

SCHEDULE 5(L) Appendix F

REGULATIONS FOR THE KUSA NATIONAL AGILITY LEAGUE

(Effective 01.09.2024)

TERMINOLOGY

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

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

FCI AWC shall mean the FCI Agility World Championships.

KUSA shall mean the Kennel Union of Southern Africa.

KUSA NAL shall mean the KUSA National Agility League.

KUSA SAAC shall mean the KUSA South African Agility Championships.

NAgSC shall mean the National Agility Sub-Committee.

National NAL Co-ordinator shall mean the person appointed by the AWCWG to oversee the organisation and completion of the KUSA NAL on a national basis.

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. LICENSING AND SHOW REGULATIONS

- 1.1 The Regulations relating to licensing and 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 KUSA, shall apply to this competition so far as they can be relevant to the annual KUSA NAL Competition and so far as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule.
- 1.2 The Regulations, as set out in Schedule 5(L) Regulations for Agility Classes shall apply to this competition, *mutatis mutandis*.

2. SCOPE OF LICENCE

- 2.1 Any Club affiliated to KUSA and is eligible to hold either KUSA Non-Championship or Championship Shows may apply for and be issued with a Licence to hold any part of the competition named in this Schedule in conjunction with any KUSA-licensed Show.
- 2.2 Any Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee is eligible to hold any part of the KUSA NAL Competition providing a Show Licence is applied for and issued (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 2.2).
- 2.3 In addition, any Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee may apply for not more than eight (8) Agility League Licences in any calendar year, which may only be used for the completion of any non-income generating rounds of the KUSA NAL and the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials. However, handlers may be charged an entry fee to cover venue costs, equipment hire and any other hosting costs that may occur.
 - 2.3.1 The NAgSC may, on application from Provincial Sub-Committees, apply to Exco for additional Agility League Licences to be held within that Provincial Sub-Committee's geographical centre. This will be limited to non-income-generating rounds of the KUSA NAL and KUSA SAAC Trials.

- 2.4 A Show Schedule shall be submitted in terms of Schedule 3 Regulation 5 or Schedule 4 Regulation 6, where any part of the competition named in this Schedule falls under those Regulations.

3. HOST CLUB

Until or unless this Schedule 5(L) Appendix F is amended or altered, the host Club for these events shall be designated as: Any KUSA-affiliated Club in any participating Province or Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee eligible to host any of the events covered by this Schedule (refer to Regulation 2).

4. ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS FOR COMPETITION

- 4.1 Any dog that is registered or recorded with KUSA that has valid Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility Qualifying Record Cards will be allowed to take part in the KUSA NAL provided it has not been disqualified or suspended from competition by KUSA.
- 4.2 A dog must be eligible as per Schedule 5(L) Regulation 5.1 and must not be in conflict with the Regulations hereunder described.
- 4.3 A dog that has not been registered/recorded with KUSA or reached the age of eighteen (18) months at the commencement of the KUSA NAL may submit an entry before the closing date, subject to it only being able to compete in any part of the competition subsequent to registration and turning of age (refer to Schedule 05(L) Regulation 5.1.2).

5. NAL ENTRIES

- 5.1 Entry shall be open to all dogs that are registered with KUSA in terms of Regulation 4.1 above and are eligible to compete in the respective Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility Grades provided for in Schedule 5(L) Regulation 3.4.
- 5.2 The dogs will compete in the height category, as specified on their Agility Qualifying Record Cards.
- 5.3 Handlers may enter the KUSA NAL by completing and submitting an official KUSA Entry Form, which includes the approved online electronic form thereof, before the specified closing date.
- 5.4 An entry fee for the whole competition, as decided by the NAgSC, will be levied on each dog per specific year. Said entry fee will be in addition to the entry fee levied by the Show Holding Club or Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee hosting any round/competition of the KUSA NAL in conjunction with a KUSA-licensed Show.
- 5.5 The entry fee shall be payable in full before any dog is registered as a competitor in the KUSA NAL for that specific year.

