

SCHEDULE 5G

REGULATIONS FOR DOG CARTING

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1. LICENSING AND SHOW REGULATIONS

The Regulations 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 Kennel Union of Southern Africa shall apply to Dog Carting and so far as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 5G.

2. SCOPE OF LICENCE

- 2.1 A Club which is qualified to hold a Championship Show may hold a Championship and/or a Non-Championship Dog Carting Event in conjunction with either of such shows under the same licence or separate licence.
- 2.2 A Club which is not qualified to hold a Championship Show may hold a Non-Championship Dog Carting event in conjunction with such event and under the same licence or separate therefrom.

3. Void.

4. CARTING CERTIFICATES

- 4.1 A Qualifying Certificate, clearly marked Mini Senior or Standard Senior Class, will be awarded at any Championship Show to any dog that gains at least 95% of the marks in the Senior Class.
- 4.2 A certificate, clearly marked Mini Novice or Standard Novice Class, may be issued at any Championship Show to any dog that gains at least 95% of the marks in the Novice Class.
- 4.3 Championship Status - a dog awarded three (3) Carting Certificates in the Mini Senior or Standard Senior Class, each by a different Judge, will qualify as a Carting Champion and a KUSA Certificate to this effect will be issued.
- 4.4 A dog awarded twenty-five (25) Carting Qualifying Certificates will qualify as a Grand Champion Carting and shall be issued with a KUSA certificate to that effect. This is providing that no more than four (4) of such Carting Qualifying Certificates shall have been awarded by any one (1) Judge and not more than twenty-one (21) Qualifying Certificates were gained in any one (1) province with the balance of four (4) Qualifying Certificates having been gained in at least one (1) other province.

5. REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS FOR COMPETITION

Any dog may compete which is registered with the Kennel Union of Southern Africa in the Breed Register, Dogsport Record or in the Breed Appendix Register and is not in conflict with the Regulations hereunder described or who has not been disqualified or suspended from competition by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa and has been issued with a Dog Carting Record Card.

- 5.1 Only dogs aged fourteen (14) months or over may participate, in any Carting event.
Prior to entering a Carting Event for the first time, the handler shall produce their dog's Registration Certificate to prove age as well as written proof from a veterinarian of the dog's microchip number and weight at that time.
- 5.1.1 Definition of Mini Dogs :
- 5.1.2 Dogs 40cm and under at the withers will only be allowed to compete in the 'Mini' category.
- 5.1.3 Dogs will be required to be measured to determine their weight and height at the withers. Dogs may be re-measured at any time and if such dog is reclassified from the Mini category to the Senior category any Certificates won in the 'Mini' Category do not count towards 'Senior' Championship status. The dog's Record Card must be endorsed that it is no longer in the Mini category.
- 5.2 Record Cards shall only be issued for dogs so registered. Any alterations whatsoever made to the Dog Carting Record Card may only be made with the authority of the issuing Officer or the Secretary of the Provincial Council. Any alterations must be signed and the authority of the signatory stated.
- 5.3 No dog can be entered in any Carting Class "RAF" (Registration Applied For) or "TAF" (Transfer Applied For) and the terms of Championship Show Regulations (Schedule 3), Regulation 7, apply where applicable.
- 5.4 At the conclusion of the competition it is the responsibility of the Judge of that class to enter in each dog's Record Card particulars of the show, with details of marks scored, Qualifications earned and Certificates awarded, when such information is relevant to the dog's eligibility to compete in a Carting class or to the dog's achieving Championship status. When any Class is judged by more than one (1) person there shall only be one (1) winner, that is the dog scoring the highest points.

