

SCHEDULE 5(L) Appendix F REGULATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL AGILITY LEAGUE (NAL)

(Effective 01.01.2023)

TERMINOLOGY

“Agility Treasurer” shall mean the Treasurer for the NAgSC and AWC Working Group, unless otherwise stated.

“AWC” shall mean the Agility World Championships.

“AWC Working Group (AWCWG)” shall mean the group of individuals specially appointed to administer the South African AWC Trials and selection of the SA AWC Team.

“KUSA” shall mean the Kennel Union of Southern Africa.

“NAL” shall mean the National Agility League.

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

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

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. LICENSING AND SHOW REGULATIONS

- 1.1 The Regulations relating to licensing and other matters to do with shows, as set out in Schedule 3 Regulations for Championship Shows and Schedule 4 Regulations for Non-Championship Shows of the Constitution of **KUSA**, shall apply to this competition and so far as they can be relevant to the annual **NAL** competition and so far as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule.
- 1.2 The Regulations, as set out in Schedule 5(L) Regulations for Agility Classes shall apply to this competition, *mutatis mutandis*.

2. SCOPE OF LICENCE

- 2.1 Any club affiliated to **KUSA** and is eligible to hold either Non-Championship or Championship Shows may apply for and be issued with a licence to hold any part of the event named in this Schedule in conjunction with any show.
- 2.2 Any Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee is eligible to hold **NAL events** providing a Show Licence is applied for and issued (refer to Schedule 5(L), Regulation 2.2).

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- 2.3 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.

- 2.4 A **Show** Schedule shall be submitted under terms of Schedule 3 Regulation 5 or Schedule 4 Regulation 6, where any part of the event named in this Schedule falls under those Regulations.

3. HOST CLUB

Until or unless this Schedule 5(L) Appendix F is amended or altered, the host Club for these events shall be designated as: Any affiliated Club in any participating Province or Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee **eligible** to host any of the events covered by this Schedule (refer to Regulation 2).

4. ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS FOR COMPETITION

- ~~[4.1 Any dog may compete that is registered or recorded with the Kennel Union of Southern Africa and whose eligibility is not in conflict with the Regulations hereunder described or has not been disqualified or suspended from competition by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa.~~
- ~~4.2 Dogs, which have not been registered or recorded at the Kennel Union at the commencement of the competition, may compete in any leg of the competition subsequent to their registration or recording.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

- 4.1 **Any dog that is registered or recorded with KUSA and has not been disqualified or suspended from competition by KUSA may compete.**
- 4.2 **A dog must be eligible as per Schedule 5(L), Regulation 5.1 and must not be in conflict with the Regulations hereunder described.**
- 4.3 **A dog that has not been registered/recorded with KUSA or reached the age of eighteen (18) months at commencement of the competition may apply to compete in any round of the competition subsequent to registration or turning of age (refer to Schedule 5(L), Regulation 5.1.2).**

5. NAL ENTRIES

- ~~[5.1 Entry shall be open to all dogs who are registered with the Kennel Union of Southern Africa in terms of Regulation 4.1 above and have qualified to compete in the respective Agility Grade provided for in Schedule 5(L).~~
- ~~5.2 An entry fee decided by the administrating committee, the National Agility Sub-Committee (NAGSC), will be levied on each dog per calendar year. Said entry fee will be in addition to the entry fee levied by any host club for any leg of the League.~~
- ~~5.3 The entry fee shall be payable in full before any dog is registered as a competitor in the League.~~
- ~~5.4 The League entry fee may be reduced at the discretion of the Administrating Province where entry into the League is made after the third leg of the League has been contested.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

- 5.1 **Entry shall be open to all dogs that are registered with KUSA in terms of Regulation 4.1 above and have qualified to compete in the respective Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility Grades provided for in Schedule 5(L), Regulation 3.4. The dogs will compete in the height category, as specified on their record cards.**
- 5.2 **Handlers may enter the NAL by completing and submitting an electronic form as circulated by the AWCWG. An entry fee decided by the NAGSC will be levied on each dog per calendar 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 NAL in conjunction with a licenced Show.**
- 5.3 **The entry fee shall be payable in full before any dog is registered as a competitor in the NAL for that specific year.**
- 5.4 **The NAL entry fee may be reduced at the discretion of the NAGSC when entry into the NAL is done after all competing Provinces have concluded the second round of the NAL.**

