

# **Schedule 5L – Regulations for Agility**

## **May 2019 Changes**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

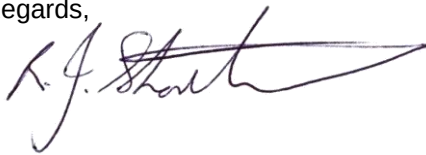
After months of debate we, the National Agility Sub-Committee, submit the below and marked up Schedule for ratification by KUSA/FedCo.

The layout of this document will be as follows:

- The original text extract from Schedule 5L will read first.
- Proposed change, including motivation, from each province that has been submitted, will follow.

Deleted text will be in ~~[red, within brackets and struck through]~~.  
Additions in blue and underlined.

Regards,



Rory Shortland

NAGSC Secretary and E.P. Representative.

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### **Item 1:**

#### **2. TYPES OF AGILITY CATEGORIES**

2.1 Three (3) categories exist:

2.1.1 The “S” (Small) category: For dogs measuring less than 35cm at the withers.

2.1.2 The “M” (Medium) category: For dogs measuring 35cm or more and less than 43cm at the withers.

The “L” (Large) category: For dogs measuring 43cm or more at the withers.

2.1.3 Dogs may only jump in their own category, with the exception of regulation

The obstacles must meet the specifications defined for each category.

2.1.4 Dogs close in size to the limits of “S, M or L” will be required to be measured to determine the height at the withers. Dogs may be re-measured at any time and if such dog is re-classified into the next category, any Certificates won in the previous category do not count towards Championship status in the new category. The dog’s Record Card must be endorsed that it is no longer in the previous category.

2.1.5 Prior to entering an Agility Event for the first time, the handler shall produce their dog’s Registration Certificate to prove age. Any dog whose size is close to the limit “S, M or L” shall be measured by the Agility Judge of the day on a flat level surface and have the relevant Record Card signed and filled in if the Dog is 42.99cm or less at the withers.

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[2.1.3](#) The “L” (Large) category: For dogs measuring 43cm or more at the withers.

~~[2.1.3]~~

[2.1.4](#) Dogs may only jump in their own category, with the exception of regulation 1.6.3.

The obstacles must meet the specifications defined for each category.

~~[2.1.4]~~

[2.1.5](#) Dogs close in size to the limits of “S, M or L” will be required to be measured to determine the height at the withers. Dogs may be re-measured at any time and if such dog is re-classified into the next category, any Certificates won in the previous category do not count towards Championship status in the new category. The dog’s Record Card must be endorsed that it is no longer in the previous category.

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Motivation: The numbering seems to have skipped the ‘Large’ dog category. This is a mere numbering change.

| Province | DOGSPC | NAPC | WP | KZN | FS | EP |
|----------|--------|------|----|-----|----|----|
| Yes      | X      | X    | X  | X   | X  | X  |
| No       |        |      |    |     |    |    |

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#### **Item 2:**

1.6.3.5 A dog may only enter one (1) Agility and/or one (1) Non-Contact Agility class.

#### **Change to:**

1.6.3.5 A dog may only enter one (1), Agility and/or one (1) Non-Contact Agility ~~[class]~~ [grade per show](#).

Motivation : We have numerous handlers entering rounds for NFC. This is not fair to all handlers as A3 dogs can be entered into A1, A2 and A3 whereas A1 dogs can only run one NFC round. The rule change hopefully only allows one round in total (one NFC or competition round should only be allowed) Furthermore the A3 dogs use A1 and A2 for practice then enter A3 to compete. This in essence is against 5L schedule.

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| Yes      | X      | X    | X  | X   | X  | X  |
| No       |        |      |    |     |    |    |

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#### **Item 3:**

##### **3.17 Exhibit Number**

On entering the ring a handler needs to display their exhibit number, in order to be positively identified.

However, it is not necessary to wear the exhibit number while in the ring.

#### **Change to:**

##### **3.17 Exhibit Number**

~~[On entering the ring a handler needs to display their exhibit number, in order to be positively identified.]~~

[Handlers must announce their catalogue number to the scribe when requested, before starting the exercise.](#)

However, it is not necessary to wear the exhibit number while in the ring.]