- 5.5 No dog may compete in a Senior Class until it has gained at least **95%** of the marks in the Novice Class on two occasions at any show and this has been recorded on its Record Card.
- 5.6 A dog having become eligible to compete in a class may continue to compete in that class until it is suspended or disqualified from competition, or until it has qualified from competition to the higher class.
- 5.7 Void
- 5.8 Dogs that have been placed 1st in a Novice Class in which three (3) or more dogs compete and obtained a qualifying mark under three (3) different Judges at Championship Shows are not eligible to compete in a Mini/Standard Novice class again.
- 5.9 It is permissible to enter a dog for competition in a Carting Event in anticipation of the dog qualifying to compete in that event at a previous Show, provided that the entry is made in accordance with the rules of the Club holding the Carting Event and that the dog qualifies prior to the day of the Show.
- 5.10 It is permissible for a dog to take part in a higher class than the class entered in advance of a show, provided that the dog has qualified out of the lower class prior to the show.

6. QUALIFICATION OF JUDGES

- 6.1 Before a Learner Judge may accept any Carting appointment, they must have passed a written examination on Schedule 05G, a sixty-mark examination on Schedule 03, the Temporary Exclusion Order (TEO) Manual and Schedule 09, Appendix B, have attended and passed a Carting Judges Training Course presented by an approved Convener and acted as a Ring Steward at two (2) Non-Championship Carting Shows. Thereafter, they will be issued with a Judge's Record Card. In terms of this Regulation, a 'Learner Judge' means one who is not yet qualified to judge at a Championship Show.
- 6.2 The examination on Schedule 03, the Temporary Exclusion Order (TEO) Manual and Schedule 09, Appendix B, must be written by all Learner Carting Judges regardless of whether they have written this examination previously.
- 6.3 Before any Judge can judge at a Championship Carting event they must have written and have had accepted reports on two (2) Non-Championship Shows at which he has officiated. Such reports are submitted to the Provincial Council Sub-Committee in whose area they normally reside. Where there is no Provincial Council, the Reports shall be submitted to the KUSA Office.
- 6.3.1 No report by a Judge shall be considered which does not contain the score sheets and a detailed comment on the performance of the dogs scoring the highest and next highest in at least two (2) sections of the four (4) – which must include one (1) Novice and one (1) Senior section (i.e. Mini Novice, Standard Novice, Mini Senior and Standard Senior) in addition to a general comment on the performance of all other dogs competing in the two (2) sections. A detailed list of faults and marks deducted to be included.
- 6.4 In order to be placed on the panel of Carting Judges the Judge must judge two (2) Championship Carting Events and written reports must be submitted, within three (3) months of the date of the Show, to the Provincial Council in whose area in which they normally reside and then confirmed by the Executive Committee of KUSA, after which they may be issued with their Carting Judge's Licence.
- 6.5 Appointments of Judges normally resident outside the area of jurisdiction of the KUSA will be considered by the Executive Committee in the light of the Judge's qualifications recognised by the appropriate canine authority in the Judge's country of residence, and in terms of Article 25.4 of The Kennel Union Constitution. It is the responsibility of the Show holding Club that any Judge who is permanently domiciled outside the KUSA area of jurisdiction is provided timeously with a copy of these Regulations.
- 6.6 All locally domiciled Judges shall be members in good standing of the Kennel Union 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.
- 6.7 **Inactive Judge**
A Judge whether Learner or Licensed, who has not carried out a judging appointment for a period of three (3) years or more and wishes to resume judging must pass a written examination on Schedule 05G Regulations, as well as a sixty-mark examination on Schedule 03, the Temporary Exclusion Order (TEO) Manual and Schedule 09, Appendix B. This examination shall be as determined from time to time by the National Carting Sub-Committee. KUSA shall be so informed and they in turn shall inform the Judge in writing (copied to the National Sub-Committee) that they passed the examination and may now accept judging appointments up to the highest level that they were previously entitled to judge.

7. MANAGEMENT OF CARTING EVENTS

- 7.1 **Show Manager**
The management of a Carting Show shall be entrusted to the Show Manager who shall be a Member in good standing of KUSA and appointed by the Committee of the Club holding the Show.
- 7.2 **Disputes**
Any disputed matter requiring a decision on the ground shall be decided by the Show Manager and the Judge(s). However, the control of all matters connected with the dogs during competition shall rest with the Judge(s) of the event but the Manager, if required, may be called upon for assistance.
- 7.3 **Complaints**
Complaints lodged by competitors will be dealt with in accordance with the KUSA Regulations.