6. NAL ADMINISTRATION

- ~~[6.1.1 — A Province's Agility Sub-Committee chosen by that Sub-Committee or the National Agility Committee (NAGSC) will administrate the league.~~
- ~~6.1.2 — The National Agility Committee (NAGSC) shall select from amongst its members a Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer. The Committee shall keep a true record of its proceedings and a Receipts and Payment account. It shall open an account at a recognized financial institution and all cheques must be signed by two members of the Committee who may not be members of the same household or use an existing account of the host club / organisation.~~
- ~~6.1.3 — Subsequent to the holding of the annual National Agility League (NAL) and the payment of all outstanding accounts and within sixty (60) days, the organizing Committee shall have the books of accounts Audited and copies of the audited accounts sent to the NAL Committee and KUSA. The organising Committee is responsible for any losses which might occur in the year that they are organising the competition and any surplus funds, after the books have been audited, shall contribute towards the expenses of the Team Leader attending the following year's Agility World Championships first, with any balance apportioned to the KUSA Team attending the following year's World Championships.~~
- ~~6.1.4 — Collecting entry fees and forms from each Province's League Representative.~~
- ~~6.1.5 — Banking these fees into a central pool for administrative purposes]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

6.1 **General**

- ~~6.1.1 **The AWCWG will manage and ensure that the NAL is administered correctly. The AWCWG may appoint a person from amongst its members to oversee the NAL.**~~
- ~~6.1.2 **The appointed person and/or Agility Treasurer will reconcile the entries with each Provincial Course Co-ordinator and distribute a copy of all entries received nationally for the NAL to all Provincial Course Co-ordinators prior to the start of the NAL.**~~
- ~~6.1.3 **The Agility Treasurer will administer the entry fees in any NAL year and shall keep a true record of all transactions as well as a receipts and payments account. The account shall be held by KUSA.**~~
- ~~6.1.4 **Subsequent to the holding of the annual NAL and the payment of all outstanding accounts, the Agility Treasurer shall, within sixty (60) days, have the entries and payments reconciled and accounted for and copies of the accounts sent to the NAGSC. The AWCWG is responsible for any losses that may occur in the NAL year.**~~
- ~~6.1.5 **Any surplus funds, after the accounts have been reconciled, shall be assigned to the SA AWC Team attending the following year's AWC.**~~

~~[6.2 — The nominated Province Sub-Committee, will be responsible for the following:~~

- ~~6.2.1 — Sourcing courses from Judges, these Judges must be from different Provinces.~~
- ~~6.2.2 — Distributing each course to the league representatives timeously.~~
- ~~6.2.3 — Finalising closing date for results for each leg~~
- ~~6.2.4 — Finalising national results for each leg.~~
- ~~6.2.5 — Publishing the national results for each leg and the final results/log. [This can be done by sending a copy of the results to each Province's League Representative.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

6.2 National NAL Co-ordinator

6.2.1 The AWCWG must select and appoint a National NAL Co-ordinator. The National NAL Co-ordinator must be a current/active Championship Show Agility Judge with at least three (3) years experience. The National NAL Co-ordinator may not enter or handle any dog in the NAL in the same year.

6.2.2 The appointed National NAL Co-ordinator will be responsible for the following:

6.2.2.1 Either design courses or select courses designed by Judges nominated by each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee (refer to Regulation 7.1.1).

6.2.2.2 Ensure that the courses meet the requirements set out in Regulation 7.

DOGSPC Proposal:

6.2.2.3 Distribute the respective courses and schedule of co-ordinates to the Provincial Course Co-ordinator not more than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of each round being held in that Province.

6.2.2.4 Ensure that each Provincial Course Co-ordinator submits the results to the web administrator for uploading within five (5) days of the NAL round being held.

NAGSC Proposal:

6.2.2.5 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.