Motivation: Alignment with Dog Jumping schedule

| Province | DOGSPC | NAPC | WP | KZN | FS | EP |
|----------|--------|------|----|-----|----|----|
| Yes      | X      | X    | X  | X   | X  | X  |
| No       |        |      |    |     |    |    |

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### **Item 4:**

#### **4.5 Interference with Competitors**

The Judge of an Agility Class shall expel from competition any dog entered contrary to Regulation 3.10 and may remove any dog which behaves in an uncontrollable manner, any handler who interferes willfully with another competitor or their dog, and may expel from competition any dog which he considers unfit to compete, or any bitch which appears so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element, the latter only applies if the show holding club has stipulated that a bitch in season may not compete, see regulation 3.9.3. In the case of doubt an official veterinarian shall be called to give their opinion but the Judge's decision is final.

### **Change to:**

#### **4.5 Interference with Competitors**

The Judge of an Agility Class shall expel from competition any dog entered contrary to Regulation ~~[3-10]~~ [3.9](#) and may remove any dog which behaves in an uncontrollable manner, any handler who interferes willfully with another competitor or their dog, and may expel from competition any dog which he considers unfit to compete, or any bitch which appears so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element, the latter only applies if the show holding club has stipulated that a bitch in season may not compete, see regulation 3.9.3. In the case of doubt an official veterinarian shall be called to give their opinion but the Judge's decision is final.

Motivation: I assume a spelling error. 3.10 refers to conditions while 3.9 refers to dogs allowed to compete.

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| Yes      | X      | X    | X  | X   | X  | X  |
| No       |        |      |    |     |    |    |

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#### **Item 5:**

##### **4.21 Up-Contact Judge**

4.21.1 At a Championship or Non-Championship Show, the appointed judge may request an up-contact judge to officiate at any contact. This judge will be at no extra cost to the show holding club and must be organized by the appointed judge.

4.21.2 The up-contact judge may not be a competitor in the grade that they are officiating.

#### **Change to:**

4.21.2 The up-contact judge may not be a competitor in the same height category ~~[grade]~~ that they are officiating.

Motivation: WC (believe other provinces could have same problem) will never be able to use an up contact judge if up-contact judge may not be in the same grade. All our judges are in grade 3.

| Province | DOGSPC | NAPC | WP | KZN | FS | EP |
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| Yes      | X      | X    | X  | X   | X  | X  |
| No       |        |      |    |     |    |    |

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#### **Item 6:**

6.1 A course is built with obstacles, the set-up of which determines the degree of difficulty and speed. The course must be completed by the dog within a predetermined time and the obstacles must be negotiated in the correct order.

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6.1 A course is built with obstacles, the set-up of which determines the degree of difficulty and speed. The course must be completed by the dog within a predetermined time and the obstacles must be negotiated in the correct order.

The method of determining SCT is decided by the judge before commencement of the first dog's run and announced at the handler's briefing. The judge may not change this decision after the first dog has run.

Motivation: Handlers know which method of SCT determination is to be used.

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#### **General Items:**

##### 1.6.4 Veterans (Class)

1.6.4.1 The Veteran class must be offered to and must be held at all official shows. The class is only for dogs, who are at least 7 years old. Dogs registered in the Veteran class at a show, are only allowed to run in Veteran class at that show. A senior dog is a senior dog at the whole show. The class is the same course as contact A2 and Jumping A2.

1.6.4.2 Small dogs jump a maximum height of 20 cm and long jump max. 40 cm; medium dogs use the normal course for small dogs (height 30 cm and long jump 50 cm) and large dogs use the normal course for medium dogs (height 40 cm and long jump 90 cm). Tyre and spread hurdle are never used and are replaced with a single hurdle.

1.6.4.2 The Veteran dogs run first before the other dogs running in that height category

Motivation: there are many handlers that would like to compete with their older dogs but at a lower height. This format was seen in Denmark recently and worked very well. It didn't delay the show in any way because it is part of the A2 classes which generally have the smallest number of handlers.

#### **If the Veterans class is made optional:**

##### 1.6.4 Veterans Class

1.6.4.1 The Veteran Class may be offered at the discretion of the show holding club.

1.6.4.2 The Class is only for dogs who are a minimum age of 7 years and have previously entered other classes competitively i.e. the dog must have record cards.

1.6.4.3 Dogs entered in the Veteran Class at a show may only compete in their respective Veteran Class.

1.6.4.4 The Veterans class will be run on the Contact 2 and Non-Contact 2 courses.

1.6.4.5 Obstacles:

| Veterans Class | Jump height | Long Jump<br>(Depth) |
|----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Small          | 20cm        | 40cm                 |
| Medium         | 30cm        | 50cm                 |
| Large          | 40cm        | 90cm                 |

1.6.4.6 The Tyre and Spread hurdle are not permitted to be used in the Veterans Class.

1.6.4.7 The Veteran dogs will compete before the other competitors running in that height category.

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| No       |        |      |    |     |    |    |