- 7.4 **Other Matters**
Any matter not provided for in the KUSA Regulations for Carting Events shall be decided by a simple majority of the Show Manager and the Judge(s) at the Show and their decision will be final. In the event of an equality of votes the KUSA Representative, where one is present, shall appoint a referee and when one is not present, the Show Manager shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.
- 7.5 **Misbehaviour of Dogs at a Show**
- 7.5.1 Physical disciplining of a dog or serious uncontrollable behaviour of a dog at a Show prior to the Judge taking control of the assembled exhibitors, or after they have been dismissed, may be penalised at the discretion of the Show Manager by excluding the dog from competition at the Show and or by written notification at the Exco that the exhibitor forfeit any Carting awards, positions or qualifications gained at the Show.
From the time when the Judge takes control of the competitors to begin judging a Class until the Judge dismisses the competitors, after the results of a Class have been announced, no handler in that Class shall physically discipline a dog, either inside or outside the ring. In the event of such physical disciplining occurring, or in the event of serious uncontrollable behaviour of a dog in the ring, the Judge will severely penalise the dog concerned by deducting points from the total score of the dog. In addition, the Judge may, at their discretion, exclude the dog from further competition in that Class at that Show.
- 7.5.2 Should the behaviour of any handler or dog threaten the safety or wellbeing of the dog and/or the safety or wellbeing of the handler and/or some other dog or person and/or any physical property then, in such an event, neither the handler nor the dog shall be permitted to complete any exercise being carried out on that day and shall be reported to the Show Secretary, who will render a written report to the Exco detailing the circumstances.
- 7.5.3 Baiting or the offering of food to the dog while the test is in progress is forbidden. The carrying of food or training aids during the exercises is also forbidden and if discovered, means immediate excusal from the test.
- 7.6 **Number of Dogs to be Judged**
No Judge shall be required to test more than a total of thirty-five (35) in any one (1) day. When the number of entries to be judged by one (1) person exceeds these limits, the Committee of the Club holding the Show shall appoint an extra Judge(s) whose name shall be communicated to the Kennel Union for approval and shall allocate competitors as equally as possible among the Judges by draw.
- 7.7 **Handler of Dog**
Either the owner or a deputy may handle the dog but it must be one or the other. Once the dogs have commenced work, an owner must not interfere with his dog if he has deputed another person to handle it.
- 7.8 **Competing Dogs**
No bitch in season shall be allowed to compete in any Carting Event. Spayed bitches and castrated dogs may compete.
- 7.9 **Conditions**
It is the responsibility of the Show Manager and of the Judge(s) to ensure that all dogs competing in an event compete under the same conditions as far as this is practical.
- 7.10 **Weather**
It shall be at the sole discretion of the Judge(s) whether or not competition in any event should be interrupted on account of inclement weather. Cancellation of a Carting Event or of any part of a Carting Event shall be at the discretion of the Show Manager in consultation with the Judge(s).
- 7.11 **Starting Time**
All competitors shall be informed of the starting time for their event and competitors and dogs in each event shall be present at site of the Show at least thirty (30) minutes before that time. The Judge's shall have discretion to postpone the starting time of an event and the draw for order of competition for a reasonable period if competitors, in the event, are delayed through competition elsewhere in the Show falling behind schedule, and such postponement shall be made known to all competitors in the event, who are present. Any competitor who is not present at the end of such postponement shall be regarded as withdrawn from the Show and shall not be allowed to compete.
- 7.12 **Order of Competition**
The order of competition shall be determined by draw among the competitors in each event immediately before the first exercise of the event is due to begin.
- 7.13 **Carting Area**
- 7.13.1 The Show Manager is responsible for the demarcation of the areas to be used for Carting Events and is responsible for ensuring that the areas comply with these Regulations. The Showholding Club shall be responsible for setting up the ring.
- 7.13.2 The minimum size of the ring should be at least 30m x 30m
- 7.14 **Competition by Officials at Shows**
- 7.14.1 A Judge at a show may not enter or handle a dog in the same Discipline (Breed, Obedience, Working Trials, IGP, Dog Jumping, Agility, Carting etc..) as that in which they are officiating. This restriction does not apply in respect of another show held on the same day but held under a different license.
- 7.14.2 A KUSA Representative, if appointed, may not enter, exhibit or handle a dog registered in their name at any KUSA Licensed event held at the same venue on the day that they are officiating, nor in the same discipline held under the same licence on any day.
- 7.15 **Catalogue Numbers**
On entering the ring a handler needs to display their exhibit number, in order to be positively identified.

