

## **SCHEDULE 5B (04)**

### **REGULATIONS FOR WORKING UTILITY DOG**

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#### **1. LICENSING AND HOLDING OF TRIALS**

##### **1.1 Licensing and Show Regulations**

The Regulations relating to licensing and to all other matters to do with Shows as set out in Schedule 3 (Championship Shows) and Schedule 4 (Non-Championship Shows) of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA) shall apply to Working Utility Dog so far as they can be relevant to Working Utility Dog and so far as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 5B(4).

##### **1.2 Scope of License**

The license must include the stated classes of Working Utility Dog, namely: Working Utility Dog.

A Club entitled to hold a Championship Show may hold a Championship Working Utility Dog not more than once in any calendar year under the same license as a Championship Show or under a separate license.

Before applying to hold a Qualifying Show, a new Club must have held two (2) Non-Championship Shows. The provisions of Schedule 4A Regulations for Qualifying Shows shall apply to Qualifying Shows Working Utility Dog Class, save and except that there shall be no minimum number of dogs present and exhibited *mutatis mutandis*.

##### **1.3 Qualifying Certificates**

1.3.1 Competitors are allowed to qualify for Working Utility Dog at Non-Championship Shows.

1.3.2 To each dog that scores an aggregate of 80% or more marks at a Championship Trial the Judge will award a certificate to the effect that the dog is qualified. (The test consists of a number of groups of exercises. The minimum qualifying mark in each group is 70% or, as otherwise stated. The total marks must be 80% to qualify).

1.3.3 If the dog's aggregate score in the Trial is 90%, or more at a Championship Trial, the qualification will be graded "Excellent".

1.3.4 The award of the qualifying certificate is subject to the dog having scored any aggregate qualifying mark or more for a group of exercises as laid down in the Schedule of Exercises.

1.3.5 The owner of any dog which has been awarded a Qualifying Certificate may use the abbreviation of WUD as an appendage to a dog's registered name. If such a Qualifying Certificate is graded "Excellent", the abbreviation "Ex" may be added. In order to have qualifications placed on any registration records, a copy of the relevant Qualifying Certificate must be submitted to KUSA.

1.3.6 The abbreviations to be used are: Working Utility Dog (WUD)

##### **1.4 Champions**

1.4.1 The title of Working Utility Dog Champion shall be awarded to any dog that has been awarded five (5) qualifying certificates at Championship shows, this is provided that no more than two (2) such qualifying certificates are signed by any one judge and at least three (3) are graded Excellent.

1.4.2 The title Working Utility Dog Grand Champion shall be awarded to a dog that has been awarded twenty (20) Working Utility Dog qualifying certificates. This is providing that no more than four (4) such qualifying certificates are signed by any one judge. No dog may become a Grand Champion unless it has received the title Working Utility Dog Champion.

## 1.5 **Registering and Eligibility of Dogs for Competition**

- 1.5.1 A dog which is not registered with the Kennel Union of Southern Africa in either Breed Register, Development Register or in the Obedience and Trial Dogs' Record shall not be entered for, or compete in any trial. No Dog's Qualifying Record Card shall be issued or be valid for any dog not so registered. Any alteration whatsoever to the dog's Qualifying Card may only be made with the authority of the issuing officer or Secretary of the Provincial Council. Any alterations must be signed and the authority of the signatory stated.
- 1.5.2 No dog can be entered in a trial "Registration Applied For" (R.A.F.), or "Transfer Applied For" (T.A.F.) and the terms of Schedule 3, Regulation 7 apply, where applicable.
- 1.5.3 No dog may compete in Working Utility Dog unless it has been awarded a Qualifying mark of 90% or more at a Non Championship Show or a Qualifying Certificate with an Excellent grading in Companion Dog, or a qualification in a higher level of Working Trials (Classic).
- 1.5.3.1 A dog having qualified in Working Utility Dog may not compete in any Companion Dog Stake again.
- 1.5.4 When applying for a dog's record card, proof of the dog having obtained a qualifying mark of 90% or more at a Non Championship show or Companion Dog Excellent or a qualification in a higher level of Working Trials Classic, must be provided.
- 1.5.5 A dog may continue to compete in Working Utility Dog until it is suspended or disqualified from competition.
- 1.5.6 At the conclusion of a class 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, first places won and certificates awarded when such information is relevant to the dog's achieving Championship status.

