~~3.2.5 Design an Agility 1 or 2 and an Agility 3 course (the decision whether Agility 1, 2 or 3 to be left to the discretion of the examiners).~~
- ~~3.2.6 Practical judging of five dogs competing a full round of either Agility 1, 2 or 3 (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.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

- 3.2.1 **Once a person has been accepted by their Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee or by KUSA, a Candidate Judge shall attend a course and achieve the required pass rate in all elements of the course.**
- 3.2.2 **The course shall cover the Regulations for Agility Classes (Schedule 5(L)), judging techniques and course design. The content to be approved by the NAGSC and the course shall be run by at least three (3) Championship Show Agility Judges.**
- 3.2.3 **Unless dispensation is granted by KUSA, a written examination on KUSA Rules and Regulations as per Schedules 3 and 4 as well as Schedule 9 Appendix B must be passed with at least 80%.**
- 3.2.4 **A written examination on Schedule 5(L) Regulations for Agility Classes and judging techniques must be passed with at least 80%.**
- 3.2.5 **All written examinations must be accomplished without reference to any study material.**
- 3.2.6 **Design Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility Grades 1, 2 and 3 courses and submit to a current/active Championship Show Agility Judge appointed by the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee for such purposes.**
- 3.2.7 **Practical judging of five dogs competing over a full round of a Contact Agility 1, 2 or 3 course (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 Judge.**

3.3 Judge's Record Card

- ~~[3.3.1] Once a Candidate Judge has successfully passed the examination, they will be required to judge three (3) Non-Championship Shows at which a minimum of six (6) dogs shall be present and exhibited.]~~

DOGSPC Proposal:

- 3.3.1 **Once a Candidate Judge has successfully passed the examination, he will be required to judge three (3) Contact Agility and three (3) Non-Contact Agility events at Non-Championship Shows. A minimum of six (6) dogs must be present and exhibited and he must judge a minimum of two (2) grades per show. These appointments may be split over multiple shows.**

~~[3.3.2 The Provincial Council Sub-Committee will arrange for each judging appointment carried out by the Candidate Judge to be observed by a qualified Agility 3 Judge who will report back to the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee and endorse the Candidate Judge's Record Card, if passed.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

- 3.3.2 **The Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee will arrange for each judging appointment carried out by the Candidate Judge to be observed by a qualified current/active Championship Show Agility Judge who will report back to the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee and endorse the Candidate Judge's Record Card, if passed.**

- 3.3.3 Once all the requirements set out in Regulation 3.2 inclusive have been met and the Candidate Judge's Record Card has been endorsed by the Agility Judges (refer to Regulation 3.3.2), such Record Card will be sent to KUSA, who in turn will issue an Agility Judges Licence to that Judge and thereafter that Judge will be able to judge at Championship Show level.

4. SAAC/SOUTH AFRICAN AWC TRIALS JUDGES

4.1 General

- 4.1.1 A judge will only be allowed to judge a SAAC/**South African AWC Trials** event once every two (2) years.

4.2 Eligibility

- 4.2.1 Only KUSA Championship Show **Agility** Judges with a minimum of three (3) years experience in judging Agility will be considered.

~~[4.2.2 Has judged a minimum of six (6) agility competitions in the last three (3) years. These exclude learner judging appointments.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

- 4.2.2 **The applicant must have judged a minimum of six (6) Contact Agility and six (6) Non-Contact Agility competitions in the last three (3) years. These appointments do not necessarily have to be done under the same show licences but exclude Candidate Judging appointments.**

- 4.2.3 No judging appointments **undertaken at** non-KUSA affiliated clubs or organisations will count **towards the requirements.**

- 4.2.4 In addition, candidates must have judged a minimum of two (2) **Contact Agility 3** and a minimum of two (2) **Non-Contact Agility 3** classes in the proceeding twelve (12) months from the **closing** date of the application. Future qualifying appointments will not apply.