- 7.16 **Announcement of Results**
The Judge must give each competitor their marks after completing the course and before they leave the ring.
- 7.16.1 **Equal Scores**
In the case of a tie, when two (2) or more dogs have equal scores, those dogs shall be tested again immediately by having them perform separately one (1) or more of the exercises of the Judge's choice in that Class, and without any change to the existing scores. In the case of an equal score for first placed dogs, a run-off will be undertaken in accordance with this Regulation. On completion of the run-off the Record Card will be completed as follows :
- 7.16.2 The dog which wins the run-off will be the winner and the Record Card will be endorsed as such.
- 7.16.3 The dog which came second in the run-off will have the qualifying mark entered on the Card but shall not share first place.
- 7.16.4 All competitors who achieve qualifying marks will likewise have their Record Card endorsed in accordance with the Regulations.

8. SCHEDULE OF EXERCISE - CARTING WORK EXERCISES

- 8.1.1 **HARNESSING AND HITCHING** Novice (5 points)
- 8.1.1.1.1 **INSPECTION OF HARNESS AND CART** Senior (3 points)
- 8.1.2 **Basic Handling** (65 points)
- 8.1.2.2 Normal pace
- 8.1.2.2 Fast pace
- 8.1.2.3 Slow pace
- 8.1.2.4 About turn
- 8.1.2.5 Halt (sit/stand)
- 8.1.2.6 Back up
- 8.1.3 **MANOEUVRING** Novice (65 points) Senior (67 points)
- 8.1.3.1 Figure eight
- 8.1.3.2 Three 90 degree turns (2 in different directions)
- 8.1.3.3 Broad curve
- 8.1.3.4 Narrow area
- 8.1.3.5 Removable obstacle
- 8.1.3.6 About turn
- 8.1.3.7 Load/Unload
- 8.1.3.8 Back up
- 8.1.3.9 Following the course
- 8.1.3.10 Distraction control
- 8.1.3.11 Recall
- 8.1.3.12 Senior – extra element at judge's discretion
- 8.1.4 **STAY** (10 points)
- TOTAL (100 points)

8.2 DISTINCTION BETWEEN NOVICE AND SENIOR CLASS

- 8.2.1 Novice class: All work except the recall will be done on lead with audible direction from the judge or steward.
- 8.2.2 Senior class: all work will be done off lead. At the judge's discretion with or without audible instruction from the judge or steward
- 8.2.3 **REFER ALSO CLASSES 8.3 TO 8.4.4 INCLUSIVE**
- 8.2.4 The Figure Eight (Reg. 8.3.3.4.1), Broad Curve (Reg. 8.3.3.4.3) and Narrow Area (Reg. 8.3.3.4.4) to be altered in width to accommodate Mini Dogs and Carts at the Judge's discretion.

8.3 DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISES

8.3.1 HARNESSING AND HITCHING

8.3.1.1 VOID

8.3.1.2 VOID

8.3.1.3 Harnessing and Hitching – Novice Dogs

With the dog in the sit/stand position (at the handler's discretion) the handler harnesses and hitches the cart and attaches the traces as directed by the Judge, giving such commands as are necessary.