## 1.6 **Qualification and Training of Judges**

- 1.6.1 All persons wishing to become a Learner Judge must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and should make application in writing to the Obedience and Working Trial sub-committee of the Provincial area in which they normally reside (where there is no Provincial Council, e.g. Namibia - application to be made direct to KUSA).
- 1.6.2 Before a Learner Judge can accept any WUD judging appointment he must:
- a) Be a qualified TDII Judge in Working Trials (Classic) and have judged at least four (4) shows at TDII level; and,
  - b) Undertake and successfully complete 2 (two) training sessions, each presented by a different licensed Working Trials (Classic) Judge. There shall be no less than two (2) dogs at each training session. These training sessions do not have to take place at a licensed show.
- 1.6.3 For the purpose of this paragraph the term "Learner Judge" means a person not yet qualified to judge at a particular Trial and who accompanies the appointed Judge at a Trial and marks the competitors in the Trial as if he were the appointed Judge. At the completion of each exercise by a competitor the Learner Judge will inform the appointed Judge of his reasons for any marks he deducted. A Learner Judge's marks will have no bearing on the results of, or the awards made at the Trial and are not to be made known to the competitors. Not more than two (2) persons may be Learner Judges at one time.
- 1.6.4 On completion of the training sessions, the Licensed Judge shall send a letter to KUSA's Judges Department confirming the results of the training session. KUSA will advise the Convener of the National Working Trials Sub-Committee to this effect.
- 1.6.4.1 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.
- 1.6.5 The Learner Judge must supply articles for approval by the presiding Judge for Area Search and Search and Identify Article exercises.
- 1.6.6 In the event of any Judge not carrying out a judging appointment for a period of three (3) years or more they must undertake a Learner Judges appointment under a licensed Judge. The presiding Judge will advise KUSA as to whether or not they should be reinstated.
- 1.6.7 No Judge shall accept an appointment to judge any trial for which he/she is not qualified for.
- 1.6.8 All Judges shall, if permanently domiciled in the KUSA area of jurisdiction be members of the Kennel Union, in good standing, both at the time of accepting an invitation and undertaking an appointment.
- 1.6.9 Appointments of Judges normally resident outside the area of jurisdiction of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa will be considered by the Federal Council 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 Constitution.
- ## 1.7 **Working Utility Dog Record Cards**
- 1.7.1 All dogs must be registered or recorded with KUSA before a card is issued. Proof of registration/qualification or recording to be given to the person issuing the card, as per 1.5.4 above.

