

**SCHEDULE 5(L) Appendix C
REGULATIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF
KUSA DOGS TO COMPETE AT THE
FCI AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(Effective 01.09.2024)

TERMINOLOGY

Agility Treasurer shall mean the Treasurer of the NAgSC and AWC Working Group, unless otherwise stated.

AWC WG shall mean the AWC Working Group.

AWC Working Group shall mean the group of individuals specially appointed to administer the KUSA AWC Trials and selection of the KUSA AWC Team.

Chairman of the AWC WG shall mean the person elected by the Working Group to take primary responsibility to ensure all matters pertaining to KUSA dogs competing at the FCI AWC Event are achieved and to liaise with the NAgSC.

FCI AWC shall mean the FCI Agility World Championships.

FCI Representative means the person appointed by the Federal Council from time to time to represent KUSA and the Dogsport of Agility in South Africa on the Agility Commission of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI).

KUSA AWC Trials shall mean the Event organised for the final selection of KUSA dogs to compete at the FCI AWC Event.

KUSA SAAC shall mean the KUSA South African Agility Championships.

NAgSC shall mean the National Agility Sub-Committee.

SAAC Committee shall be the designated Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee selected each year to host and co-ordinate the KUSA SAAC Event.

Words importing the singular shall include the plural, words importing the masculine shall include the feminine gender and neuter, and vice versa, unless such interpretation is inconsistent with the context hereof.

1. SHOW REGULATIONS AND LICENSING

- 1.1 The Regulations, as set out in Schedule 05(L) Regulations for Agility Classes shall apply to this Event, *mutatis mutandis*, and insofar as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule.
- 1.2 A Show Licence must be applied for and issued as per Schedule 05E(30) KUSA Agility World Championship Trials Regulation 2.

2. ADMINISTRATION

2.1 GENERAL

- 2.1.1 The KUSA AWC Trials will be run by the AWC WG.
- 2.1.2 If the KUSA AWC Trials are held in conjunction with the KUSA SAAC, the AWC WG shall also form part of the SAAC Committee (refer to Schedule 5(L) Appendix D).

Members of the AWCWG may be members of the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee hosting the KUSA SAAC.

- 2.1.3 If the KUSA AWC Trials are run independently to the KUSA SAAC, then the AWCWG shall be responsible for obtaining sponsorship to ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover the costs of the Event. Entry fees must be adequate to ensure no shortfall arises if insufficient sponsorship is secured.

3. AWC WORKING GROUP

3.1 COMPOSITION OF THE AWCWG

- 3.1.1 The AWCWG shall be composed of one (1) Representative from each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee, all to be members in good standing with KUSA and must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. The Representatives shall all serve for a period of four (4) years, coterminous with the term of the NAgSC.
- 3.1.2 In the event a member resigns from his Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee or has his membership revoked or suspended by KUSA, his representation on the AWCWG will cease automatically.
- 3.1.3 The AWCWG shall elect a Chairman who will be responsible to liaise with and report to the NAgSC within the terms of reference issued by the NAgSC (refer to Regulation 3.2.1) and supplemented by the terms of reference as per Schedule 05(L) Appendices A, C and D.
- 3.1.4 The Chairman of the AWCWG shall remain in office coterminous with the term of the NAgSC Convener. Should the Chairman of the AWCWG fail to serve out his term of office, another member of the AWCWG shall be elected to replace him until a new Chairman is elected for the next term.
- 3.1.5 The Agility Treasurer, as appointed by the NAgSC, shall keep a true record of all proceedings and shall be responsible and have the authority to submit invoices received from the AWCWG to KUSA for payment out of the SA Agility Control Account administered on behalf of the NAgSC by KUSA.
- 3.1.6 The FCI Representative shall be a member of the AWCWG.
- 3.1.7 The AWCWG shall be at liberty to fill casual vacancies and co-opt additional resources to assist the Working Group, provided that all those appointed to fill vacancies on the Working Group, or those co-opted to supplement the Working Group's resources, shall be members in good standing with KUSA. They will not be entitled to a vote.

3.2 MANAGEMENT OF THE AWCWG

- 3.2.1 While the AWCWG is responsible for all administrative matters relating to the KUSA AWC Trials and selection of the KUSA Team to compete at the FCI AWC, it is accountable to the NAgSC in respect of fund-raising, finances, travel arrangements and any other operational matters.
- 3.2.2 All duties and objectives of the AWCWG shall be monitored or managed by the Chairman as elected in terms of Regulation 3.1.3.