~~[6.3 — Each Province's Agility Sub-committee will be responsible to nominate a League Representative, which will liaise with the appointed League Administrator. Their duties will be as follows:~~

~~6.3.1 — To collect all entry fees and forms for their Province.~~

~~6.3.2 — Forward all fees and entry forms to the relative administrating Province.~~

~~6.3.3 — To, in conjunction with that Province's Agility Sub-Committee and/or Clubs, schedule dates on which each leg will be run in that Province.~~

~~6.3.4 — To issue details of each particular leg in their Province to all competitors.~~

~~6.3.5 — To organise a qualified Judge(s) to judge each leg of the competition.~~

~~6.3.6 — To obtain each leg's course, from the Administrating Province, timeously and ensure that the Judge of each leg has the course on the day of the event.~~

~~———— If the League Representative is also a competitor, arrangements must be made that the courses be sent by the nominated Administrative Province to a person that is not directly involved in the competition. This person may not be family or spouse of any competitor.~~

~~6.3.7 — To tabulate the results of each leg for that Province and to ensure that these results are supplied to the League Administrator by the closing date specified.~~

~~6.3.8 — Publishing the national results so as competitors may see where they were placed on the final table.]~~

DOGSPC Proposal:

6.3 Provincial Course Co-ordinator

6.3.1 Each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee must nominate a Provincial Course Co-ordinator who will liaise with the appointed NAL Administrators.

NAGSC Proposal:

6.3.2 The Provincial Course Co-ordinator may not enter or handle any dog in the NAL in the same year (refer to Regulation 6.3.3.6).

6.3.3 His duties will be as follows:

6.3.3.1 Ensure that all information relating to the NAL in general and each particular round is distributed to competitors timeously.

6.3.3.2 Reconcile entries with the Agility Treasurer.

6.3.3.3 In conjunction with the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee and/or the Show Holding Clubs, schedule dates on which each round will be run in the Province.

6.3.3.4 In conjunction with the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee, organise current/active Championship Show Agility Judges to judge each round of the NAL.

6.3.3.5 Obtain each round's course from the National NAL Co-ordinator timeously and ensure that the Judge of each round has the course on the day of the event.

DOGSPC Proposal:

6.3.3.6 If the Provincial Course Co-ordinator is a competitor or not available on the day of competition, he must ensure that the courses are sent from the National NAL Co-ordinator to the appointed Show Judge.

NAGSC Proposal:

6.3.3.7 Ensure that no rounds are published on social media until all Provinces have completed the specific round.

6.3.3.8 Tabulate the results of each round for that Province and ensure that these results are supplied to the National NAL Co-ordinator and web administrator by the specified closing date.

7. COURSES

~~7.1.1 — Judges will be drawn from Provinces selected by the Adminstrating Province.~~

~~7.1.2 — The course will be drawn on a course design sheet or an appropriate course design programme, to the arena size specified in this Schedule.~~

~~7.1.3 — The course designer (Judge) will supply details of obstacle construction, for Small, Medium and Large classes, sufficient to allow all Provinces to construct the obstacles as identical as is reasonable.~~

~~7.1.4 — The course designer (Judge) shall for their course, supply a schedule of co-ordinates, see Appendix One (1) of this Schedule or on a separate sheet. These co-ordinates shall consist of two (2) measurements for each obstacle on their course. The measurements are to be taken one from each end of a common datum, which should be exactly forty (40) metres in length. The measurement shall be from each end of the datum to the exact centre of the front element of each obstacle and to the start of the rigid tunnel, long jump and weave poles.~~

~~7.1.5 — The Judges selected to judge the events in the various Provinces shall use the co-ordinates to build the designed course at the venue selected by the various Provinces' controlling committees. The Judge shall be responsible for ensuring that the placing and construction of each obstacle shall be as identical as possible to the course plan provided.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

7.1 Course Design

7.1.1 The National NAL Co-ordinator may design his own courses or select courses designed by Course Designers nominated by each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee.

7.1.2 Any appointed Course Designer must be a current/active Championship Show Agility Judge with at least two (2) years experience and in good standing with KUSA (refer to Schedule 5(L) Appendix E, Regulation 2).

7.1.3 The course must be drawn using an appropriate course design program according to the specifications provided in Schedule 5(L), Regulation 11.

7.1.4 A schedule of co-ordinates for each course must be tabulated either by the National NAL Co-ordinator or the Course Designer. 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.

