

SCHEDULE 05E(19A) – REGULATIONS FOR THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG GRAND VICTOR COMPETITION

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1. LICENSING AND SHOW REGULATIONS

The Regulations relating to licensing and all other matters to do with Shows as set out in Schedule 03 (Regulations for Championship Shows) of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA) shall apply to these Competitions insofar as they can be relevant to the German Shepherd Dog (GSD) Grand Victor, Junior Grand Victor and Puppy Grand Victor Competitions and insofar as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 05E(19A).

2. DEFINITION

Throughout this Schedule, references to Grand Victor, Junior Grand Victor and Puppy Grand Victor shall be deemed to include Grand Victrix, Junior Grand Victrix and Puppy Grand Victrix and will be applicable to both Stockhaar and Langstockhaar varieties.

3. SCOPE OF THE LICENCE

3.1 A GSD Specialist Breed Club approved to hold Championship Shows may hold the GSD Grand Victor, Junior Grand Victor and Puppy Grand Victor Competitions, subject to being awarded the GSD Grand Victor Show. Only one GSD Grand Victor Show may be held in any one calendar year.

4. ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS

Any GSD may compete which is registered is on the Primary Breed Register of KUSA and whose eligibility does not conflict with the Regulations hereunder or which has not been disqualified or suspended from competition by KUSA.

5. HOST CLUBS

5.1 An application to host the GSD Grand Victor Show under the umbrella of one of the Clubs defined in Regulation 3 shall be put forward to the Federal Council of KUSA (Fedco). The decision will be subject to the approval of Fedco or any standing Committee thereof to which it may have delegated its powers. The organisation of such a GSD Grand Victor Show can only be carried out by a GSD Specialist Breed Club with Championship Show-holding status or an All-breeds Club, affiliated to KUSA.

5.2 Applications may only be submitted to KUSA via the GSD Liaison Council (GSDLC) and, as such, the above-listed documentation is to be sent to the GSDLC Secretary no later than 1 October each year for evaluation, approval and submission to KUSA.

5.3 No GSD Specialist Breed Club may host a GSD Grand Victor Breed Show in consecutive years unless the opportunity has not been taken up by any other GSD Specialist Breed Club which has not held or hosted a GSD Grand Victor Show in the previous year.

6. COMPETITION BY OFFICIALS AT TRIALS

- 6.1 A Judge for the GSD Grand Victor Breed Show may not enter or handle a dog in his ownership, or care, in the Show at which he is officiating.
- 6.2 A Show Official (e.g. Show Secretary Trial Manager, Steward, Marshall, etc, but excluding the Judge and Judge's Ring Steward) may enter, exhibit or handle a dog at any KUSA licenced event held at the same venue under the same or a different licence, on the day that he is officiating, provided:
 - 6.2.1 The Class(es) he is officiating at must take preference at all times.
 - 6.2.2 At no time may the Class(es) he is officiating for be stopped or halted in any way so he may compete elsewhere. Where necessary, a substitute official must be nominated to carry out the relevant duties until such time as the Official returns to their post, i.e. the Trial Secretary steps away from his duties temporarily.

7. COMPETITION FOR THE TITLE OF GRAND VICTOR, JUNIOR GRAND VICTOR AND PUPPY GRAND VICTOR

7.1 Competition for the title of Grand Victor

To compete for the title of Grand Victor the following requirements must be met:

- 7.1.1 A dog must be over the age of twenty-four (24) months on the first day of the Show; and
- 7.1.2 A dog must be awarded a grading of Excellent 1 (V1) on the day, in their respective Class.
- 7.1.3 If no dogs in the Classes over the age of twenty-four (24) months are awarded a grading of Excellent 1 (V1), then dogs that were awarded a grading of Very Good 1 (SG1) on the day, in their respective Classes, may be presented for the title.
- 7.1.4 If no dogs in the Classes over the age of twenty-four (24) months were awarded a grading of Very Good (SG1), then dogs that were awarded a grading of Good 1 (G1) on the day, in their respective Classes, may be presented for the title.

7.2 Competition for the title of Junior Grand Victor

To compete for the title of Junior Grand Victor the following requirements must be met:

- 7.2.1 A dog must be between the ages of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months on the first day of the Show; and
- 7.2.2 A dog must be awarded a grading of Excellent 1 (V1) on the day, in their respective Class.
- 7.2.3 If no dogs in the Classes between the ages of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months were awarded a grading of Excellent 1 (V1), then dogs that were awarded a grading of Very Good 1 (SG1) on the day, in their respective Classes, may be presented for the title.
- 7.2.4 If no dogs in the Classes between the ages of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months were awarded a grading of Very Good 1 (SG1), then dogs that were

awarded a grading of Good 1 (G1) on the day, in their respective Classes, may be presented for the title.