6. NAL ADMINISTRATOR

6.1 GENERAL

- 6.1.1 The AWCWG will manage and ensure that the KUSA NAL is administered correctly. The AWCWG may appoint a person from amongst its members to monitor and manage the KUSA NAL.
- 6.1.2 The Agility Treasurer, as appointed by the NAgSC, will administer the entry fees in any KUSA NAL year and shall be responsible and have the authority to submit invoices received from the AWCWG Chairman for the running of the competition to KUSA for payment out of the SA Agility Control Account administered on behalf of the NAgSC by KUSA.
- 6.1.3 The Agility Treasurer shall keep a true record of all proceedings, a receipt and payments account and submit the final Profit/Loss Account to the NAgSC within sixty (60) days after completion of the KUSA NAL for that specific year.
- 6.1.4 The KUSA NAL Competition must be self-funded and all costs covered by sponsorship, entry fees, etc. Surplus income generated will be disbursed to the KUSA AWC Team attending the following year's FCI AWC to assist with their expenses.

- 6.1.5 The appointed person and/or Agility Treasurer will reconcile the entries received on a national basis and forward a copy of all entries received to all Provincial Course Co-ordinators prior to the start of the KUSA NAL.
- 6.2 NATIONAL NAL CO-ORDINATOR
- 6.2.1 The AWCWG must select and appoint a National NAL Co-ordinator. The National NAL Co-ordinator must be a current/active KUSA Championship Show Agility Judge with at least three (3) years experience. The National NAL Co-ordinator may not enter or handle any dog in the KUSA NAL in the same year.
- 6.2.2 The appointed National NAL Co-ordinator will be responsible for the following:
- 6.2.2.1 To either design courses or select courses designed by Judges nominated by each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee (refer to Regulation 7.1.1).
- 6.2.2.2 Ensure that the courses meet the requirements set out in Regulation 7.
- 6.2.2.3 Distribute the respective courses and schedule of co-ordinates to the Provincial Course Co-ordinator not more than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of each round/competition being held in that Province.
- 6.2.2.4 Ensure that each Provincial Course Co-ordinator submits the results to the web administrator for uploading within five (5) days of the KUSA NAL round/competition being held.
- 6.2.2.5 Ensure that the national results for each round/competition and the final results/log are published on the designated website and all Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committees are notified.
- 6.3 PROVINCIAL COURSE COORDINATOR
- 6.3.1 Each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee must nominate a Provincial Course Co-ordinator who will liaise with the appointed NAL Administrators.
- 6.3.2 The Provincial Course Co-ordinator may not enter or handle any dog in the KUSA NAL in the same year (refer to Regulation 6.3.3.6).
- 6.3.3 His duties will be as follows:
- 6.3.3.1 Ensure that all information relating to the KUSA NAL is distributed to handlers timeously.
- 6.3.3.2 Reconcile entries received from the Agility Treasurer or Administrator.
- 6.3.3.3 In conjunction with the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee and/or the Show Holding Clubs, schedule dates on which each round/competition will be run in the Province.
- 6.3.3.4 In conjunction with the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee, organise current/active KUSA Championship Show Agility Judges to judge each round/competition of the KUSA NAL.
- 6.3.3.5 Obtain the courses from the National NAL Co-ordinator timeously and ensure that the Judge of each round/competition has the courses on the day of the Show.
- 6.3.3.6 If the Provincial Course Co-ordinator is a competitor or not available on the day of the competition, he must ensure that the courses are sent directly from the National NAL Co-ordinator to the appointed Show Judge.
- 6.3.3.7 Ensure that no rounds are published on social media until all Provinces have completed the specific round/competition.
- 6.3.3.8 Tabulate the results of each round for that Province and ensure that these results are supplied to the National NAL Coordinator and web administrator. This must be done within four (4) days after the completion of each NAL round. The AWCWG Chairman must be notified immediately if this deadline can't be met for whatever reason.