3.3 DUTIES OF THE AWCWG

- 3.3.1 The duties of the AWCWG will include but not be restricted to:

- Schedule and manage the KUSA AWC Trials. If this Event forms part of the KUSA SAAC, the AWCWG will form part of the SAAC Committee (refer to Schedule 5(L) Appendix D).
- Ensure all documentation requirements for the FCI AWC are circulated to handlers timeously.
- Submit the names of the handlers and dogs representing the KUSA AWC Team to the KUSA office, as soon as the Team is finalised.
- Source sponsorship on behalf of the members of the KUSA AWC Team. This will be done on a national basis by enlisting members of the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committees for assistance. All sponsorship must be declared to the KUSA office.
- Select the Team Leader and any other support members of the KUSA AWC Team who will travel to the FCI AWC.
- Assist the Team Leader and members of the KUSA AWC Team with their preparations for the FCI AWC.

3.3.2 The aim of the AWCWG will be to ensure preparations with regards to the KUSA AWC Team are implemented until the Team Leader is selected and tasks have been allocated to the Team members (refer to Regulation 6.1).

4. KUSA AWC TRIALS

4.1 GENERAL

4.1.1 The KUSA AWC Trials may be held at the same time and venue as the KUSA SAAC Event (refer to Schedule 5(L) Appendix D).

4.2 ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS

4.2.1 All dogs must be twenty-four (24) months of age or older on the first day of the FCI AWC Event and in possession of a FCI recognised Certificate of Registration. Dogs must be microchipped.

4.2.2 Dogs must be in at least Contact Agility 2 with a qualification before the start of the KUSA AWC Trials in order to be eligible to compete in the KUSA AWC Trials and FCI AWC.

4.2.3 Bitches in season must be allowed to compete in the KUSA AWC Trials. The onus will be on the handler to bring the bitch's condition to the attention of the Judge/s at the Event.

4.3 SHOW SCHEDULE AND DOCUMENTATION

4.3.1 The AWCWG will publish a Show Schedule for the KUSA AWC Trials by no later than 31st January each year.

4.3.2 The closing date for entry into the KUSA AWC Trials will be published on the Show Schedule.

4.3.3 Handlers may enter the KUSA AWC Trials by completing and submitting an official KUSA Entry Form, which includes the approved online electronic form thereof, payment of the entry fee as determined by the NAgSC and payment of the requisite FCI AWC Team deposit as determined by the AWCWG.

4.3.4 All entrants to the KUSA AWC Trials must submit their documentation package to the Chairman of the AWCWG or a designated member no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the start date of the KUSA AWC Trials. The AWCWG Chairman or designated

member will inform entrants as to any errors or potential shortfalls noted in their documentation package within five (5) working days of receipt thereof.

4.3.5 The documentation package must include **copies** of the following pdf format only (smallest file size) with clearly labelled file names:

- Valid Rabies Titre Certificate
- Valid Rabies Vaccination Certificate
- Valid 5 in 1 Vaccination Certificate
- Dog's Microchip Registration Certificate
- Dog's Record Card with at least one (1) qualification in Contact Agility 2
- Dog's KUSA Certificate of Registration and Certified Pedigree
- Proof of the handler's and owner's KUSA membership that must be current
- Handler's Passport with at least two (2) clear pages and the expiry date must be more than six (6) months after the last day of the FCI AWC.
- Any additional requirements that may be requested by the Committee of the hosting country.

Should any of the above items expire between the KUSA AWC Trials and the FCI AWC Event, the onus is on the owner and/or the handler of the dog to renew them. Failure to do so may result in the dog being withdrawn from the KUSA AWC Team (refer to Regulation 5.1.3).

4.3.6 Each entrant's documentation package needs to be 100% complete twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled start time of the KUSA AWC Trials or he will not be eligible to compete for selection and will be refunded the full FCI AWC Team deposit.

4.4 ORGANISATION

The following Regulations must be read in conjunction with Regulation 2 of this Schedule and if this Event is held in conjunction with the KUSA SAAC Event, then Schedule 5(L) Appendix D – Regulations for the KUSA South African Agility Championships must also be applied, where applicable.

- 4.4.1 The KUSA AWC Trials will be run by the members of the AWCWG and, if required, a nominated Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee when this Event is run on its own (refer to Regulation 2).
- 4.4.2 If this Event is held in conjunction with the KUSA SAAC, the SAAC Committee will organise and run the KUSA AWC Trials together with the AWCWG.
- 4.4.3 The hosting of the KUSA AWC Trials will be rotated between the Provinces as often as possible, but the timing of the Event and conditions stipulated by sponsors may override this principle. Whenever possible, the KUSA AWC Trials should be held indoors to simulate the conditions at the FCI AWC.
- 4.4.4 The KUSA AWC Trials will be held at least eight (8) weeks prior to the closing date for entries to compete at the FCI AWC.
- 4.4.5 Each year, the AWCWG will select two (2) Judges from applicants to officiate at the KUSA AWC Trials. Eligibility, application process and criteria for selection of the Judges can be found in Schedule 5(L) Appendix E Regulation 4.
- 4.4.6 If the KUSA AWC Trials are held at the same time and venue as the KUSA SAAC, the selected Judges should judge both Events, if possible.

