

## **SCHEDULE 5(L) Appendix E REGULATIONS FOR AGILITY JUDGES**

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### **1. TERMINOLOGY**

- 1.1 *FCI* shall mean the Federation Cynologique Internationale.  
*FCI AWC* shall mean the FCI Agility World Championships.  
*KUSA* shall mean the Kennel Union of Southern Africa.  
*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.
- 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.

### **2. AGILITY JUDGES**

#### **2.1 GENERAL**

- 2.1.1 All locally domiciled Judges shall be members in good standing with KUSA and shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years at the time when any judging is undertaken.
- 2.1.2 Before approving a foreign Judge to officiate at any Agility competition held under Schedule 5(L), the Executive Committee of KUSA shall be satisfied that such Judge is recognised and approved to judge equivalent Agility competitions in his country of permanent residence.

#### **2.2 REFRESHER COURSES**

- 2.2.1 In order to maintain his judging licence, a Judge is required to attend a Refresher Course. This must happen within two (2) years from his previous attendance of a Refresher Course.
- 2.2.2 Such a Refresher Course will be organised by the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee, however, the content must be approved by the NAGSC. It is permissible for a Judge to attend a Refresher Course presented/organised by any of the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committees.
- 2.2.3 In the event a Judge fails to attend a Refresher Course as per Regulation 2.2.1, then Regulation 2.3 applies.
- 2.2.4 The NAGSC must approve the content of the Refresher Course and it must be presented by at least two (2) current/active KUSA Championship Show Agility Judges.
- 2.2.5 The Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committees must monitor and keep a record of the Judges attending the Refresher Courses. The list of Judges' names having completed each Refresher Course must be sent to the NAGSC, which will in turn supply these names to KUSA for ratification.
- 2.2.6 Any queries that arise at these Refresher Courses and that cannot be resolved must be forwarded to the NAGSC for clarification.

### 2.3 INACTIVE JUDGES

- 2.3.1 In the event of a Judge not judging for a period of two (2) years or more, such Judge will be required to attend a Refresher Course and judge a minimum of two (2) Grades in both Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility at a KUSA Non-Championship Show/s under supervision.
- 2.3.2 The Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee shall appoint a current/active KUSA Championship Show Agility Judge to oversee the KUSA Non-Championship Show appointment and once passed, the Judge may accept KUSA Championship Show appointments.

## 3. CANDIDATE AGILITY JUDGES

### 3.1 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1.1 Before a person may apply to become an Agility Judge, such applicant must have acted as a scribe/scorer or competed at KUSA Agility Shows for not less than a period of twelve (12) months and a minimum of eight (8) KUSA Shows within the last three (3) years.
- 3.1.2 The Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee where the applicant resides must confirm that experience gained is sufficient for the applicant to be considered.
- 3.1.3 All Candidate Judges shall be members in good standing with KUSA and shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years at the time when formal studies or activities towards a judging qualification commence.

### 3.2 QUALIFYING CRITERIA

- 3.2.1 Once a person has been accepted by his Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee or by KUSA, a Candidate Judge shall attend a course and achieve the required pass rate in all elements of the course.
- 3.2.2 The course shall cover the Regulations for Agility Classes (Schedule 5(L)), judging techniques and course design. The content must be approved by the NAgSC and the course shall be run by at least three (3) KUSA Championship Show Agility Judges.
- 3.2.3 A written examination on KUSA Rules and Regulations as per Schedules 03, the Temporary Exclusion Order (TEO) Manual, and Schedule 04 as well as Schedule 09 Appendix B must be passed with at least 80%.
- 3.2.4 A written examination on Schedule 5(L) Regulations for Agility Classes and judging techniques must be passed with at least 80%.
- 3.2.5 All written examinations must be accomplished without reference to any study material.
- 3.2.6 Design Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility Grades 1, 2 and 3 courses and submit to a current/active KUSA Championship Show Agility Judge appointed by the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee for such purposes.
- 3.2.7 Practical judging of five (5) dogs competing over a full round of either a Contact Agility 1, 2 or 3 course (at the discretion of the Examiners). The design of the course for the practical examination will be undertaken by the Examiners and not by the Candidate Judge.

### 3.3 JUDGE'S RECORD CARD

- 3.3.1 Once a Candidate Judge has successfully passed the examination, he will be required to judge three (3) Contact Agility and three (3) Non-Contact Agility Events at KUSA Non-championship Shows. A minimum of six (6) dogs must be present and compete in each Dogsport and he must judge a minimum of two (2) Grades per Dogsport. These appointments may be split over multiple shows.
- 3.3.2 The Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee will arrange for each judging appointment carried out by the Candidate Judge to be observed by a qualified current/active KUSA Championship Show Agility Judge who will report back to the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee and endorse the Candidate Judge's Record Card, if passed.

