



Kennel Union of Southern Africa

SCHEDULE 05E(22)

REGULATIONS FOR NORTHERN AREAS TOP DOG 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 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 Northern Areas Top Dog Competition and they do not conflict with the specific terms of this schedule.

2. SCOPE FOR LICENCE

A Club which is qualified to hold a Championship Show in the Northern Areas in the calendar year in which it is intended to hold the Northern Areas Top Dog and Top Puppy Competition may hold the event named in this Schedule in conjunction with a Championship Show or separate there from.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS FOR COMPETITION

3.1 This Competition is open to

- 3.1.1 (Breed) dogs owned, owned in partnership or shown under written authority of the owner, provided that such owner (s) has qualified at a Club Championship Show held by a club which is part of the Northern Areas Provincial Council, as specified under point 6, of a club affiliated to the Kennel Union of Southern Africa.
- 3.1.2 Agility-Contact & Non-Contact, Carting, Dog Jumping, Flyball, IGP, ITT, Obedience, Dog Dancing, Rally Dog and Working Trials Classic. Eligibility for competition shall include all dogs owned, owned in partnership or shown under written authority of the owner, provided that such owner(s) either reside within Gauteng or are members of a club which falls under the jurisdiction of the NAPC.
- 3.1.3 Child and Junior Handler. Eligibility for competition shall include all Child and Junior handlers who has qualified at a Club Championship Show held by a club which is part of the Northern Areas Provincial Council, as specified under point 6, of a club affiliated to the Kennel Union of Southern Africa.

Any disputes regarding 3.1.1, 3.1.2 & 3.1.3 will be resolved at the discretion of the managing committee whose decision shall be final

- 3.2 All dogs competing must be on the Breed, Dogsport Record or Breed Appendix Registers of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa or with a body with whom a written agreement has been made in terms of Article 3.19, including dogs which may be on a foreign register, which dog, has received dispensation from the Kennel Union of Southern Africa by means of a valid Clearance certificate; 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 and must be suitably crated or benched and handled with due consideration to other qualifiers.
- 3.4 All reference to dogs, unless otherwise stated, shall include bitches.

4. HOST CLUB

Until or unless this Schedule 5E (22) is amended or altered, the host for this event will be an All Breeds Club which sits on the Northern Areas Provincial Council, selected by the Northern Areas Provincial Council of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa.

5. MANAGEMENT / ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- 5.1 A Committee shall be formed each calendar year by no later than January 7th, consisting of a minimum of eight (8) members nominated by the Northern Areas Provincial Council to run the Northern Areas Provincial Council Top Dog Competition.
- 5.2 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 Payment Accounts.

6. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY

- 6.1 Entry for this competition will be by qualification at shows as follows:

- 6.1.1 Breed, Puppy Breed & Child and Junior Handler Competitions: At all Championship All Breeds or Championship Group Clubs or Speciality Clubs held by Clubs which are part of the Northern Areas Provincial Council of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa in accordance with point 3 of this Schedule 5E (22). In respect of Child and Junior handler refer to 6.3.9 with regard to qualification of age.
- 6.1.2 All other Disciplines: As specified in each instance under 6.3 in accordance with competitions held only by Clubs, affiliated to The Kennel Union of Southern Africa, which fall within the Provinces of Gauteng and surrounds, irrespective of which Provincial Council (at present NAPC & DOGSPC) under whose jurisdiction they fall and in accordance with point 3 of this Schedule 5E (22).

- 6.2 Breed & Puppy Breed Competitions.

During the Calendar year preceding the date on which the competition is to be held any dog or bitch obtaining the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Group placing at All Breeds and Groups Championship shows, or BOB, RBOB in respect of Breed, or BPIS, RBPIS in respect of Puppy at a Speciality Championship Shows held by Clubs which are affiliated to The Kennel Union, and in accordance with 6.1.1 above, will be formally invited to compete for the titles of the Northern Areas Top Dog and Top Puppy.

- 6.3 Disciplines

During the calendar year preceding the date on which the competition is to be held are eligible for entry, the following Disciplines are eligible for entry as defined below and in accordance with 6.1.2 above, will be formally invited to compete for the relevant title for the Northern Areas Top Dog appropriate to such discipline. Results will be submitted to the organisers within (1) one week of the close of the competition.

- 6.3.1 Agility – Contact & Non-Contact (Grade 3) Competition – Large, Medium, Intermediate & Small All points gained in these eight Grades at all shows, both Championship and non-championship during the period of qualification, will be entered onto the official score sheet for the competition. Dogs with the fifty (50)

Large, twenty (20) Medium, twenty (20) Intermediate and twenty (20) Small, highest overall scores in total.

6.3.2 Carting (Standard Senior & Mini Senior) Competitions

The top six (6) in each class above, or a suitable number, as determined by the organisers. All points gained in these two Classes at all shows, both Championship and non-championship during the period of qualification, will be entered onto the official score sheet for the competition.

6.3.3 Dog Jumping (Grades 1, Small, Medium, Intermediate, Large) Competitions

The top fifty (50) in Grade 1, or a suitable number, as determined by the organisers. All points gained in these four (4) Grades at all shows, both Championship and Non-Championship during the period of qualification, will be entered onto the official score sheet for the competition.

6.3.4 Flyball

The five (5) teams scoring the most points at Flyball competitions during the calendar year preceding the date, on which the competition is to be held, are eligible for entry. All points gained at all shows, both Championship and non-championship during the period of qualification, will be entered onto the official score sheet for the competition.

6.3.5 IGP (IGP 3)

Any dog with the highest score averaged out over the above Trial will be formally invited to receive their award at the NAPC Top Dog competition.

