



Kennel Union of Southern Africa

SCHEDULE 5E (19B) – REGULATIONS FOR THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG GRAND VICTOR IGP 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 this Competition insofar as they can be relevant to the German Shepherd Dog (GSD) FCI-IGP Grand Victor Trial and insofar as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 05E(19B).

2. SCOPE OF THE LICENCE

- 2.1 A GSD Specialist Breed Club with Championship Show-holding status may, with oversight from the GSD Liaison Council (GSDLC), hold the GSD Grand Victor FCI-IGP Trial. Only one GSD Grand Victor FCI-IGP Trial may be held in any one calendar year.
- 2.2 Such Club wishing to hold the GSD Grand Victor FCI-IGP Trial, shall make application on the official KUSA Show Licence Application Form, duly completed and signed as described in Schedule 03 Regulation 2.1 and be accompanied by the fee prescribed in Schedule 07.
- 2.3 Applications may only be submitted to KUSA via the GSDLC and, as such, the relevant documentation is to be sent to the GSDLC Secretary no later than 1 October each year for evaluation, approval and submission to KUSA.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS

Any GSD which is registered 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, may compete for the title of Grand Victor FCI-IGP3 Dog. FCI-IGP1 and FCI-IGP2 is open to any German Shepherd Dog entered on the Primary Breed Register, the Breed Appendix Register and the Canine Dogsport Record.

4. HOST CLUBS

- 4.1 An application to host the GSD Grand Victor FCI-IGP Trial, under the umbrella of one of the Clubs defined in Regulation 3, shall be put forward to the Federal Council of KUSA (Fedco) by the GSD Liaison Council. The decision will be subject to the approval of Fedco. The organisation of such a GSD Grand Victor FCI-IGP Trial may only be carried out by a GSD Specialist Breed Club with Championship Show-holding status affiliated to and in good standing with KUSA.
- 4.2 No specialist GSD Club may host a GSD Grand Victor FCI-IGP Trial in consecutive years unless the opportunity has not been taken up by any other specialist GSD Club which has not held or hosted a GSD Grand Victor Show in the previous year.

5. COMPETITION BY OFFICIALS AT TRIALS

- 5.1 The Judge(s) appointed for the FCI-IGP Grand Victor Trial may not enter or handle a dog in his/her ownership or care at the Show in which he is officiating.
- 5.2 A Show Official (e.g. Show Secretary, Trial Manager, Steward, Marshall, etc., but excluding the Judge(s) and Judge's Ring Steward), may enter, exhibit or handle a dog at any KUSA-licensed event held at the same venue, under the same or a different licence, on the day that he is officiating, provided:
- 5.2.1 The Class(es) he is officiating for must take preference at all times.
- 5.2.2 At no time may the Class(es) he is officiating for be stopped or halted in any way so that 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.

6. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY AND TITLES AWARDED

- 6.1 The following are the requirements for entry into the various FCI-IGP levels:

LEVEL PRE-REQUISITES

- FCI-IGP 3 Dogs qualified in FCI-IGP3 or FCI-IGP2 before the closing date of entries
 - FCI-IGP 2 Dogs qualified in FCI-IGP2 or FCI-IGP1 before the closing date of entries
 - FCI-IGP 1 Dogs qualified in BH or FCI-IGP1 before the closing date of entries
- 6.2 Dogs are not allowed to enter in a lower grade than what they have already been qualified in.
- 6.3 The following titles may be awarded during the event:
- Grand Victor FCI-IGP3 Champion (GVIGP3);
 - Grand Victor FCI-IGP2 Winner (GVIGP2); and
 - Grand Victor FCI-IGP1 Winner (GVIGP1).
- 6.4 The title of the GSD Grand Victor FCI-IGP3 may only be awarded to a GSD:
- that was qualified at the level of FCI-IGP3 before the close of the Trial entry date;
 - that was presented at the level of FCI-IGP3 at the Trial;
 - that obtained a qualifying score at the Grand Victor FCI-IGP Trial; and
 - that is registered on the KUSA Primary Breed Register.
- 6.5 The title of the GSD Grand Victor FCI-IGP1 or FCI-IGP2 may only be awarded a GSD:
- that was presented at the level of FCI-IGP1 or 2 respectively;
 - that obtained a qualifying score at the Grand Victor FCI-IGP Trial; and
 - which is registered on the KUSA Primary Breed Register, Breed Appendix Register or Canine Dogsport Record.
- 6.6 Entry into the various FCI-IGP Part Disciplines is permitted. Parts that are accepted for entry but will not be awarded any titles are as follows:
- FCI-FPR 1-3;
 - FCI-UPR 1-3;
 - FCI-SPR 1-3;