7. COURSES

7.1 COURSE DESIGN

- 7.1.1 The National NAL Co-ordinator may design his own courses or select courses designed by Course Designers nominated by each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee.

- 7.1.2 Any appointed Course Designer must be a current/active KUSA Championship Show Agility Judge with at least two (2) years experience and in good standing with KUSA (refer to Schedule 5(L) Appendix E Regulation 2).
- 7.1.3 The course must be drawn using an appropriate course design program according to the specifications provided in Schedule 5(L) Regulation 11.
- 7.1.4 A schedule of co-ordinates for each course must be tabulated either by the National NAL Co-ordinator or the Course Designer. These co-ordinates must consist of two (2) measurements for each obstacle on the course determined by using the baseline along the thirty (30) metre ring boundary. The measurement must be taken from each end of the baseline to the exact midpoint of the front element of each obstacle or to the start and end of the tube tunnel, contacts and weave poles and to the midpoint of the long jump for all height categories. The baseline endpoints (A and B) must be clearly marked on the course plan.
- 7.1.5 The National NAL Co-ordinator must also specify any other relevant information on the co-ordinate schedule, such as the list of equipment required, designated time to walk the course, length of course, speed in metres per second, Standard Course Time and Maximum Course Time. It must also include the obstacle heights and depths for each height category.
- 7.1.6 The appointed Provincial Course Co-ordinator must use the co-ordinate schedule to build the designed course at the venue selected by the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee and in conjunction with the Show Judge, is responsible for ensuring that the placing and angle of each obstacle is as identical as possible to the course plan provided.
- 7.2 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COURSES
- 7.2.1 Each round/competition of the KUSA NAL must have a Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility course and must be jumped on the same day. Each round must cater for each height category.
- 7.2.2 The courses will be of Agility 2 standard in accordance with Schedule 5(L) Regulation 11.
- 7.2.3 Only the obstacles laid down in Schedule 5(L) Regulation 11 and the FCI Agility Obstacle Guidelines (Schedule 5(L) Appendix B) are permitted for this competition.
- 7.2.4 The maximum obstacle heights and depths for all height categories will be used unless otherwise stated on the schedule of co-ordinates.
- 7.2.5 The course distance will either be calculated by the National NAL Co-ordinator using the natural dog's path on the course design program or the National NAL Co-ordinator may request the Provincial Course Co-ordinator of the first Province to run the round/competition to measure the course distance.
- 7.3 TIMING
- 7.3.1 The Standard Course Time (SCT) will be determined in metres per second as stipulated for Grade 3 Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 12.1.1.1) All dogs in all height categories and entered for the KUSA NAL will run the same speed and SCT for each round of Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility.
- 7.3.2 Under no circumstances may the SCT stated on the co-ordinate schedule be altered, in any way, without express permission from the National NAL Co-ordinator.

8. JUDGING

- 8.1 The Judge for each round/competition must be a current/active KUSA Championship Show Agility Judge and in good standing with KUSA. He must be appointed or approved by the relevant Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee and may not enter or handle any dog in the same round/competition as he judges (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 6.8).
- 8.2 All rounds shall be judged as laid down in Schedule 5(L) Regulations 10 and 13 as well as the FCI Agility Judging Guidelines (Schedule 5(L) Appendix H).

