KUSA
Kennel Union of Southern Africa

SCHEDULE 5L
APPENDIX 'D'
REGULATIONS FOR THE KUSA SOUTH AFRICAN AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Effective: ??.??.20??)

1. **TERMINOLOGY**

1.1 KUSA SAAC shall mean the South African Agility Championships.
AWC shall mean the Agility World Championships.
NAgSC shall mean the National Agility Sub-Committee.
The SAAC Sub-Committee shall mean the Sub-Committee specially formed each year to co-ordinate the South African Agility Championships.
The AWC Sub-Committee shall mean the Sub-Committee specially formed each year to co-ordinate the Agility World Championships Team selection.

2. **ADMINISTRATION**

2.1 Each year by the end of October a SAAC Sub-Committee will be formed to coordinate all matters leading up to the following year's South African Agility Championships.

2.1.1 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.

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.

2.1.2 The SAAC Sub-Committee and its duties will be to schedule and manage the Regional Trials and the SA Championships event not restricted to the listed duties below:

- Apply for the SA Champ License from KUSA
- Sponsorship for the SAAC
- Venue hire
- Invitations to Qualified Handlers
- Judges Contracts
- Reconcile all SAAC entry fees
- Reconcile the Profit/Loss account with the NAC to be paid into the KUSA control account.
- SAAC schedule is to be approved by KUSA

3. **TRIALS**

3.1 Regional Trials will be held in which dogs in all the Provinces will compete on the same courses.

3.2 The top dogs from the Regional Trials will be invited to compete in the SA Agility Championships event.
The SA Agility Championships final event may be held at the same time and venue as the AWC Team selection event. The AWC Committee is responsible for the entry form and the entry fees.

3.3 **Regional Trials**

3.3.1 Each year, by the end of September, the SAAC Sub-Committee will appoint a Trials Coordinator.

3.3.2 Four (4) Regional trials will be held, between the first day of November and the last day of March. The Trials Coordinator will specify the deadline dates for the submission of the results for each leg. Written application must be made to the SAAC Sub-Committee if an extension is required to run a Regional trial/s.

3.3.3 **Courses**

3.3.3.1 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:

3.3.3.1.1 The courses must be designed to the specifications in Schedule 5L.
3.3.3.1.2 The courses must be suitable in terms of difficulty, so as to test skill and speed, without compromising the safety of competitors.
3.3.3.1.3 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.

3.3.3.2 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.

3.3.3.3 All height categories will jump the same course, with the obstacles set at the heights prescribed for that Category.
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 (not combined).

3.3.4 **Eligibility of Dogs**

3.3.4.1 All dogs with valid KUSA Agility or Non-Contact Agility record cards will be allowed to take part in the Regional Trials. The dogs will compete in either the Small, Medium or Large category, as specified on their record cards.

3.3.4.2 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. 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.

3.3.4.3 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 the Trial.

3.3.5 **Results**

3.3.5.1 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.

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

3.3.5.3 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.

3.3.5.4 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.

4. SOUTH AFRICAN AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT

4.1 Eligibility

4.1.1 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.

4.1.2 The top five (5) dogs from the previous year's National Agility League, based upon a combined results table of small, medium and large dogs excluding the three (3) reigning SA Agility Champions, shall be invited to compete at the SA Agility Championships event. An entry fee according to paragraph 3.3.4.2 will still be payable. This regulation as well as regulation 4.1.1 hereof shall be placed under review annually by the National Agility Sub-Committee in order to determine whether the ratio stipulated is still representative of the ratios of dogs competing nationally.

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

4.1.4 Bitches in season will be allowed to compete in the SA Agility Championships 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.

4.1.5 Handlers who have qualified to compete at the SA Agility Championships must confirm their availability to participate prior to the event by submission of an official KUSA entry form which must reach the show organizing committee before the Closing Date which will be set by the show organizing committee each year.

4.1.6 The reigning South African Champion in each height category (large, medium and small) will automatically qualify for the final. An entry fee according to paragraph 3.3.4.2 will be waived.

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

4.2 Organisation

4.2.1 The SA Agility Championships event will be run by members of the SAAC Sub-Committee, assisted by members of the host Province's Agility Sub-Committee. Refer to Paragraph 2.1.1 and 2.1.2.

4.2.2 The venue for the SA Agility Championships 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.

4.2.3 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.

The up-contact judge may be used as the reserve judge.

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

4.2.4.1 Only KUSA championship show Judges with a minimum of three (3) years' experience in judging agility will be considered.
4.2.4.2 Has judged a minimum of six (6) agility competitions in the last three (3) years. These exclude leaner judging appointments.
4.2.4.3 No judging appointments from non-KUSA affiliated clubs or organisations will count for the application.
4.2.4.4 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.
4.2.4.5 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.

4.2.5 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:

4.2.5.1 The judges must be a member in good standing with KUSA.
4.2.5.2 Judges knowledge and application of the rules.
4.2.5.3 Judges experience in judging important events such as previous SAAC, FCI shows, KUSA National Agility events and Championship shows.
4.2.5.4 Judges command of the ring and general courtesy.
4.2.5.5 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.

4.3 **Format**

4.3.1 Each judge will set a Contact Course and a Non-Contact course, making four (4) rounds in total. All Dogs will jump the same course, with the obstacles set at the heights prescribed for that Category.

4.3.2 The running order for the first round will be determined by a random computer draw. 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 will run first and those with the most number of points will run last, i.e. reverse order of placings. The computer will determine a reasonable gap between dogs for the handlers with more than one (1) dog.

4.3.3 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 Championships, the dogs with the least faults and fastest times will be determined the winners in each category, for that round.

4.3.4 After the conclusion of the competition the scores will be totalled and the dogs with the most points will be determined as the winners in each category. In the event of a tie, all dogs involved in the tie, will be awarded the place.

4.3.5 The winning dog in each category will be awarded the SA Agility Championships Floating trophy.

5. **SPONSORSHIP**

5.1 The event may be sponsored permanently or on an annual basis by any organization acceptable to the Federal Council of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa. 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 with 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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