- FCI-GPR 1-3

- 6.7 To enter the above offerings in Regulation 6.6, a dog must have obtained an FCI-BH-VT.
- 6.8 At the discretion of the organisers, a GSD Grand Victor FCI-IGP-FH may be held in conjunction with the GSD Grand Victor FCI-IGP Trial. The title of GSD Grand Victor FCI-IGP-FH Champion (GVIGP-FH) may be awarded to the dog that obtains a qualifying score at the event and is registered on the KUSA Primary Breed Register.
- 6.9 Dogs entered in FCI-IGP3 that are not registered on the KUSA Primary Breed Register may win the Competition but will not be awarded the title of Grand Victor FCI-IGP3 or Grand Victor FCI-IGP FH.

7. JUDGING

- 7.1 The judging will be undertaken by a local KUSA-qualified FCI-IGP Judge, or an international Judge qualified in his country of origin to judge accordingly.
- 7.2 The proposed Judge(s) will be presented to the GSDLC by the Host Club at the time of applying to host the Trial. The GSDLC will recommend the Judges to be appointed when submitting the documentation to KUSA who will then approve the Judges' appointment.
- 7.3 The Helper work will be undertaken by KUSA IGP Helpers qualified in accordance with Schedule 05J. Qualified IGP Helpers will be selected through the selection process described in Regulation 8.
- 7.4 If, due to the number of dogs entered, any extra Judge or Judges are appointed, then each Judge shall judge ALL the participants in one (1) or more sections (e.g. Group I – Tracking, Group II – Obedience; Group III – Protection). Where more than one (1) Judge officiates, the name of each Judge shall appear on any Certificate awarded. In the case of an equality of scores, the provisions of Schedule 05B(2) Regulations for International Working Dog Trials and International Tracking Dog Trials (IGP), Regulation 3.5.3 shall apply. The rule of maximum phases per Judge, as per Utility Dog Commission regulations shall apply.

8. HELPERS SELECTION

- 8.1 A Helpers Selection Trial will be undertaken by the Host Club at least six (6) weeks before the Grand Victor FCI-IGP Trial.
- 8.2 A notice for the Helpers Selection will be sent to all qualified KUSA FCI-IGP Helpers, three (3) weeks before the date of the Selection Trial clearly stating the date, venue and time, to which the candidates must indicate their intent to attend the Selection Trial.
- 8.3 The Helpers Selection will be undertaken by one (1) FCI-IGP Judge and one (1) Tutor Helper, who will assess the candidates based on their fitness, technique, understanding of the FCI-IGP routines and safety of the dogs. The candidates will be listed in order of preference.
- 8.4 The short-listed candidates will be presented to the GSDLC for discussion and endorsement. Should the GSDLC not endorse the first candidate, on good cause or out of concern, the second candidate will be considered, and so forth, until a suitable Helper is selected. A reserve Helper must also be selected.

- 8.5 At the Grand Victor Competition, the appointed Helper will undergo a “demonstration”/“test” under the Judge. Should the Judge deem the Helper to be unprepared or unfit, the Judge may request the Reserve Helper to officiate at the Competition or part thereof.

9. **PRIZES AND AWARDS**

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

10. **SPONSORSHIP**

- 10.1 The Competition may be sponsored permanently or on an annual basis by any organisation acceptable to both Fedco and the current Host Club. In the years when the Competition is sponsored, the title may be preceded by the name of the Sponsor. Should either the Club 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 Club and any Sponsor, establishing the rights and obligations of both parties should either decide to associate with, or withdraw from the Competition.
- 10.2 It is a condition of entry that exhibitors may not use their dogs or any award gained at this Competition for the purpose of advertising any product without the permission of the Sponsor having first been obtained in writing.



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