- 1.7.2 All competitors must have Record Cards.
- 1.7.3 The cards are to be issued by the Provincial Councils to Affiliated Clubs. Each card must bear a Provincial Council alpha indicator and be numbered and recorded in order to identify the issuing Club.
- 1.7.4 Affiliated Clubs are restricted to issuing cards to their own members.
- 1.7.5 Persons who are not members of an Affiliated Club should obtain their Record Cards from the Provincial Council of the Province in which they normally reside or when there is no Provincial Council, direct from KUSA.
- 1.7.6 All Provincial Sub-Committees are to keep records of cards issued to Clubs and to non-club persons.
- 1.7.7 All Affiliated Clubs to keep records of cards issued to members.
- 1.8 **Judges at a Trial**
- 1.8.1 Only TD3 or PD licensed judges may judge at a trial.
- 1.8.2 Once a TD2 Judge has complied with Rule 1.6.2 above, such Judge may accept an appointment to judge at a UTD trial
- 2. MANAGEMENT OF TRIALS**
- 2.1 **Trials Manager**  
The management of a Trial shall be entrusted to the Trials Manager who shall be appointed by the committee of the club holding the Trial.
- 2.2 **Disputes**  
Any disputed matter requiring a decision during the period of the Show shall be decided by the Trials 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 Grade, but the Manager, if required, may be called upon for assistance.
- 2.3 **Complaints**  
Complaints lodged by competitors will be dealt with in accordance with the KUSA Regulations.
- 2.4 **Other Matters**  
Any matter not provided for in the KUSA Regulations for Working Utility Dog Trials shall be decided by a majority of Manager and the Judge(s) at the Trials and their decision shall be final. In the event of a majority not being obtained, the WUD Judge shall have the final decision.
- 2.5 **Misbehaviour of Dogs at a Show**
- 2.5.1 Physical disciplining of a dog or serious uncontrollable behaviour of a dog at a Trial may be penalised at the discretion of the Trial Manager by excluding the dog and/or handler from further competition at the Show and/or by ordering the exhibitor of the dog to forfeit any awards, positions or qualifications gained at the Show. Any action taken in terms of this Regulation shall be reported to KUSA within seven (7) days of the close of the Show.
- 2.6 **Number of Dogs to be Judged**
- 2.6.1 No Judge shall be required to test more than a total of fifteen (15) dogs in Working Utility Dog in one (1) day. The committee of the Club holding the Trial shall have the power to substitute a lower maximum number of dogs to be tested but not less than one half of these numbers if, in its opinion, prevailing circumstances at the Trial makes it impossible for a Judge to test the stated maximum number of dogs.
- 2.6.2 If the number of entries for one (1) Judge is excessive, the said committee shall appoint an extra Judge or Judges who are approved by the advertised Judge and whose name(s) shall be communicated to KUSA for approval. The Club shall allocate competitors, as equally as possible, among the Judges by draw. It is the responsibility of the Show holding club committee to allocate formally the competitors at least one (1) week prior to the Show. Following the allocation, the competitors must be notified by the Show holding Club:
- a) That the judging is being split, and
  - b) The name(s) of the Judge(s) who will officiate.
- This should be done as soon as possible, giving the competitors time to confirm acceptance before the Show.
- 2.6.3 The Show committee may, if it so desires, allocate exercises to be judged by the individual Judges (e.g. one (1) Judge does all the Tracking, another all the Agility etc.). Any competitor qualifying under this ruling will have his/her card and certificates signed by the advertised Judge.
- 2.7 **Handler of Dog**  
Either the owner, or 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 deputised another person to handle it.
- 2.8 **Age of Dog**  
No dog may compete in a Trial unless it is over fourteen (14) months old on the first day of the Trial. No bitch in season may compete in any Trial. Spayed bitches and castrated dogs may compete.

- 2.9 **Conditions**  
It is the responsibility of the Trials Manager and of the Judge(s) to ensure that dogs competing in a Grade compete under the same conditions as far as this is practical.
- 2.10 **Weather**  
It shall be at the sole discretion of the Judge(s) whether or not competition in any grade should be interrupted on account of inclement weather. Cancellation of a Trial or of any part of a Trial shall be at the discretion of the Trials Manager in consultation with the Judge(s).
- 2.11 **Starting Time**  
All competitors shall be informed of the starting time for the Grade and competitors and dogs in each Grade shall be present at site of a Trial at least thirty (30) minutes before that time. The Judge(s) shall have discretion to postpone the starting time for the Grade and the draw for order of competition by not more than fifteen (15) minutes. Any competitor who is not present at the end of such postponement shall be regarded as withdrawn from the Trial and shall not be allowed to compete.
- 2.12 **Order of Competition**  
The order of competition (running order) shall be determined by a draw among the competitors immediately before the first exercise of the Grade is due to begin. Any competitor who is not present at the draw shall not be permitted to compete.
- 2.13 **Provision of Articles**  
The Judge(s) is responsible for the provision of the articles in searches and is responsible for ensuring that those articles conform to these Regulations. Articles will be as nearly as possible the same for each dog competing in the Grade. Visiting Judges from overseas may seek the aid of the Show-holding Club in the provision of articles. Articles may not be GLASS, METAL OR FOOD. However, in the Search and Identify Article search, metal may be used provided that the article does not consist predominantly of metal.  
The Club holding the Trial is responsible for providing all other objects and equipment to be used in the Trial and it is the responsibility of the Trial Manager to ensure that such objects and equipment conform to these Regulations.
- 2.14 **Articles and Equipment – Size and Description**  
The dimensions and nature of articles and equipment used in these Trials shall be as described in these Regulations.
- 2.14.1 If dimension or nature is described in the Schedule and Description of Exercises, those details shall have the same effect as if incorporated in this Regulation and shall take precedence over details in this Regulation in the event of conflict or ambiguity.
- 2.14.2 Dumbbells. The size and mass of the dumbbell may vary with the size of the dog, and may be made of any solid material/s (other than food). In form it shall consist of two (2) end pieces roughly cubic, ball or disc shaped with a thinner connecting shaft.
- 2.15 **The Clear Jump**  
Made of metal or wood or both and may include unprepared timber and brushwood.  
There shall be a minimum clear width of 1.20m and a maximum thickness of 5cm at the top. The top must consist of a rigid bar easily dislodged if touched by a jumping dog. The body of the jump may be open or closed, or partly so.
- 2.16 **The Long Jump**  
The Long Jump shall be made of metal or wood, or both, and may include unprepared timber and brushwood. The jump shall have a maximum height of 30cm and a minimum clear width of 1.20m. The front and back parts of the Jump (in the direction of the dog's jump) shall be visible to the dog and so made as to move if struck by more than a glancing blow by a jumping dog.
- 2.17 **“A” Frame**  
The “A” Frame consists of two (2) board faces each with a height of 1.9m and a width of 1.2 - 1.5m connected (hinged) at the top.  
Each board of the “A” Frame is fitted with five (5) climbing ledges (fillets) of 2.4 x 4.8cm. The “A” Frame shall have a non-slip surface.
- 2.18 The dimensions may be varied in the Working Utility Dog stake only as follows:

Dog's Height At Withers	Clear Jump	Long Jump	“A” Frame Height
Under and including 25cm	30cm	60cm	1m
Over 25cm up to and including 45cm	45cm	1.2m	1.5m
Over 45cm	70cm	1.4m	1.6m

- 2.19 Separate similar search articles are to be used for each competitor in the Grade. Articles should not be

smaller than 3cm x 2cm x 1cm with consideration to the terrain being used.

2.20 **Competition by Officials at Shows**

2.20.1 A Judge at a Show may not enter or handle a dog in the same discipline (Breed, Obedience, Working Trials, IPO, Dog Jumping and Agility, Carting etc.) as that in which he is officiating. A Judge at a Show may not handle a dog in any Discipline on the day(s) that he is officiating.

2.20.2 This restriction does not apply in respect of another show held on the same day under a different licence, OR, if the show is split over two days/weekends under the same licence.

2.20.3 A KUSA Representative may not enter, exhibit or handle a dog registered in his name at any KUSA licensed event held at the same venue on the day that he is officiating, nor in the same Discipline held under the same licence on any day, OR, if the show is split over two days/weekends under the same licence AND a different KUSA Representative has been appointed on the second day or the second weekend.

2.21 **Catalogue Numbers**

Handlers must display catalogue or entry numbers prominently when competing.

3. **JUDGING AT TRIALS**

3.1 **Knowledge of Regulations**

All handlers are expected to have a thorough knowledge of the Regulations covering the Grade in which they are competing.

3.2 **Dogs Tested Separately**

Each competing dog will be tested separately, except where the Description of Exercises specifically provides otherwise.

3.3 **Collars**

The Judge(s) will ensure that during the exercises each dog under his jurisdiction wears only a plain training collar. Nothing will be attached to collars during exercises except leads when required. No spiked collars to be used. Tick collars and repellent devices will be allowed.

3.4 **Working Side**

In all exercises the left side of the handler will be regarded as the working side. If the handler or dog suffers from a physical disability the handler may work the dog on the right hand side provided he notifies the Judge before commencement of the judging at the Trial. The dog is not to be penalised for turning, in a contrary direction to the handler. In the "finish" the dog may proceed to the "working side" direct or around the handler.

3.5 **Practice**

Judge shall allow competitors to have practice jumps prior to the Agility exercises but no other practice shall be allowed in areas set aside for exercises.

3.6 **Equal Scores**

3.6.1 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 Trial, and without any change to the existing scores, the following criteria are to be observed:

3.6.1.1 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:

3.6.1.1.1 The dog that wins the run-off will be the winner and the Record Card will be endorsed as such.

3.6.1.1.2 The dog that came second in the run-off will have the qualifying mark entered on the card (but shall not share first place).

3.6.2 All competitors who achieve qualifying marks will likewise have their Record Cards endorsed in accordance with these Regulations.

