



Kennel Union of Southern Africa

## SCHEDULE 5 L

## APPENDIX 'D'

# REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

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### 1. TERMINOLOGY

- 1.1 SAAC shall mean the South African Agility Championships.  
NAC shall mean the National Agility Committee.  
The SAAC Sub-Committee shall mean the Sub-Committee specially formed each year to co-ordinate the South African Agility Championships.

### 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 at least one (1) member from each Province (Gauteng, Kwa-Zulu Natal Free State, Eastern Province and Western Province with the inclusion of Border, Southern Cape and Boland) and its duties will be to schedule and manage the Regional Trials and the SA Championships event.
- 2.1.2 The NAC and SAAC shall develop at least two (2) teams of people with the knowledge and experience to run the SA Championships event. The first team should be made up of people based in the Northern Provinces (Gauteng, Free State and Kwa-Zulu Natal) to take responsibility for the SA Championships event when it is held in these Provinces. The other team should be made up of people from the Southern Provinces (Western Province, Eastern Province with the inclusion of Border, Southern Cape and Boland,) to take responsibility for the SA Championships event when it is held in these Provinces.

### 3. TRIALS

- 3.1 Regional Trials will be held in which dogs in all the Provinces will compete on the same courses. The Regional Trials may also be used for the Agility World Championships Trials.
- 3.2 The top dogs from the Regional Trials will be invited to compete in the SA Agility Championships event. The SA Agility Championships event may be held at the same time and venue as the South African Trials for the Agility World Championships.

#### 3.3 Regional Trials

- 3.3.1 Each year 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.

#### 3.3.3 Courses

- 3.3.3.1 The Trials Coordinator will provide the courses for the Regional Trials, which will be sourced from overseas if possible and be of a suitable standard in terms of difficulty.
- 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 3.5m/s for Contact Agility and 4.0m/s for Non-Contact Agility.

#### 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 the SAAC Sub-Committee. The committee shall elect from amongst its members a Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer who shall have the authority to sign Cheques. The Cheques shall be signed by any two (2) of those persons. 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.

3.3.4.3 Bitches in season shall be allowed to compete in these Trials only, on condition that they are kept apart from the other dogs and run last. 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 NAC and SAAC Sub-Committee, 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 and divided by three (3) to obtain an average score for the Contact rounds and an average score for the Non-Contact rounds, per dog.

## 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 (60<sup>th</sup>) 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 and 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 only be handled at the SA Agility Championships event by the same person who handled it in all the Regional Trials.

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 and run last. 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.

### 4.2 **Organization**

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 2.1.2.

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 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. Applicants need to have judged at least 2 classes of A3 Contact Agility and 2 classes of A3 Non Contact Agility in the previous 12 months from date of application. Applicants will also need to submit a brief CV on their Agility Judging. Any judge will only be allowed to judge this event once every 3 years.

### 4.3 **Format**

4.3.1 Each judge will set a Contact Course and a Non-Contact course, making six (6) 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 each round will be determined by a random computer draw. A different draw will be done for each round. 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 the 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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