8.3.1.4 INSPECTION OF HARNESS AND CART – Senior Dogs

The handler and dog enter the ring already harnessed and hitched with traces attached.

8.3.1.5 The dog will stand for examination by the Judge. The Judge will satisfy himself that the harness is comfortable and that the cart is balanced and that the traces are secure and that they will cause no injury to the dog. If this is not to the Judge's satisfaction, he can ask for this to be adjusted and penalize the handler accordingly. If this cannot be rectified, the exhibit should be excused from the ring.

8.3.1.6 Any dog showing aggression to the Judge or Steward during this exercise will be disqualified from the Carting Event.

8.3.2 BASIC HANDLING TO BE CARRIED OUT BEFORE MANOEUVRING COURSE

8.3.2.1 In an area free of obstacles and with the cart hitched, at the direction of the Judge, the handler shall have the dog perform the following:

- Haul forward at normal, fast and slow pace
- Left or right about turn at the Judge's discretion at normal pace
- Halt in either sit or stand position, at the handler's discretion
- Back up in a straight line for the length of the dog and cart

8.3.3 MANOEUVRING

8.3.3.1 The course must be clearly laid out and the Judge must walk the course (with the handlers (without dogs)) before judging commences. Manoeuvring space equivalent to the length of the competing dog and cart must be allowed for at all obstacles.

8.3.3.1.1 In the Novice Class the handler and dog must complete the course as directed with audible instructions from the Steward. Halts in Sit or Stand position of the dog at the handler's discretion.

8.3.3.1.2 In the Senior Class the Judge may instruct that the course be completed as directed with or without audible instructions from the Steward. A handler must elect a Sit or Stand position for the dog at Halts and this position must be maintained throughout the course.

8.3.3.1.3 All manoeuvring will be done at normal pace in all Classes.

8.3.3.2. VOID

8.3.3.3 The course must include all items listed in Regulation 8.3.3 but shall, at the Judge's discretion, include other obstacles or actions that are consistent with practical carting and traffic rules and regulations (for example : stopping to deliver part of the load, obeying traffic signs, parking in designated areas and coping with light traffic (bicycles)).

8.3.3.4 Manoeuvring Exercises and Obstacles

8.3.3.4.1 **Figure Eight** - the two (2) obstacles should be at least the length of the competing dog and cart apart, and no other obstacles should be within this distance of the figure eight.

8.3.3.4.2 **90 degree Turn** - at least three (3) such turns must be included in the course, two (2) of which must be in different directions.

8.3.3.4.3 **Broad Curve** - this may be a curve to left or right at the Judge's discretion.

8.3.3.4.4 **Narrow Area** - such as a bridge. At the Judge's discretion the handler may recall the dog through the narrow area, or walk the dog through at the Heel position.

8.3.3.4.5 **Removable Obstacle** - this can be either a gate or a branch. At the Judge's discretion the handler may recall the dog past the obstacle, having first removed the obstacle, or walk the dog through at the Heel. The handler must leave the dog at the Stay and replace the obstacle.

8.3.3.4.6 **About Turn** - this may be a left or right about turn at the Judge's discretion.

8.3.3.4.7 **Load/Unload** - the judge must provide a load of a practical nature which must be loaded into the cart and secured. Before proceeding the load must be inspected by the judge for balance and comfort of the dog. The loaded cart must be hauled through at least half the manoeuvring course before being unloaded.

Cognisance must be taken of the size and breed of dog, type of cart used, country to be crossed and weather conditions. (Note: this is not designed to determine the maximum mass which a dog may move but how much weight a dog may move efficiently and safely without strain). The load supplied may in no way hinder the movement of the dog. As a reference, the load must not be more than 50% of the dog's body weight, refer below

The weight of the load:

Mini Novice - should not be less than 1 kg and not more than 3 kgs

Standard Novice - should not be less than 2 kgs and not more than 9 kgs

Mini Senior - should not be less than 2 kgs and not more than 6 kgs

Standard Senior - should not be less than 5 kgs and not more than 12 kgs

8.3.3.4.8 **Back up** - an alley, wide enough to allow the dog, cart and handler to enter must be included in the course. On command from the handler, the dog must back up in a straight line a distance equal to the length of the competing dog and cart.