- 3.3.3 Once all the requirements set out in Regulation 3.2 inclusive have been met and the Candidate Judge's Record Card has been endorsed by the Agility Judges (refer to Regulation 3.3.2), such Record Card will be sent to KUSA, who in turn will issue an Agility Judges Licence to that Judge and thereafter that Judge will be able to judge at Championship Show level.

#### **4. KUSA SAAC/KUSA AWC TRIALS JUDGES**

##### **4.1 GENERAL**

- 4.1.1 A Judge will only be allowed to judge a KUSA SAAC/KUSA AWC Trials Event once every two (2) years.

##### **4.2 ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.2.1 Only KUSA Championship Show Agility Judges with a minimum of three (3) years experience in judging Agility will be considered.
- 4.2.2 The applicant must have judged a minimum of six (6) Contact Agility and six (6) Non-Contact Agility competitions in the last three (3) years. These appointments do not necessarily have to be done under the same Show Licences but exclude Candidate Judging appointments.
- 4.2.3 No judging appointments undertaken at non-KUSA affiliated Clubs or Organisations will count towards the requirements.
- 4.2.4 In addition, applicants must have judged a minimum of two (2) Contact Agility 3 and a minimum of two (2) Non-Contact Agility 3 classes in the proceeding twelve (12) months from the closing date of the application (refer to Regulation 4.3.3). Future qualifying judging appointments will not apply.

##### **4.3 APPLICATION PROCESS**

- 4.3.1 The applicant will be required to submit a brief Curriculum Vita (CV) on his Agility judging career and experience.
- 4.3.2 Submit two (2) Contact Agility courses and two (2) Non-contact Agility courses, designed to the level suitable for the competition.
- 4.3.3 The closing date for applications will be 30 September each year (refer to Schedule 5(L) Appendix D Regulation 4.3.2).

##### **4.4 SELECTION CRITERIA**

The two (2) preferred Judges will be appointed based on the following criteria:

- 4.4.1 Judge's knowledge and application of the rules (Schedule 5(L) and Schedule 5(L) Appendix H).
- 4.4.2 Judge's experience in judging important events, such as previous KUSA SAAC, FCI Shows, KUSA National Agility Events and Championship Shows.
- 4.4.3 Judge's command of the ring and general courtesy (Schedule 9).
- 4.4.4 Judge's general course design. This would include the following:
- application of modern course design techniques.
  - safety for both dog and handler.
  - balance between skill, speed and enjoyment.
  - overseas type/design of courses.

#### **5. FCI AGILITY JUDGES**

##### **5.1 ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1.1 The minimum requirements for an application for appointment to the FCI Agility Judges' List are:
- 5.1.1.1 The Judge shall be a member in good standing with KUSA.
- 5.1.1.2 The Judge shall be current and have maintained Agility Championship status over the past five

(5) years as per Regulation 2.2.

- 5.1.1.3 The Judge shall have completed the mandatory Agility Refresher Course as stipulated in Regulation 2.2.
- 5.1.1.4 The Judge must have judged both Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility Shows at least four (4) times in the preceding five (5) years.
- 5.1.1.5 All Judges nominated should be up to date with International Agility trends and design courses that align with FCI Agility standards.

## 5.2 APPLICATION PROCESS

- 5.2.1 By 1 August every year, Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committees may nominate any Judge resident in South Africa as a potential FCI Agility Judge and by 15 August the full application requirements must be submitted to the Secretary of the NAgSC, who will confirm receipt via email.
- 5.2.2 Examination of the application is the responsibility of a panel of KUSA Agility Judges.
  - 5.2.2.1 Each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee will nominate one (1) senior Agility Judge and an alternative, if possible, to sit on the panel.
  - 5.2.2.2 Only one (1) Judge from each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee may sit on the panel at any one time.
  - 5.2.2.3 The panel must be comprised of at least three (3) Agility Judges in order to consider any application.
  - 5.2.2.4 The panel will then make the relevant recommendation via the NAgSC to the KUSA Executive Committee for approval and submission to FCI.
- 5.2.3 In the application, the Judge should provide:
  - 5.2.3.1 An Agility CV and motivational letter.
  - 5.2.3.2 At least two (2) Contact Agility and two (2) Non-Contact Agility course designs.
  - 5.2.3.3 Proof of judging appointments for last five (5) years (must include status of each appointment and whether local or out of province).
  - 5.2.3.4 Proof of compliancy in terms of Regulation 2.2.
  - 5.2.3.5 Confirmation that he is willing to accept overseas Agility judging appointments.
- 5.2.4 The NAgSC will notify the applicant, within eight (8) weeks from receipt of documentation whether, or not, their application has been approved by the Executive Committee.

## 5.3 STATUS RETENTION

- 5.3.1 In order to maintain one's position on the FCI Judges' List, the Judge must maintain the requirements as stipulated in Regulation 5.1.
- 5.3.2 In the event that any of the above requirements are not met, the Judge shall be removed from the FCI Judges' List and may re-apply as per Regulations 5.1 and 5.2.

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