7.1.5 The National NAL 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.

7.1.6 The appointed Provincial Course 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.

~~7.2.1 Each leg of the league shall have a contact and non-contact course designed by a qualified Championship Show Agility Judge.~~

~~7.2.2 The course will be of an Agility Two (2) standard in accordance with Schedule 5L, Regulations for Agility.~~

~~7.2.4 Only the obstacles laid down in Schedule 5L, Regulations for Agility are allowed to be used for this competition.~~

~~7.2.5 When calculating the distance to be run, measurements between obstacles shall be taken to and from the exact centre of the front element of each obstacle except the weave poles, rigid tunnel and long jump where the following lengths shall be regarded as standard:~~

~~7.2.6 Twelve weave poles 7.0m~~

~~7.2.7 Rigid tunnel 5 m or 6m in a shape as specified in Schedule 5L Regulations for Agility~~

~~7.2.8 Long jump Small dogs: 0.45m~~

~~Medium dogs: 0.8m~~

~~Large dogs: 1.3m]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

7.2 Requirements for the Courses

- 7.2.1 Each round of the NAL must have a Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility course and must be jumped on the same day.**
- 7.2.2 The courses will be of Agility 2 standard in accordance with Schedule 5(L), Regulation 11.**
- 7.2.3 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.**
- 7.2.4 The maximum obstacle heights and widths for all height categories will be used unless otherwise stated on the schedule of co-ordinates.**
- 7.2.5 The course distance will either be calculated by the National NAL Co-ordinator using the natural dog's path on the course design program or the National NAL Co-ordinator may request the Provincial Course Co-ordinator of the first province to run the round to measure the course distance.**

~~[7.3 Under no circumstances may the Standard Course time stated on the Course design sheet be altered, in anyway, without express permission from the Administrating Province, who will consult with the course designer (Judge) before giving permission to make such changes.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

7.3 Timing

- 7.3.1 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 NAL will run the same speed and SCT.**
- 7.3.2 Under no circumstances may the SCT stated on the co-ordinate schedule be altered, in any way, without express permission from the National NAL Co-ordinator.**

8. JUDGING

~~[8.1 Any Judge appointed shall be a qualified Championship Show Agility Judge and approved by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa.~~

~~8.2 All events shall be judged as laid down in Schedule 5(L) Regulations for Agility.]~~

KZNDAS Proposal:

- 8.1 The Judge for each round must be a current/active Championship Show Agility Judge and in good standing with KUSA. He must be appointed or approved by the relevant Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee and may not enter or handle any dog in the same round as he judges (refer to Schedule 5(L), Regulation 6.8).**
- 8.2 All events shall be judged as laid down in Schedule 5(L), Regulations 10 and 13 as well as the FCI Agility Judging Guidelines (Schedule 5(L) Appendix H).**

9. THE COMPETITION

- ~~9.1 The league shall consist of four (4) separate competitions/legs in each participating Province. Each leg shall comprise one (1) round of contact agility and one (1) round of non-contact agility.~~
- ~~9.2 The four (4) legs of the League shall be contested during the months from February to November.~~
- ~~9.3 The league event may be held and form part of any licensed show with the permission of the host club.~~
- ~~9.4 A dog may compete at any Centre holding a leg of the league 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 in the league leg.~~
- ~~9.5 Substitution of a dog's handler may take place during the duration of any league year without any effect on the dog's score/points.~~
- ~~9.6 If a handler relocates to another province during the league year, the combination may continue to enter this competition, subject to Regulation 8.4.~~
- ~~9.7 Scoring system: As per Regulation 9 of this Schedule.~~
- ~~9.8 Final placings in the Annual League Table and the title "Agility League Dog for (Year)" shall be determined by the accumulated scores incurred in the best three (3) non-contact rounds and best three (3) contact rounds of the four (4) legs for each competing dog.~~
- ~~9.9 Should it be impossible for a Province to run a leg by the stipulated closing date an application for an extension to that date must be made to the Administering Province. Once granted, if necessary, the Club under whose licence the event is being held must apply to the local Provincial Secretary for an amendment to that licence.~~
- ~~9.10 An extension may be granted up to a maximum of thirty (30) days after the stipulated closing date.]~~

