

KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA REGULATIONS FOR THE DOGS BEST OF THE BEST COMPETITION (1998)

SCHEDULE 05E (17) Effective 01.10.2026

1. LICENSING AND SHOW REGULATIONS

The Regulations relating to licensing and all 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 Constitution of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa shall apply to this competition so far as they can be relevant to the D.O.G.S. Best of the Best Competition and they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 05E (17). The decision regarding which specific disciplines, as provided for in this Schedule, to be included per annum, together with Breed and Junior Showmanship, is at the discretion of the DOGSPC Best of the Best Competition Sub-Committee.

2. SCOPE OF THE LICENCE

An All-Breeds Club which is qualified to hold a Championship Show in the D.O.G.S. area of jurisdiction in the calendar year in which it is intended to hold the D.O.G.S. Best of the Best Competition may hold the event named in this Schedule in conjunction with such Show or separate therefrom.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS FOR COMPETITION

- 3.1 This competition is open to dogs owned, owned in partnership or shown under written authority of the owner, provided that such owner(s) and dogs are ordinarily resident in the geographical area of Gauteng, North West Province, Limpopo and Mpumulanga as defined by the national boundaries of the Republic of South Africa.
- 3.2 All dogs competing must be on the Breed, Dogsport Record or Breed Appendix Registers of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa; their eligibility must not be in conflict with the Regulations described hereunder nor may they have been disqualified or suspended from competition by The Kennel Union of Southern Africa or any other National Canine Control body.
- 3.3 Bitches in season on the day of this competition may compete in the Breed section only.
- 3.4 All references to dogs, unless otherwise stated, shall include bitches.

4. HOST CLUB

- 4.1 Until or unless this Schedule 5E(17) is amended or altered, the host for this event will be an All Breeds Club in the District of Gauteng & Surrounds area of jurisdiction, selected by the District of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa.

5. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY

5.1 Breed Competition

- 5.1.1 Entry for this competition will be by qualification at all Breed Championship Shows, i.e. Speciality, Group and All-breeds, held under a KUSA licence, in accordance with Regulation 3 of this Schedule 05E (17).
- 5.1.2 FCI Shows will not be eligible for consideration in this competition.
- 5.1.3 Entry shall be by invitation to the top 120 exhibits based on a points system.
- 5.1.4 Points shall be calculated from all Breed Championship Shows held in the previous calendar year.
- 5.1.5 Points shall be awarded to each exhibit placed in the respective Group as follows:

1 st Place	–	eight (8) points
2 nd Place	–	six (6) points
3 rd Place	–	four (4) points
4 th Place	–	two (2) points

Points shall be awarded to each Best of Breed and Reserve Best of Breed exhibit at Specialist Breed and Multi-Specialist Breed Shows as follows

Best of Breed	–	eight (8) points
Reserve Best of Breed	–	six (6) points

5.2 Puppy Breed Competition

- 5.2.1 Entry for this competition will be by qualification at all Breed Championship Shows, i.e. Speciality, Group and All-breeds, held under a KUSA licence in accordance with Regulation 3 of this Schedule 05E (17).
- 5.2.2 F.C.I. Shows will not be eligible for consideration in this competition.
- 5.2.3 Entry shall be by invitation to the top 50 exhibits based on a points system.
- 5.2.4 Points shall be calculated from All-Breeds Championship Shows held in the previous calendar year.
- 5.2.5 Points shall be awarded to each exhibit placed in the respective Group as follows:

1 st Place	–	eight (8) points
2 nd Place	–	six (6) points
3 rd Place	–	four (4) points
4 th Place	–	two (2) points

Points shall be awarded to each Best Puppy at Specialist Breed and Multi-Specialist Breed Shows as follows:

Best Puppy	–	eight (8) points
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5.3 **Veteran Competition**

Open to any Veteran dog owned by an exhibitor resident in the area as defined by Regulation 3.1 of this Schedule. Dogs may compete for the title DOGS Best of the Best Veteran of the Year (year).

- 5.4 **Child Showmanship Competition:** Open to any Child Handler resident as per Regulation 3.1 of this Schedule, who has placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th at all Breed Championship Shows, i.e. Speciality, Group and All-breeds, held by a member club of DOGSPC under a KUSA licence in the previous calendar year.

5.4.1 Child Showmanship Class

For persons of eight (8) but under twelve (12) years of age on the day of the Competition.

- 5.4.1.1 In the event of a Child Handler qualifying for both the Child and Junior Showmanship Classes, qualifications gained as a Child Handler shall be forfeited and such Child may only qualify for the Junior Showmanship Competition.

- 5.5 **Junior Showmanship Competition:** Open to any Junior Handler resident as per Regulation 3.1 of this Schedule, who has placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th at all Breed Championship Shows, i.e. Speciality, Group and All-breeds, held by a member Club of DOGSPC under a KUSA licence in the previous calendar year.

5.5.1 Junior Showmanship Class

For persons of eleven (11), but under eighteen (18) years of age. Open only to Handlers whose eighteenth (18th) birthday does not fall on or before the day on which this Competition is held.