4.3 Application Process

~~[4.3.1 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.]~~

NAGSc Proposal:

- 4.3.1 **Applicants will be required to submit a brief Curriculum Vita (CV) on their Agility judging career and experience.**
- 4.3.2 **Submit two (2) Contact Agility courses and two (2) Non-contact Agility courses, designed to the level suitable for the competition.**
- 4.3.3 **The closing date for applications will be 30 September (refer to Schedule 5(L) Appendix D, Regulation 4.3.2).**

4.4 Selection Criteria

~~[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:]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

The two (2) preferred judges will be appointed based on the following criteria:

- 4.4.1 Judge's knowledge and application of the rules **(Schedule 5(L) and Schedule 5(L) Appendix H)**.
- 4.4.2 Judge's experience in judging important events, such as previous SAAC, FCI shows, KUSA National Agility events and Championship shows.
- 4.4.3 Judge's command of the ring and general courtesy **(Schedule 9)**.
- 4.4.4 Judge's general 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.
 - overseas type/design of courses.

NAGSC Proposal:

5. FCI AGILITY JUDGES

5.1 Eligibility

5.1.1 The minimum requirements for an application for appointment to the FCI Agility Judges' List are:

- 5.1.1.1 The Judge shall be a member in good standing with KUSA.**
- 5.1.1.2 The Judge shall be twenty-five (25) years or older.**
- 5.1.1.3 The Judge shall be current and have maintained Agility Championship status over the past five (5) years as per Regulation 2.2.**
- 5.1.1.4 The Judge shall have completed the mandatory Agility Refresher Course as stipulated in Regulation 2.2.**
- 5.1.1.5 The Judge shall have judged a minimum of eight (8) Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility shows over the past three (3) years under the Agility rules and regulations of KUSA, of which at least five (5) had Agility Championship Show status.**

5.2 Application Process

5.2.1 The application must be submitted by the Agility judge to the Secretary of the NAGSC, who will confirm receipt via email.

5.2.2 Examination of the application is the responsibility of a panel of judges consisting of one (1) senior Agility Judge nominated by each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee. The panel will then make the relevant recommendation via the NAGSC to the KUSA Executive Council for approval and submission to FCI.

5.2.3 In the application, the judge should provide:

- 5.2.3.1 An Agility CV and motivational letter.**
- 5.2.3.2 At least two (2) Contact and two (2) Non-Contact course designs.**
- 5.2.3.3 Proof of judging appointments for last five (5) years (must include status of each appointment and whether local or out of province).**
- 5.2.3.4 Proof of compliancy in terms of Regulation 2.2.**
- 5.2.3.5 Confirmation that he is willing to accept overseas judging appointments.**
- 5.2.4 The applicant will be examined on FCI and KUSA Agility rules/regulations.**

5.3 Status Retention

5.3.1 In order to maintain one's position on the FCI Judges' List, the judge must:

- 5.3.1.1 Maintain a continuous KUSA membership.**
- 5.3.1.2 Judge a minimum of twice annually under the agility rules and regulations of KUSA, of which at least one (1) has Championship Show status.**
- 5.3.1.3 Judge at least two (2) of the following events held under the agility rules and regulations of FCI and KUSA at least once every three (3) years:**
 - FCI Shows (these may be within South Africa)**
 - Any one of the SAAC Regional Trials**
 - SAAC**
 - SA AWC Trials**
 - Any one of the NAL rounds**
 - KUSA Nationals**
 - KUSA Classic**
 - One (1) Contact Agility and one (1) Non-Contact Agility out-of-province show.**

- 5.3.1.4 **Act with courtesy and professional integrity, complete impartiality and demonstrate a sound knowledge of KUSA rules and regulations at all times.**
- 5.3.2 **In the event that any of the above requirements are not met, the Judge shall be removed from the FCI Judges' List and may re-apply as per Regulations 5.1 and 5.2.**



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