4.5 FORMAT

- 4.5.1 The KUSA AWC Trials will consist of five (5) rounds, three (3) of which will be Contact Agility. All dogs will jump the same course with the obstacles set at the heights/specifications prescribed for each Grade 3 height category.
- 4.5.2 The running order for the first round of the KUSA AWC Trials will be determined by a random computer draw.
- 4.5.3 The running order for subsequent rounds will be determined by the results table as it stands after each preceding round. The dogs with the least number of points scored will run first and those with the most number of points will run last, i.e. reverse order of placings. For those handlers with more than one (1) dog in a height category, a gap of no less than five (5) dogs will be applied, whenever possible.
- 4.5.4 If the KUSA AWC Trials are run in conjunction with the KUSA SAAC, then a random draw must also be done to determine the second round of the KUSA AWC Trials, including the dogs entered for KUSA SAAC.
- 4.5.5 The dogs will be awarded points for their performance in each round, using the points scoring system set out in Regulation 4.6.
- 4.5.6 The 15% rule will be used to determine the Standard Course Time (SCT) for each height category as per Schedule 5(L) Regulation 12.1.1.2.
- 4.5.7 At the conclusion of the KUSA AWC Trials, tables based on points gained as per Regulation 4.5.5 will be compiled to determine the dogs eligible to be selected for the KUSA AWC Team (refer to Regulation 5.2.1).
- 4.5.8 All ties in the KUSA AWC Trials Event (according to the combined results table) must be separated with a re-run over the last Contact Agility round or a modified round of the Judge's choice. The re-run is only used to separate the dogs that are tied on the same points after the five (5) rounds are completed.

4.6 POINTS SCORING SYSTEM FOR EACH KUSA AWC TRIALS ROUND (FOR TEAM SELECTION)

4.6.1 *Clear Rounds*

- 4.6.1.1 Dogs with clear rounds shall be awarded ten (10) points.

4.6.2 *Bonus Points*

- 4.6.2.1 Dogs with clear rounds shall also be awarded bonus points for bettering the SCT as per Regulation 4.5.6. The points will equal the amount that the SCT is bettered to hundredths of a second.
- 4.6.2.2 The overall winning dog of each round, in each height category, will be awarded one (1) bonus point.

4.6.3 *Points for Total Faults*

- 4.6.3.1 Any dog incurring faults will be awarded points based on the total faults for each specific round.

Total Faults	Points
0,01 – 5,00	Eight (8)
5,01 – 10,00	Six (6)
10,01 – 15,00	Four (4)
15,01 – 20,00	Two (2)
20,01 – 25,00	One (1)
25,01 or more	None
Elimination	None

4.7 OVERALL KUSA AWC TRIALS WINNER

4.7.1 To determine the overall winner of the KUSA AWC Trials, the SCT will be determined using the 15% rule across all height categories (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 12.1.1.2). All dogs in all height categories will compete under the same SCT.

4.7.2 The dogs will be awarded points for their performance in each round, using the points scoring system set out in Regulation 4.8.

4.7.3 The overall winner of the KUSA AWC Trials will be awarded the KUSA AWC Trials Floating Trophy and a miniature, the latter may be kept.

4.8 POINTS SCORING SYSTEM FOR KUSA AWC TRIALS (FOR INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)

4.8.1 *Clear Rounds*

4.8.1.1 A dog will be awarded ten (10) points for each clear round.

4.8.2 *Bonus Points*

4.8.2.1 In each round, the overall winning dog across all height categories will be awarded one (1) bonus point.

4.8.2.2 Dogs with clear rounds shall also be awarded bonus points for bettering the SCT as per Regulation 4.7.1. The points will equal the amount that the SCT is bettered to hundredths of a second.

4.8.3 *Points for Total Faults*

4.8.3.1 Any dog incurring faults will be awarded points based on the total faults for each specific round.

Total Faults	Points
0,01 – 5,00	Eight (8)
5,01 – 10,00	Six (6)
10,01 – 15,00	Four (4)
15,01 – 20,00	Two (2)
20,01 – 25,00	One (1)
25,01 or more	None
Elimination	None

4.9 QUALIFICATIONS

- 4.9.1 A Grade 1 or Grade 2 dog (refer to Regulation 4.2) may gain a qualification in either Contact Agility or Non-Contact Agility for any round of the KUSA AWC Trials (refer to Schedule 05(L) Regulations 4.1.1 and 4.1.2). This is provided the dog completes the round without accumulating any faults and within the time stipulated for the AWC Trials (refer to Regulation 4.5.6).