3.7 **Placing of Unqualified Dogs**

All dogs which qualify in the Grade at a Championship Trial shall be placed in that Grade in precedence to any dog which has not qualified, although the unqualified dog may have scored a higher aggregate of marks in the Grade.

3.8 **Abnormal Circumstances**

If a dog's performance of an exercise is in the opinion of the Judge prejudiced by some unforeseen abnormal circumstances the Judge may at his discretion test that dog again in that particular exercise.

3.9 **Handler's Commands**

The Judge will allow a handler to use spoken, whistled or visual signals to command his dog. The dog's name followed immediately by a single visual signal and a simultaneous spoken or whistle signal shall be regarded as one (1) command. The use of the dog's name is not compulsory.

Except in "Down Stay" exercises, and except where otherwise stated in the Schedules and Descriptions of Exercises, extra commands and encouragement will not be penalised when used in the natural course of working. Judges may penalise at their discretion commands and encouragement which appear to them to be excessive in the prevailing conditions.

**3.10 Working Conditions**

Although implicit obedience to all orders is necessary, dogs and handlers must operate in as natural a manner as possible as if actually working on patrol or other duty, except as expressly required otherwise. To maintain both handler and public interest, Judges must endeavour to make the exercises as natural and as near as possible to the actual work being simulated.

**3.11 Dog's Qualifying Record Cards**

No Judge shall permit a dog to compete in any Trial which he is judging unless the handler produces, before the start of the Trial; his dog's qualifying Record Card showing that the dog is eligible to compete in that Trial and Grade.

The Record Card shall be retained by the Judge until the end of the competition and will return the Cards to the competitors after the results have been announced.

**3.12 Features of Judging**

3.12.1 The purpose of these exercises is to demonstrate the usefulness of the dog as the companion of man.

3.12.2 The responsibility of making the class interesting to the spectators and worthwhile to the handlers is left to the Judge.

3.12.3 Dogs must be judged on their ability to perform the laid down exercises and not upon their breed qualities.

3.12.4 Standardised judging is of paramount importance. Judges may not introduce their own variations into the exercises but must see that each handler and dog executes the various exercises exactly as described. A handler who is familiar with the standard should be able to enter the ring without having to enquire how the Judge wishes to have the exercise performed. Judges must adhere strictly to the Regulations and standards. In the event of any Club appointing a Judge normally resident outside the area of jurisdiction of KUSA, it shall be the responsibility of the Trial Manager to ensure that he is made familiar with and applies the terms, Regulations and standards of this Schedule.

**3.13 Interference with Competitors**

The Judge of a Trial must remove from competition any bitch in season and any dog which behaves in an uncontrollable manner, any handler who interferes wilfully with another competitor or his 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.

**3.14 Withdrawal from Competition**

The owner or his deputy entering a dog in a Trial does so at his own risk and must compete in all the exercises of each Trial in which it is entered, unless expelled by the Judge or excused by the Judge and Trial Manager.

**3.15 Disciplining of Dogs**

From the time a Judge takes control of the assembled competitors to begin judging a Trial to the point at which the Judge dismisses the competitors after the results of the Trial have been announced, no handler in that class shall physically discipline a dog. In the event of such physical disciplining occurring, or in the event of serious uncontrollable behaviour of a dog in the Trial, the Judge will severely penalise the dog concerned by deducting points from the total score of the dog. In addition, the Judge may, at his discretion, exclude the dog from further competition in the Trial.

**3.16 Rewarding Dogs**

The carrying of food by the handler during an exercise is forbidden. However, words of praise are permitted between exercises after the Judge or Steward has said "End of Exercise".

**3.17 Working Requirements**

The Judge is required to observe and score according to the following:

3.17.1 Enjoyment and willingness should be taken into consideration over a better working dog which shows fear and dislike of his work.

3.17.2 Gentleness and smoothness of handling is to be desired.

3.17.3 Commands and/or signals during "Stay" exercises are not allowed.

3.17.4 In the "Finish" the dog may proceed to the "Working Side" direct or around the handler.

3.17.5 Dogs must not anticipate commands.

3.17.6 Competitors are not allowed to be in sight during:

3.17.6.1 Placement of articles for Controlled Search

3.17.6.2 Placement of the Search & Locate article

3.17.7 Competitors are not allowed to watch the exercises being executed in 3.17.6.1 & 3.17.6.2 above, unless they have completed the exercises themselves.