8.3.3.4.9 **Following the course** - points must be deducted for :

- Deviation from the course
- Hitting obstacles
- Lagging of the dog
- Bumping the dog
- The dog working wide of the handler
- Failure to comply with the Judge's instructions
- Not following a straight line between obstacles
- Working wide of obstacles

8.3.3.4.10 **Distraction Control** - within the course the Judge must provide a distraction at a point where no commands are to be given. The dog is allowed a short bark or a prolonged stare. Disallowed is any stop or deviation from the course.

8.3.3.4.11 **Recall** - during the running of the course the handler must, at the direction of the Judge, leave the dog in the Sit or Stand position and move forward away from the dog (at least ten (10) metres) before recalling the dog. The Judge will direct whether the handler should face the dog to recall or should recall the dog to Heel whilst the handler is stationary or on the move.

8.3.3.4.12 Seniors only, an additional element at the judges' discretion

8.3.4 STAY

- 8.3.4.1 As a group exercise and with the dog harnessed and hitched to the cart.
- 8.3.4.2 In the Novice Class, in the Sit/Stand position (at the handler's discretion), a one (1) minute Stay with the handler in sight of the dogs.
- 8.3.4.3 In the Senior Class, in the Sit/Stand position as directed by the Judge, a three (3) minute Stay, with the handlers in or out of sight of the dogs as the Judge may direct.
- 8.3.4.4 A dog shall not be penalised for reasonable movement, provided it does not move from the posture. Minimum movement i.e. vertical foot movement is acceptable – any other movement OVER half a body length to be penalised at judges discretion, with graduated marking.
- 8.4 **GENERAL**
- 8.4.1 Commands - the handler may give a single command at each change of direction or speed of motion or stay. Repeated commands must be penalised. The dog's name does not constitute a command when used in conjunction with a command.
- 8.4.2 In the Novice Class, the handlers may encourage and talk to their dogs whilst competing in the manoeuvring and handling exercises, but may not repeat commands.
- 8.4.3 Physical handling of a dog or cart during any exercise is not permitted.
- 8.4.4 Any dog which, during any exercise leaves the ring, upsets the cart or shows aggressive tendencies will fail that exercise unless the Judge, using their discretion as to the circumstances, permits the dog to continue.
- 8.4.5 Any dog not under the control of the handler during the exercise will be excused from that exercise and may, at the discretion of the Judge, be disqualified from the carting event.

APPENDIX 1

GUIDE TO CARTING JUDGES

SCHEDULE OF EXERCISES - CARTING WORK EXERCISES

1.	<u>ALLOCATION OF POINTS</u>	
	<u>Exercise/Class</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.1	Harnessing and Hitching	
	Novice	5
	Senior	3
1.2	Basic Handling	
	Novice and Senior	20
1.2.1	Normal Pace	3
1.2.2	Fast Pace	3
1.2.3	Slow Pace	3
1.2.4	About turn	3
1.2.5	Halt (Sit/Stand)	3
1.2.6	Back up	5
1.3	Maneuvering	
	Novice	65
	Senior	67
1.3.1	Figure Eight	5
1.3.2	Three 90° turns	10 (In total)
1.3.3	Broad curve	5
1.3.4	Narrow area	5
1.3.5	Removable obstacle	5
1.3.6	About turn	5
1.3.7	Load/Unload	5
1.3.8	Back up	10
1.3.9	Following the course	5
1.3.10	Distraction control	5
1.3.11	Recall	5
1.3.12	Senior only – extra element at judge's discretion	2
1.4	Stay	10
	Total	100



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