9. THE COMPETITION

- 9.1 Each year, the KUSA NAL shall consist of four (4) separate rounds/competitions to be held under Licence in each participating Province. Each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee will arrange for their four (4) KUSA NAL rounds/competitions to be held, except for the Gauteng region where the Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC) and the Districts of Gauteng and Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC) Agility Sub-Committees must collaborate with regard to holding the four (4) rounds/competitions in Gauteng in any one year.
- 9.2 The four (4) rounds/competitions of the KUSA NAL year must be contested during the months of February to November, unless the NAgSC request dispensation for an extension from KUSA Executive Committee.
- 9.3 The KUSA NAL Competition may be held and form part of any KUSA-licensed Show with permission from the Show Holding Club.
- 9.4 A Handler and/or dog may compete in any Province holding a round/competition of the KUSA NAL, but if either subsequently competes at another centre where the same course is being used, only the results from the first competition shall be valid for that round. The Handler and/or dog will be required to enter the subsequent Show as “Not for Competition (NFC)” and the dog will not be eligible to obtain qualifications (refer to Schedule 05(L) Regulation 6.6).
- 9.5 Substitution of a dog's Handler is permissible during the duration of the KUSA NAL year without having any effect on the dog's score/points provided the substitute Handler has not competed at any other centre where the same course was used.
- 9.6 Bitches in season must be allowed to compete in the KUSA NAL Competition. The onus will be on the handler to bring the bitch's condition to the attention of the Judge at the rounds/competitions.
- 9.7 Scoring is as per Regulation 10 of this Schedule.
- 9.8 Final placings in the KUSA NAL table and the title “KUSA National Agility League Dog for (Year)” in each height category shall be determined by computing the accumulated scores of the best three (3) Contact Agility rounds and best three (3) Non-Contact Agility rounds from the four (4) KUSA NAL rounds/competitions for each competing dog.
- 9.9 The top five (5) dogs from the KUSA NAL, based on the combined results of all height categories as per Regulation 9.8, but excluding the reigning KUSA SA Agility Champion dogs, shall be invited to compete at the following year's KUSA SAAC Event (refer to Schedule 5(L) Appendix D Regulation 4.2.3).

10. SCORING

- 10.1 CLEAR ROUNDS
- 10.1.1 A dog will be awarded ten (10) points for each clear round.
- 10.2 BONUS POINTS
- 10.2.1 In each round, the overall winning dog in each height category, will be awarded one (1) bonus point.
- 10.2.2 Any dog with a clear round will also be awarded bonus points for every two (2) seconds that the SCT is bettered.

Seconds faster than SCT	Bonus Point
2,00 – 3,99	One (1)
4,00 – 5,99	Two (2)
6,00 – 7,99	Three (3)
8,00 – 9,99	Four (4)

10.3 POINTS FOR TOTAL FAULTS

10.3.1 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

11. PRIZES, AWARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- 11.1 In all sections of this competition, prizes and awards may be awarded provided that such prizes and awards do not contravene the provisions of Schedule 3 Regulation 29 of the Constitution of KUSA.
- 11.2 A Grade 1 or Grade 2 dog may gain a qualification in either Contact Agility or Non-Contact Agility at any KUSA NAL event held under a KUSA licence (including Agility League Licences). This is provided the dog completes the round without accumulating any faults and within the stipulated minimum and maximum course times in metres per second for Grade 1 or Grade 2 as per Schedule 05(L) Regulation 12.1.1.1.
- 11.3 At the end of the KUSA NAL year, prizes as decided by the AWCWG, will be awarded to the first placed dog in each height category as well as any other awards that may be secured through sponsorship.
- 11.4 Prizes will be awarded in the form of trophies and/or other awards.
- 11.5 Such prizes will be funded from sponsorship and/or the KUSA NAL entry fees collected, less deduction of any administrative costs relating to the KUSA NAL that may be incurred by the AWCWG.
- 11.6 The AWCWG will distribute the prizes to the winning dogs.
- 11.7 The title awarded under Regulation 9.8 above shall not be eligible for recording on the dog's Certificate of Registration.

12. SPONSORSHIP

The competition covered by this Schedule may be sponsored permanently, or on an annual basis, by any Organisation acceptable to the Federal Council of KUSA, the NAgSC and the Show Holding Club.

In years when the competition is sponsored, the competition name may include the name of the sponsor. Should either KUSA or any sponsor wish to be disassociated 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 must be drawn up between KUSA and any sponsor, establishing the rights and obligations of all parties should any of them wish to withdraw from associating with this competition. Dress code will be according to the sponsors wishes.



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