3.17.8 Competitors caught infringing the above will be disqualified from further competition.

**3.18 Graduated Marking**

In all exercises the points awarded must be graduated.

**3.19 Marking of Competitor**

As each dog completes a group or section his score for the exercise must be entered by the Judge on his score sheet and that score must be made known to the handler. Scores may not subsequently be changed except to correct arithmetical errors. The scores awarded should also be made known to the spectators as soon as is practically possible.

**3.20 Announcement of Results**

After the scores are totalled and winners decided, before announcing the placings, the Judge will inform the public as to the total number of points required for a perfect score. He shall then announce the dogs which have qualified in the Trial, including any qualifications for award of "Excellent", and their scores as well as the scores of other competitors placed.

**3.21 Adhering to Regulations**

No Judge shall require any dog or handler to do anything, nor penalise a dog or handler for failing to do anything which is not required by these Regulations or in the Schedule and Description of Exercises.

**3.22 Judge's Orders**

Judge's/Steward's orders must be clear to enable everyone to follow the judging.

**3.23 Events Outside the Regulations**

In the event of circumstances arising not covered by KUSA Rules and Regulations, the Judge of the Trial will have discretionary powers to make a ruling subject to confirmation by KUSA. In such instances the Judge must submit a report setting out all details to KUSA within fourteen (14) days of the Show.

**4. SCHEDULE AND DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISES FOR WORKING UTILITY DOG**

**4.1 Working Utility Dog**

Maximum Marks	140
Minimum qualifying marks	112

**GROUP I - CONTROL**

Group marks	55
Minimum qualifying marks for group	39

**4.1.1 Heel Free, 10 marks**

The handler will present himself at the place indicated by the Judge with his dog off lead in the heel position (i.e. sitting at heel at the handler's working side). From the start of the exercise the handler will move with his dog as directed by the Judge. The object of the exercise is to test the dog's ability to remain naturally at the handler's working side while moving at normal, fast and slow paces, around obstacles and people. The exercise will be held in the open and while performing this exercise the handler will be expected to execute left, right and about turns and halts.

**4.1.2 Send away and Redirection, 25 marks**

On orders from the Judge the handler will send his dog forward from the working side to an object at a distance of approximately 50m in a direction indicated by the Judge. When the dog has reached the required distance he must be stopped and redirected by the handler, in a direction (left or right) previously indicated by the Judge, to an object at a distance of approximately 20m. The exercise ends when the dog has reached the second location or, if the dog fails to do so, on orders from the Judge. The handler will not move from his place throughout the exercise without the Judge's approval.

**4.1.3 Retrieve a Dumbbell, 10 marks**

With the dog in the "Heel" position the handler, on orders from the Judge, will throw his dumbbell in a direction and for a distance indicated by the Judge. On further orders from the Judge the handler will send his dog to retrieve the dumbbell. The dog should go out immediately, collect the dumbbell and return to sit straight in front of the handler.

On order from the Judge the handler will take the dumbbell from the dog and on further order from the Judge command the dog to the "Heel" position. The dumbbell should be visible to the dog after it has been thrown.

**4.1.4 Down Stay - Ten Minutes, 10 marks**

The dogs are to remain in the "Down" position. The handlers will move out of sight of the dogs at the Judge's direction.

Any dog which moves from the "Down" position in the first half of the timed period shall lose all marks for the exercise. Thereafter all points deducted will be graduated.

A dog shall not be penalised for minor movement provided it does not move from the required "Down" position or move more than its own body length from its position. A dog which moves from its position more than its own body length shall lose all marks for the exercise.

The Judge shall test the dogs for steadiness by himself or a helper (Steward) moving among them at a steady pace once during the exercise.

### **Group II - Agility**

Group marks	20
Minimum qualifying marks for Group	14

Once Judging for Group II has commenced, the handler may not touch any of the obstacles. Should the handler do so, all marks for the obstacle(s) will be deducted. If the dog runs past any of the obstacles, it shall lose all marks for that obstacle.