7.3 Competition for the title of Puppy Grand Victor

To compete for the title of Puppy Grand Victor the following requirements must be met:

- 7.3.1 A dog must be between the age of six (6) to twelve (12) months on the first day of the Show; and
- 7.3.2 A dog must have achieved a grading of Very Promising 1 (VP1) on the day, in their respective Class.
- 7.3.3 If no dogs in the Classes between the ages of six (6) to twelve (12) months were awarded a grading of Very Promising (VP1), then dogs awarded a grading of Promising 1 (P1) on the day, in their respective Classes, may be presented for the title.

The following awards may be awarded:

Grand Victor Stockhaar – Grand Victor Langstockhaar (GVS[year] – GVL[year])
Grand Victrix Stockhaar – Grand Victrix Langstockhaar (GVS[year] – GVL[year])
Junior Grand Victor Stockhaar – Junior Grand Victor Langstockhaar (JGVS[year] – JGVL[year])
Junior Grand Victrix Stockhaar – Junior Grand Victrix Langstockhaar (JGVS[year] – JGVL[year])
Puppy Grand Victor Stockhaar – Puppy Grand Victor Langstockhaar (PGVS[year] – PGVL[year])
Puppy Grand Victrix Stockhaar – Puppy Grand Victrix Langstockhaar (PGVS[year] – PGVL[year])

8. DRESS

- 8.1 Competitors are expected to dress in a manner befitting this prestigious event. Shoes must be worn. If requested by any Sponsor, when the event is sponsored, special bibs or armbands shall be worn.
- 8.2 It is a condition of entry that exhibitors may not use their dogs or any award gained at this event for the purpose of advertising any product without the permission of the Sponsor having first been obtained in writing.

9. SANITATION

All competitors are responsible for the removal of any faeces deposited on the ground and the cleaning of any grooming area used by them. Any competitor failing to do so shall be liable to instant disqualification and the withdrawal of any awards or prizes gained.

10. JUDGING

- 10.1 Judging shall be done according to the Regulations for GSD Specialist Breed Shows (Schedule 5E(28)).
- 10.2 The dogs in each Class will be lined up in order of merit as per the Judge's directive in accordance with the GSD Breed Standard as adopted by KUSA. The first four (4) dogs will be placed in each section of the Competition.

- 10.3 The Junior Grand Victor Competition and Puppy Grand Victor Competition shall be judged before the Grand Victor Competition.
- 10.4 All GSD Grand Victor Shows shall be grading and critiquing Shows, with the Judge providing a written critique for each dog. The Show Ring Secretary shall be responsible for taking the appropriate transcription from the Judge during the event. A copy of the results and critiques must be provided to the KUSA Office and the GSDLC within fifteen (15) working days after completion of the Competition.
- 10.5 The Gunshot Test shall be carried out at least 200 meters away from the main Show area if other breeds are showing at the same venue, preferably with baffle sheeting. The Gunshot Test shall be carried out at a distance no closer than 10 meters from the dogs being tested. Dogs shall be tested in manageable groups. All dogs over the age of twelve (12) months must be tested.
- 10.6 The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).

11. JUDGES

- 11.1 Any Judge or Judges appointed to judge the GSD Grand Victor Breed Competition shall be a KUSA qualified GSD Specialist Breed Judge or, in the case of foreign Judges, shall be qualified to grade and critique as a GSD Specialist Judge, in their own country of permanent residence.
- 11.2 The proposed Judge(s) will be presented to the GSDLC by the Host Club at the time of applying to host the Competition. The GSDLC will recommend the Judges to be appointed when submitting the documentation to KUSA, that will then approve the Judges appointment.

12. PRIZES AND AWARDS

Prizes and awards shall be on offer at the discretion of the Host Club.

13. SPONSORSHIP

- 13.1 The event may be sponsored permanently or on an annual basis by any organisation acceptable to both the Federal Council of KUSA and the current Host Clubs. In the years when the Competition is sponsored, the title may be preceded by the name of the Sponsor. Should either the Clubs or the Sponsor wish to disassociate themselves from the Competition, this may not be done so as to prejudice the holding of the Competition in that year or any succeeding years. For this reason, a contract should be drawn up between the Clubs and any Sponsor, establishing the rights and obligations of both parties should either associate with, or withdraw from, the Competition.
- 13.2 It is a condition of entry that exhibitors may not use their dogs or any award gained at this event for the purpose of advertising any product without the permission of the Sponsor having first been obtained in writing.



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