



Kennel Union of Southern Africa

SCHEDULE 05E(14) – REGULATIONS FOR WESTERN CAPE TOP DOG INVITATIONAL

(Effective 01.09.2024)

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 and Schedule 04 Regulations for Non-championship Shows of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa shall apply to this Competition insofar as they can be relevant to the Western Cape Top Dog Invitational and they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 05E(14).

2. SCOPE OF LICENCE

A Club which is qualified to hold a Championship Show in the Western Cape in the calendar year in which it is intended to hold the Western Cape Top Dog Invitational may hold the event named in this Schedule in conjunction with a Championship Show or separate there from.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS FOR TOP DOG INVITATIONAL

- 3.1. The registered owner or joint owner on the day entries close must be resident in the Western Cape, which is defined as the Western Cape Province, Boland, and South Cape.
- 3.2. At the time of qualification for this Competition, all competing dogs must be resident in the Western Cape, which is defined as the Western Cape Province, Boland, and Southern Cape.
- 3.3. All dogs competing must be on the Breed Register 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.
- 3.4. The names of the top four (4) dogs in each group at each All-breeds or Group Championship Show, excluding FCI International Shows, shall be ascertained and confirmed by the Organising Committee of the Competition.
- 3.5. The name of the highest placed eligible puppy in each Puppy Group at each All-breeds or Group Championship Show, excluding FCI International Shows, shall be ascertained and confirmed by the Organising Committee of the Competition.
- 3.6. Bitches in season on the day of this Competition may attend. Owner to be considerate towards other Exhibitors.
- 3.7. The name of the highest placed eligible Veteran in each Veteran Group at each All-breeds or Group Championship Show, excluding FCI International Shows, shall be

ascertained and confirmed by the Organising Committee of the Competition.

4. HOST CLUB

Until or unless this Schedule 05E(14) is amended or altered, the Host Club for this event is:
The Kennel Association.

5. QUALIFICATIONS FOR TOP DOG ENTRY

- 5.1 Entry for this Competition will be by invitation of the Western Cape Provincial Council.
- 5.2 The dogs in each Group that have been awarded a Group placing between the holding of the first and the last Western Cape All-breeds and Group Club Championship Shows, excluding FCI International Shows, held in any calendar year in which it is intended to have the Western Cape Top Dog Invitational will be invited to enter.

6. QUALIFICATIONS FOR TOP PUPPY AND TOP VETERAN ENTRY

- 6.1. Entry for this Competition will be by invitation of the Western Cape Provincial Council.
- 6.2. The highest eligible placed puppy in the Puppy Group, between the holding of the first and the last Western Cape All-breeds and Group Club Championship Shows, excluding FCI International Shows, held in any calendar year in which it is intended to have the Western Cape Top Dog Invitational, as defined in Regulation 3.1 above, will be eligible to attend the Competition.
- 6.3. If the qualifying puppy is no longer resident in the Western Cape, as defined in Regulation 3.1 above, the next-placed puppy in the Puppy Group at the same show will qualify, subject to Regulation 3.1 above.
- 6.4. The highest eligible placed Veteran in the Veteran Group, between the holding of the first and the last Western Cape All-breeds and Group Club Championship Shows, excluding FCI International Shows, held in any calendar year in which it is intended to have the Western Cape Top Dog Invitational, as defined in Regulation 3.1 above, will be eligible to attend the Competition.
- 6.5. If the qualifying Veteran is no longer resident in the Western Cape, as defined in Regulation 3.1 above, the next-placed Veteran in the Veteran Group at the same show will qualify, subject to Regulation 3.1 above.

7. DATE OF COMPETITION

The Competition will be held in the evening of a date and at a venue to be decided by the Organising Committee of the Competition but not earlier than weekend number 45 or later than 31st December in any one year..

8. JUDGING OF TOP VETERAN COMPETITION

- 8.1. The Top Veteran Competition will be judged before the commencement of the Top Puppy Competition.
- 8.2. The order in which the Veterans are judged:

- 8.2.1 The Dog Veterans will parade first. At the conclusion of the parade of the Dog Veterans, and assessment of each individual Veteran, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced Veterans.
- 8.2.2 The Bitch Veterans will parade second. At the conclusion of the parade of the Bitch Veterans, and assessment of each individual Veteran, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced Veterans.
- 8.2.3 The four (4) finalists will parade before the Judge and the Judge will place the Top Veteran and the Reserve Top Veteran.

9. JUDGING OF THE TOP PUPPY COMPETITION

- 9.1. The Top Puppy Competition will be judged before the commencement of the Top Dog Competition.
- 9.2. The order in which the Puppies are judged:
 - 8.2.1 The Dog Puppies will parade first. At the conclusion of the parade of the Dog Puppies, and assessment of each individual puppy, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced puppies.
 - 8.2.2 The Bitch Puppies will parade second. At the conclusion of the parade of the Bitch Puppies, and assessment of each individual puppy, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced puppies.
- 9.3. The four (4) finalists will parade before the Judge and the Judge will place the Top Puppy and the Reserve Top Puppy.

10. JUDGING OF THE TOP DOG COMPETITION

- 10.1. The Top Dog Competition will be judged after the completion of the Top Puppy Competition.
- 10.2. The order in which the Groups will parade will be drawn by lot by the Judge, or determined by the Organising Committee of the Competition.
- 10.3. At the conclusion of the parade of a Group, and assessment of each individual dog, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced dogs.
- 10.4. At the conclusion of the judging of all the Groups, the two (2) dogs that were selected from each Group must re-enter the ring and the Judge will select the First-placed dog and a Reserve from each Group.
- 10.5. The dog that is placed First in each Group shall go forward to the Final.
- 10.6. All the Group winners will parade before the Judge, who will then place the Top Dog and the Reserve Top Dog.

11. JUDGES

- 11.1. The Organising Committee of the Competition may appoint one or as many Judges as the Committee deem suitable.

11.1.1 The name(s) of the Judge(s) shall be advised to the Competitors at the time their Invitations are despatched or at the commencement of the Competition, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

11.1.2 Any Judge selected shall be an All-breeds Judge and approved by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa not later than six (6) months before the date of the Competition.

11.2. The management of any Rally event at a Show shall be entrusted to the Show Manager who shall be a Member in good standing of KUSA and appointed by the show-holding Club.

12. DRESS

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

13. 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.

14. PRIZES AND AWARDS

14.1. The winning Top Dog will be entitled to be called Western Cape Top Dog (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 winning Top Dog will be awarded a Floating Trophy and a prize and the Reserve Top Dog will receive a prize. All qualifiers will receive a rosette.

14.2. The winning Top Puppy will be entitled to be called Western Cape Top Puppy (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 winning Top Puppy will be awarded a Floating Trophy and a prize and the Reserve Top Puppy will receive a prize. All qualifiers will receive a rosette.

14.3. The winning Top Veteran will be entitled to be called Western Cape Top Veteran (year). This title will not be eligible to be placed on the dog's Certificate of Registration or any other official Kennel Union document. The winning Top Veteran will be awarded a Floating Trophy and a prize and the Reserve Top Veteran will receive a prize. All qualifiers will receive a rosette.

15. SPONSORSHIP

Any event named in this Schedule 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 Host Club. In the years when these events are sponsored, the titles may be preceded by the name of the Sponsor. Should either the Club or the Sponsor wish to disassociate themselves with these events, this may not be done so as to prejudice the holding of the events in that year or any succeeding years. For this reason, a Contract must be drawn up between the Club and any Sponsor establishing the rights and obligations of both should either, or both, wish to withdraw from associating with these Competitions.



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