#### **4.1.5 "A" Frame (10 marks)**

Upon orders from the Judge the handler will take up a position approximately 3m in front of the "A" Frame with his dog on the working side off lead. Upon further orders from the Judge the handler will command the dog over the "A" Frame. (The handler may move forward with the dog, but no closer than 1.5m and MUST stop immediately the command to "jump" is given). A command to the dog to stay (in any position) after landing on the far side of the "A" Frame is permitted. Upon further orders the handler will be commanded to move forward at normal pace and at the discretion of the Judge the handler will be commanded to turn left or right, and when the dog is in sight of the handler, the handler will be instructed to call his dog to "Heel". Once the dog has joined the handler the command "Halt" will be given and the exercise is finished.

A dog which does not obey the command to stay on the far side of the "A" Frame MUST be penalized. While the dog is at the far side of the "A" Frame, the Judge may test the dog for steadiness by himself (or a Steward) walking around the dog before the handler is instructed to move forward and recall his dog. Should the dog fall at the first attempt and itself initiate a successful second attempt, no marks should be deducted, if this second attempt by the dog should fail, the exercise should be terminated.

If the dog falls at the first attempt and an extra command is given by the handler to re-attempt the "A" Frame, that section of the exercise should be judged out of half marks. If this second attempt fails, the exercise should be terminated.

If the dog is recalled by the handler the exercise should be terminated.

#### **4.1.6 Clear Jump, 5 marks**

The handler is to approach the jump with his dog off lead at "Heel" and either from a stationary position or moving at a pace of his choice, the handler will command the dog forward over the jump in his own time but before the dog reaches the jump. The dog must be ahead of the handler when the dog begins the jump. As the command is given, the handler will halt and await the Judge's order to re-join his dog beyond the jump. A command to the dog to "Stay" (in any position) after landing beyond the jump is permitted.

#### **4.1.7 Long Jump, 5 marks**

This jump will be done in exactly the same manner as the clear jump.

### **GROUP III – NOSE WORK**

Group marks	65
Minimum qualifying marks for Group	45

#### **4.1.8 CONTROLLED SEARCH 30 marks**

Using an area of foiled ground 25m x 25m, which is clearly defined, the handler is to send his dog to find and retrieve four (4) articles with Judge's/Steward's scent placed in the area unseen by the dog and handler. Time allowed for the exercise is five (5) minutes with dog finding a minimum of two (2) articles to qualify. One article must be 'lightly covered'. Handler may not enter the defined area. Eight (8) marks will be awarded for the concealed article, six (6) marks will be awarded for each of the three un-concealed articles, and four (4) marks for Control.



**4.1.9 SEARCH AND IDENTIFY ARTICLE, 35 marks (article MUST be found to qualify). The object of this exercise is for the dog to find the article**

Search	20 marks
Finding article	10 marks
Barking	5 marks

The area must be clearly demarcated (but not necessarily by poles/flags).

The article may be placed anywhere within the boundary lines.

A well-defined area of natural ground, approximately **75m x 75m** will be used for this exercise which **MUST** be walked and cleared by the competitors (dogs are allowed).

A dog must be able to move and scent freely over the ground. In this area, at a place chosen by the Judge, an article will be suitably placed. The article will be a large object, not easily retrievable. The article will be so placed among natural cover as to be not readily visible to the handler or dog except at close range e.g. 3m. The article will not be buried or totally concealed.

The Judge will indicate the boundaries of the area to the handler and will indicate from which side of the area he is to begin the exercise. The handler must remain approximately on the centre line running through the area from the starting point. It is permissible for the handler to direct the dog to ensure a thorough search but excessive commands not obeyed will be penalised (by a maximum of 2 marks for the whole exercise); the Judge using his discretion according to prevailing conditions. When the dog finds the article it must bark to attract the handler.

The dog must not bite or worry the article. A maximum of 5 marks will be deducted for biting or worrying the article.

The article may not contain food or carry the scent of food.

The article may not consist predominantly of metal.

A maximum time of ten (10) minutes is allowed.

Once the handler has reached the base line on the far side of the area he may turn round and come back on the centre line and continue the search with the dog if time allows. At the third incorrect indication by the handler of the dog finding the article the exercise will be terminated.



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