NAPC Proposal:

- 9.1 **Each year, the NAL 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) NAL rounds 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.**

NAGSC Proposal:

- 9.2 **The four (4) rounds of the NAL year must be contested during the months February to November, unless permission for an extension is obtained from the NAGSC and KUSA.**
- 9.3 **The NAL event may be held and form part of any licensed show with the permission of the Show Holding Club.**
- 9.4 **A dog may compete in any Province holding a round of the NAL, 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 NAL round. The dog will be required to enter the subsequent show as Not for Competition (NFC) and will not be eligible to receive qualifications (refer to Schedule 5(L), Regulation 6.6).**
- 9.5 **Substitution of a dog's handler may take place during the duration of any NAL year without any effect on the dog's score/points.**

NAGSC Proposal:

- 9.6 **Bitches in season must be allowed to compete in the NAL rounds. The onus will be on the handler to bring the bitch's condition to the attention of the Judge at these events.**
- 9.7 **Scoring is as per Regulation 10 of this Schedule.**
- 9.8 **Final placings in the NAL table and the title "National Agility League Dog for (Year)" in each height category 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.**
- 9.9 **The top five (5) dogs from the NAL, based on the combined results of all height categories but excluding the reigning SA Agility Champions, shall be invited to compete at the following year's SAAC event (refer to Schedule 5(L) Appendix D, Regulation 4.2.3).**

10. SCORING

- 10.1 Clear rounds
- 10.1.1 A dog will be awarded ten (10) points **for each clear round.**
- 10.2 Bonus Points
- 10.2.1 **In each round, the** overall winning dog in each height category, **will be awarded** one (1) bonus point.
- 10.2.2 Any dog with a clear round will also be awarded bonus points for every two (2) seconds that the SCT is bettered.

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

10.3 **Points for Total Faults**

- 10.3.1 **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

11. PRIZES AND AWARDS

- 11.1 In all sections of this competition, prizes and awards may be awarded provided that such prizes and awards do not contravene the provisions of Schedule 3, Regulation 29 of the Constitution of

KUSA.

- ~~[11.2 The Administrating Province will hold the entry fees on trust for all competitors in any league year. The Administrating Province will, at the end of each leg distribute prizes to the relevant placed competitors and at the end of the league year shall award prizes to the overall placed competitors, as decided by the committee. Such prizes will be awarded from the fund made up from all entry fees after deductions of all administering costs incurred by the committee. Prizes will be awarded in cash or by purchase of a trophy or other awards.~~
- ~~— The details of such prizes and awards are published in the Show Schedule relating to each event.~~
- ~~11.5 Distributing each leg's prizes at the end of each leg and the final overall prizes.]~~

NAGSC Proposal:

- 11.2 **At the end of the NAL year, prizes as decided by the AWCWG, will be awarded to the first placed dog in each height category as well as any other awards that may be secured through sponsorship.**
- 11.3 **Prizes will be awarded in the form of trophies and/or other awards.**
- 11.4 **Such prizes will be funded from sponsorship and/or all the NAL entry fees collected, less deduction of any administrative costs relating to the NAL that may be incurred by the AWCWG.**
- 11.5 **The AWCWG will distribute the prizes to the winning dogs.**

- 11.6 The title awarded under **Regulation 9.8** above, shall not be eligible for recording on the dog's Certificate of Registration.

12. SPONSORSHIP

The events covered by this Schedule may be sponsored permanently, or on an annual basis, by any organisation acceptable to the Federal Council of KUSA, **the NAGSC** and the **Show Holding Club**.

In years when the event is sponsored, the title of the "National Agility League" may be preceded by the name of the Sponsor. Should the Sponsor wish to be disassociated **from** the event, this may not be done so as to prejudice the holding of the events in that year or any succeeding years. For this reason, a contract must be drawn up between the **NAGSC** and any Sponsor, establishing the rights and obligations of all parties should any of them wish to withdraw from associating with this Competition. Dress code **will be according** to the Sponsors wishes.

~~[12. SANITATION~~

~~All competitors are responsible for the removal of faeces deposited by their dogs. Any competitor failing to do so is liable for instant disqualification.]~~



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