- 5.5.1.1 Qualifications gained as a Child Handler shall be forfeited and such Child may only qualify for the Junior Showmanship Competition

- 5.6 **Obedience Competition:** Open to any dog which has been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd at two (2) Open shows or one (1) Championship show in Class C at shows held by a member club of D.O.G.S.P.C. under a KUSA licence during the period 1 November of the preceding year up to and including 31 October in the year in which the competition is held. The Top 15 dogs or any number as decided by the organizers shall be invited to enter.

- 5.7 **IGP and International Tracker Trial Competitions:** Dogs must qualify to enter the run-offs with at least eighty percent (80%) twice under two (2) different Judges in either IGP3 or TT5. Qualifying scores will be entered onto the official score sheet for the competition. These will be submitted to the organisers within one (1) week of the close of the competition. All dogs for both competitions must be registered with the Kennel Union of Southern Africa, either on the Dogsport Record or Breed Register, or must be registered with a body with whom a written agreement has been made in terms of Article 3.19.

- 5.8 **Working Trials (PD and TD3) Competition:** Any dog which is exhibited in either PD or TD3 at more than fifty percent (50%) of the shows held by a member club of D.O.G.S.P.C. under a KUSA licence during the period 1 November of the preceding year up to and including 31 October in the year in which the competition is held is eligible for entry. However, no more than six (6) entrants will be accepted for exhibition in either the PD or TD3 Competitions. Should there be more than six (6) entrants for either Competition, the six (6) highest scorers in each case will be chosen.

- 5.9 **Agility:** The top thirty (30) dogs, or a suitable number as determined by the organizers, which have qualified into A3 Contact Agility at shows held by a member club of D.O.G.S.P.C under a KUSA licence during the period 1 November of the preceding year up to and including 31 October in the year in which the competition is held are eligible for invitation. Should the required number of dogs not be met, the organizers reserve the right, at their discretion, to invite dogs which have qualified into A2 Contact Agility at shows held by a member club of D.O.G.S.P.C under a KUSA licence during the period 1 November of the preceding year up to and including 31 October in the year in which the competition is held.
- 5.10 **Carting Competition:** Any dog placed first, second or third in a Senior Carting event on at least one (1) occasion at any Championship Show or at any Open show held by a member club of D.O.G.S.P.C under a KUSA licence during the period 1 November of the preceding year up to and including 31 October in the year in which the competition is held, is eligible for entry.
- 5.11 **Flyball Competition:** Teams will be invited to enter based on the times recorded at any Championship or Open show held by a member club of D.O.G.S.P.C under a KUSA licence during the period 1 November of the preceding year up to and including 31 October in the year in which the competition is held. The number of teams invited to participate will be determined by the organizers with a minimum of 2 teams competing.

6. DATE OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition will be held on a date and at a venue to be decided by the organisers but not earlier than 7 January and not later than the 15 March in the year directly following the qualifying calendar year preceding these dates.

7. JUDGING

7.1 Breed Competition

- 7.1.1 The Top one hundred and twenty (120) exhibits qualifying will be notified by the Organising Committee of their qualification, by email.
- 7.1.2 For the sake of sound administration, the draw shall be undertaken by the DOGSPC Chairman or Vice-Chairman prior to the show date but after the closing date. The one hundred and twenty (120) exhibits will be split by means of a random draw, as equally as possible, into four (4) groups, depending on entry numbers, at the discretion of the DOGSPC Chairman or Vice-Chairman. These lists will be publicised on various social media platforms prior to the event and displayed at the Show venue.
- 7.1.3 From each Group of thirty (30) exhibits the nominated Judge will choose eight (8) exhibits, unplaced, to go forward to the next round.
- 7.1.4 The thirty-two (32) exhibits qualifying for the 2nd round will then be drawn, one against the other, in a knockout competition. Similarly, the remaining sixteen (16) for the 3rd Round and the remaining eight (8) for the 4th round, until four (4) exhibits remain. These four (4) exhibits will be judged and placed 1st and 2nd.

7.2 Puppy Breed Competition

- 7.2.1 The Top fifty (50) exhibits qualifying will be notified by the Organising Committee of their qualification, by email.