6.3.6 Tracking Trial (TT4 & TT 5) Competitions

Any dog with the highest score averaged out over the above Trials will be formally invited to receive their award at the NAPC Top Dog competition.

6.3.7 Obedience Competition – (Class C)

All dogs who are either Obedience Champions, or have a Qualifying Certificate or as many as determined by the organisers, are eligible for entry. All points gained in Class C competition at all shows, both Championship during the period of qualification, will be entered onto the official score sheet for the competition.

6.3.8 Working Trial (PD and TD3) Competitions

Any dog with the highest score averaged out over the above Trials will be formally invited to receive their award at the NAPC Top Dog competition.

6.3.9 Child & Junior Showmanship Competitions

6.3.9.1 Any Child Handler and Junior Handler who have won a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Place, at all Breed Championship Shows, i.e. Speciality, Group and All-breeds, held by a Member Club of NAPC under a KUSA licence in the previous calendar year, in accordance with 6.1.1 above.

6.3.9.2 Child Showmanship Class

For persons of eight (8) but under twelve (12) years of age on the day of the Competition, who have qualified to enter in terms of Regulation 6.3.9.1. of this Schedule.

6.3.9.2.1 In the event of a Child Handler qualifying for both the Child and Junior Showmanship Class, in terms of Regulation 6.3.9.1 of this Schedule, qualifications gained as a Child Handler shall be forfeited and such Child shall then only qualify for the Junior Showmanship Competition.

6.3.9.3 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.

6.3.9.3.1 Qualifications gained as a Child Handler are invalid as qualifications for Junior Showmanship.

6.3.10 Rally Dog (Master Class)

All dogs who are Rally Dog Champions and have been awarded a Qualifying Certificate in Rally Dog in the Gauteng Province within the 12-month period preceding the Top Dog Competition, are eligible for entry to the competition. The winner and runner-up will be awarded on the day thereof.

6.3.11 Dog Dancing (Advanced Singles, Veterans, Handy Dandy)

Any dog with the highest score averaged out over the above live and video competitions will be formally invited to receive their award at the NAPC Top Dog Competition.

6.3.12 Hoopers

The top fifty (50) dogs in Advanced or Proficient, or a suitable number, as determined by the organisers. All points gained in these two (2) Grades at all shows, both Championship and Non-Championship during the period of qualification, will be entered onto the official score sheet for the competition.

7. DATE OF COMPETITION

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

8. JUDGING

8.1 Breed Competition & Breed Puppy Competition.

The number of dogs to be invited to the competition shall be determined from time to time by the Organising Committee in accordance with acceptance from the Northern Areas Provincial Council. However the principal of judging will be as follows:

8.1.1 The determined number of dogs will be in accordance with point 6 of these draft regulations and these top qualifying dogs will enter the ring in their groups and from the group a winner will be selected to go through to the final round for NAPC TOP DOG and NAPC TOP DOG Puppy

The number of dogs to be invited to the competition shall be determined from time to time by the Host Club Committee in accordance with acceptance from the NAPC.

All the following Disciplines will be judged as is normal for their respective competitions:

- 8.2 **Agility**
- 8.3 **Carting**
- 8.4 **Dog Jumping**
- 8.5 **Flyball**
- 8.6 **IGP** - for trials held during the year and awarded at the Northern Areas Top Dog Competition
- 8.7 **Tracking Trial Competitions** - for trials held during the year and awarded at the Northern Areas Top Dog Competition
- 8.8 **Obedience**
- 8.9 **Working Trials (PD and TD3)** - for trials held during the year and awarded at the Northern Areas Top Dog Competition
- 8.10 **Child Handlers' Competition**
- 8.11 **Junior Handlers' Competition**
- 8.12 **Rally Dog**
- 8.13 **Dog Dancing**
- 8.14 **Hoopers**

9. JUDGES – for competitions held on the day/ evening of the Northern Areas Top Dog and Top Dog Puppy Breed Competition

- 9.1 The number of judges appointed to judge Breed, Adult and/or Puppy to be at the discretion of the organisers.
- 9.2 The organisers shall appoint all Judges, subject to The Kennel Union of Southern Africa's approval, for all the Disciplines in this Competition. Breed judges must be panelled for at least 4 groups.
- 9.3 The names of the Judge or Judges shall be advised to the competitors at the time their invitations are dispatched or may only be made public at the start of the event.
- 9.4 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 keep the appointment.
- 9.5 All Judges selected shall be approved by The Kennel Union of Southern Africa.

10. DRESS

Competitors are expected to dress in a manner befitting this prestigious Competition.

11. 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 immediate disqualification.

12. PRIZES AND AWARDS

The winners will be awarded prizes appropriate to the competition.

13. SPONSORSHIP

This event may be sponsored permanently or on an annual basis by any organisation acceptable to both the Federal Council of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa and the current host club. In the years when the event is sponsored, the title may be preceded by the name of the Sponsor. Should either of the Clubs 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 year. For this reason, a contract must be drawn up between the Club and any Sponsor establishing the rights and obligations if both should enter or both wish to withdraw from associating with this Competition.

14. DISSOLUTION OF THE COMPETITION

Should, for any reason, the Northern Areas Top Dog Competition be dissolved, all monies held in the Northern Areas Top Dog Competition bank account, must be held by the Northern Areas Provincial Council for a period of three (3) years in order to try to resuscitate the Northern Areas Top Dog Competition. If unsuccessful, thereafter the monies must be paid to the Northern Areas Provincial Council Benevolent Fund.



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