5. FCI AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION

5.1 GENERAL

- 5.1.1 In order for a dog to be eligible for selection to compete at the FCI AWC, the dog must have entered and competed in at least one (1) round of the KUSA AWC Trials.
- 5.1.2 The eligibility of dogs will be determined according to the top-most scores on the results table.
- 5.1.3 Any withdrawal subsequent to the announcement of the KUSA AWC Team will be subject to a cancellation fee, which will be determined by the AWCWG depending on the timescale and costs incurred.
- 5.1.4 All handlers competing at the FCI AWC are representing KUSA so must be members in good standing with KUSA at the time of their competing at the FCI AWC Event.

5.2 TEAM COMPETITION

- 5.2.1 The four dogs with the top scores in each height category (as per Regulation 4.5.7) will be eligible for the KUSA AWC Team in that height category. If there are fewer than three dogs participating in any particular height category at the KUSA AWC Trials, then no KUSA AWC Team will be entered for that particular height category at the FCI AWC.
- 5.2.2 The next two (2) handlers and dogs in each height category will be named as Reserves. They will not be expected to travel to the FCI AWC but must be on standby to take their place in the Team in the event of any withdrawals before the closing date for FCI AWC entries.
- 5.2.3 The dogs selected to compete in the Team Event do not automatically qualify to participate in the individual competition at the FCI AWC Event.

5.3 INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

- 5.3.1 At the conclusion of the KUSA AWC Trials, a results table based on points gained as per Regulation 4.7.2 will be compiled to determine the dogs eligible for the individual competition.
- 5.3.2 Eligibility to compete in the individual competition at the FCI AWC will be determined as follows:
- 5.3.2.1 The KUSA SA Agility Champion dog in each height category will be eligible to compete provided it has an FCI recognised Certificate of Registration (Studbook or Appendix) and is at least twenty-four (24) months or older on the first day of the FCI AWC Event.
- 5.3.2.2 There may be a maximum of six (6) dogs in any particular height category and a maximum of twelve (12) dogs in total that will be eligible to represent KUSA in the individual competition at the FCI AWC Event.

6. MANAGEMENT OF THE KUSA AWC TEAM AFFAIRS FOR THE FCI AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

6.1 KUSA AWC TEAM ORGANISATION

- 6.1.1 The Chairman of the AWCWG or a designated member shall act in the capacity of Team

Co-ordinator until such time as the KUSA AWC Team is announced and the Team members elect a Team Leader. The Team Leader will travel to the FCI AWC with the Team and will be responsible for the organisational and administrative matters at the FCI AWC.

- 6.1.2 The AWCWG will be responsible for all arrangements leading up to the FCI AWC Event until a Team Leader is appointed who will then assist with arrangements. These include travel and accommodation plans, FCI AWC entries, ensuring that the necessary Veterinary Certificates are in order, disbursement of sponsorship and fund-raising monies, KUSA AWC Team uniform, etc.

- 6.1.3 The AWCWG shall decide upon the design of the Team uniform, which must be sanctioned by KUSA. Team members shall be required to wear this uniform during the opening and closing ceremonies as well as during the competition at the FCI AWC.

- 6.2 Any additional persons wishing to travel to the FCI AWC with the Team shall be responsible for all their own expenses.

6.3 SPONSORSHIP FOR KUSA AWC TEAM

- 6.3.1 The sponsorship for the KUSA AWC Team and funds raised by the AWCWG will be used as far as possible to cover the travel and accommodation expenses of the Team.

- 6.3.2 If the AWCWG and NAgSC have potential sponsorship opportunities for the KUSA AWC Team that can be used at the KUSA SAAC, then they must liaise with the SAAC Committee to ensure maximum exposure for the sponsorship/s and benefits for the KUSA AWC Team.

- 6.3.3 Where possible, existing sponsors should be retained or offered continuation of sponsorship for future events. The AWCWG and NAgSC should be aware of and try to mitigate potential conflicts between sponsors, and where possible, the sponsors for the KUSA SAAC and the KUSA AWC Team should be aligned to maximise the return on investment for sponsors.

- 6.3.4 All sponsorship negotiations must be:

- 6.3.4.1 discussed with the AWCWG and NAgSC prior to confirmation.

- 6.3.4.2 put in writing.

- 6.3.4.3 KUSA must be informed of all sponsorship agreements entered into and a signed copy of the written contract must be submitted to the KUSA office.

7. SPONSORSHIP

- 7.1 The KUSA AWC Trials may be sponsored permanently or on an annual basis by any Organisation deemed acceptable to the Federal Council of KUSA. In years when the Event is sponsored, the Event name may include the name of the sponsor. Should either KUSA or any sponsor wish to disassociate themselves from 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 KUSA and any sponsor establishing the rights and obligations of both should either or both wish to withdraw from association with this Event.



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