- 7.2.2 For the sake of sound administration, the draw shall be undertaken by the DOGSPC Chairman or Vice-Chairman prior to the Show date but after the closing date. The fifty (50) exhibits will be split by means of a random draw, as equally as possible, into two (2) groups, depending on entry numbers, at the discretion of the DOGSPC Chairman or Vice-Chairman. These lists will be publicised on various social media platforms prior to the event and displayed at the Show venue.
- 7.2.3 From each Group of twenty-five (25) exhibits, the nominated Judge will choose eight (8) exhibits, unplaced, to go forward to the next round.
- 7.2.4 The sixteen (16) exhibits qualifying for the 2nd round will then be drawn, one against the other, in a knockout competition. Similarly, the remaining eight (8) for the 3rd round, until four (4) exhibits remain. These 4 exhibits will be judged and placed 1st and 2nd.
- 7.3 **Veteran Breed Competition**
 - 7.3.1 For the sake of sound administration, the draw shall be undertaken by the DOGSPC Chairman or Vice-Chairman prior to the Show date but after the closing date. All entered Veteran exhibits will be split by means of a random draw, as equally as possible, into two (2) groups, depending on entry numbers, at the discretion of the DOGSPC Chairman or Vice-Chairman. These lists will be publicised on various social media platforms prior to the event and displayed at the Show venue.
 - 7.3.2 From each Group of exhibits, the nominated Judge will choose eight (8) exhibits, unplaced, to go forward to the next round. If the entry received only facilitates one group of eight (8) or fewer exhibits, 2nd and 3rd rounds will be forfeited and four (4) unplaced exhibits will be shortlisted for final judging.
 - 7.3.3 The shortlisted exhibits qualifying for the 2nd round will then be drawn, one against the other, in a knockout competition. Similarly, the remaining eight (8) for the 3rd round, until four (4) exhibits remain. These 4 exhibits will be judged and placed 1st and 2nd.
- 7.4 **Child Showmanship Competition:** The Child Handlers will be judged as is normal for a Child Showmanship Competition.
- 7.5 **Junior Showmanship Competition:** The Junior Handlers will be judged as is normal for a Junior Showmanship Competition.
- 7.6 **Obedience Competition:** The dogs will be judged as is normal for an Obedience Competition.
- 7.7 **IGP and International Tracker Trial Competitions:**
 - 7.7.1 **IGP Competition:** The dogs will be judged as is normal for an IGP Competition.
 - 7.7.2 **International Tracker Trial Competition:** The dogs will be judged as is normal for an International Tracker Trial Competition.
- 7.8 **Working Trials (PD and TD3) Competition:** The dogs will be judged as is normal for a Working Trials (PD and TD3) Competition.
- 7.9 **Agility:** The dogs will be judged as is normal for an Agility Competition.

7.10 **Carting Competition:** The dogs will be judged as is normal for a Carting Competition.

7.11 **Flyball Competition:** The dogs will be judged as is normal for a Flyball Competition.

8. JUDGES

8.1 The organisers shall appoint Judges, subject to KUSA approval, for all the Disciplines hosted in any calendar year, at their discretion, in this Competition.

8.2 The number of Judges appointed to judge Breed, Adult, Puppy and/or Veteran, and Showmanship shall be at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

8.3 The name(s) of the Judge(s) shall either be advised to the competitors on the Show Schedule, or may be made public on the morning of the event.

8.4 The organisers have the right to appoint an alternative Judge(s) should there be excessive numbers of qualifiers or should the advertised Judge(s) not be able to fulfil the appointment.

8.5 All Judges selected shall be approved by The Kennel Union of Southern Africa not later than three (3) months before the date of the Competition.

9. DRESS

Competitors are expected to dress in a manner befitting this prestigious Competition. T-shirts, shorts, jeans and takkies are not allowed. Shoes must be worn.

10. SANITATION

All competitors are responsible for the removal of any faeces deposited by their dogs and the cleaning of any grooming area used by them. Any competitor failing to do so is liable to instant disqualification.

11. PRIZES AND AWARDS

The winning Breed exhibits will be entitled to be called DOGS Best of The Best Dog of the Year (year) and DOGS Best of the Best Puppy of the Year (year). The winning Dogsport winners, in each sport (if held in any year), will be entitled to be called DOGS Best of the Best (Dogsport) Dog of the Year (year). This title will not be eligible to be placed on the Registration Certificate of the dog or any other official Kennel Union document. The winners of the Junior Showmanship Competition will earn the title of DOGS Best of the Best Child Handler of the Year (year) and DOGS Best of the Best Junior Handler of the Year (year). The winning dogs and handlers will be awarded prizes appropriate to the Competition. The organisers will issue suitable qualifying certificates to all qualifiers, either in hard copy or electronically, present on the day of the event.

12. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

12.1 A Committee, for the following year, shall be formed each calendar year by no later than 31 March, consisting of a minimum of no fewer than four and no more than six (6) members, who must be Members in Good Standing of KUSA and remain so for their full term of office, nominated by the Districts of Gauteng and Surrounds Provincial Council to run DOGS Best of the Best Competition.

- 12.2 The Committee shall elect, from amongst its members, a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Committee shall keep a true record of their proceedings and a Receipts and Payments Account.

13. SPONSORSHIP

This event may be sponsored permanently or on an annual basis by any organisation(s) acceptable to both the Federal Council of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa and the District of Gauteng and Surrounds Provincial Council of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa. In the years when the event is sponsored the title may be preceded by the name of the Sponsor. Should either the District of Gauteng and Surrounds Provincial Council of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa or the 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 District of Gauteng and Surrounds Provincial Council of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa and any Sponsor establishing the rights and obligations of both, should either or both wish to withdraw from associating with this Competition.



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