



Kennel Union of Southern Africa

SCHEDULE 5P – KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
(AD) (Ausdauerpruefung)
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A) General

1. Purpose

The endurance test shall provide evidence that the dog is able to perform physical exertion of a certain degree without afterwards manifesting substantial symptoms of fatigue. The required strain on the physical condition of the dog can only come from running exercises. This we know places increased demands on the inner organs, especially the heart and lungs and likewise on the organs of movement themselves. It also tests other characteristics, such as vitality and toughness. The ability to endure must be regarded as evidence of physical health and the presence of desired characteristics. Both are prerequisites for pursuing sport with the dog.

The same provisions apply to the event approval as for the other examinations determined by the national organization. The result must be entered in the scorebook, or on the pedigree.

When applying for an event authorization, the organizer accepts the responsibility that if the endurance test is to be carried out during the summer months then it must be scheduled in the early morning or late afternoon hours. The outside temperature should not exceed 22 degrees Celsius (72 F).

2. Application

The endurance test can only be held by a KUSA affiliated member club in good standing. It is subject to trial/show date and license approval as defined in Schedule 3 and 4, if the endurance test is to be carried out during the summer months it can only be held in the early morning or late afternoon hours before 8am or after 5pm. The outside may not be above 22C. The entry of the dog must occur in writing to the event holding club. If, during the course of an endurance test, it should happen that a handler or his dog should sustain a physical injury, neither the organizing club nor the organization can be held legally liable for this.

3. Admittance of the Dog

The minimum age for admission is 16 months; the maximum age for admission is 7 years. The dog must be in possession of the IGP Workbook and a BH-VT qualification. A single judge is authorized to test a maximum of 20 dogs; if there are more than 20 dogs, a second judge must be consulted. Dogs must be completely healthy, as well as in superb condition. Sick dogs, dogs without sufficient strength, bitches in heat, and pregnant or nursing bitches may not be admitted at the discretion of the show manager and / or officiating Veterinary Nurse. At the beginning of the test, after being called, the participants prepare themselves for the ID check. All participants must announce to the judge their names and the names of their dogs. The judge, together with the show manager, must be satisfied that the dog is in good condition. Dogs which give an impression of tiredness are to be disqualified from participating. The handler must behave in a sportsmanlike manner during the test. A participant can be disqualified from the trial for willful violation of the regulations. The decision in every case rests with the judge; it is not contestable.

Trials held by Specialist Boxer Breed Council Clubs. Only Breed Registered Boxers can enter and must comply to the following.

- a) Must be at least 18 Months old.
- b) A Veterinary certificate had been submitted with entry that the dog was free of audible heart murmurs.
- c) A HD certificate had been submitted where the Hip score of C2:C2 was not exceeded.

Trials may only be held by Specialist German Shepherd Dog Breed Clubs that are members of the GSD Liaison Council. Only GSDs registered on the KUSA Primary Breed Register may enter and must comply with the following:

- a) Notwithstanding Regulation A3, there shall be no maximum age limit for admission.
- b) Notwithstanding Regulation A3, the minimum age for admission shall be eighteen (18) months.
- c) A HD certificate had been submitted where the Hip score of C2:C2 was not exceeded.
- d) An ED certificate had been submitted where the Elbow score does not exceed 2.

In addition, Trials held by Specialist German Shepherd Dog Breed Clubs, that are members of the GSD Liaison Council:

- a) Notwithstanding Regulation A7, a Veterinary Nurse is not required to be appointed for the Trial. The Judge and Show Manager should be eminently capable of determining the condition of the dogs that are entered.
- b) Notwithstanding Regulation A6, the Host Club may appoint a foreign FCI-IGP Judge, following the prescribed clearance procedures for foreign Judges.
- c) Notwithstanding Regulation B3, the Obedience component does not have to be complied with at the end of the running exercise.

4. The Evaluation

Points and ratings reports are not awarded, but only "Passed" or "Failed". With "Passed", the title "AD" will be awarded.

5. Terrain

As much as possible, the test shall be held on streets and paths of differing composition. Asphalted, paved and unpaved streets and paths are suitable.

6. Judge

The judging of an Endurance Test (AD) will be carried out by an IGP judge or BH and AD judge, currently on the KUSA Register for Judges (IGP) who shall be permanently domiciled in the KUSA area of jurisdiction, be a member of the Kennel Union in good standing, both at the time of accepting an invitation and undertaking an appointment. No mandatory intervals are required between judging appointments.

7. Veterinary Nurse

A qualified Veterinarian Nurse shall be appointed, he/she shall be present at all tests and advise whether or not a test should be terminated. He/she is to examine each dog at every break and ensure that the test is not detrimental to the health of the animal. He/she shall also be available should any animal require veterinary attention.

B) Holding the Endurance Test

1. Performance of endurance test

The examination is over a distance of 20 kilometres at a rate of 12 to 15 kilometres per hour.

2. Running Exercise

The handler takes his dog to the starting position for the examination. The dog has to run (according to the traffic regulations) on the left side of the handler in a normal trot beside the bicycle. Avoid having the dog run too fast. The leash must be kept longer so that the dog has the possibility to adapt to any tempo. Connection devices ("Springer") are allowed. Slight pulling on the leash is not faulty, but the dog should not be constantly dragging and choking himself. After the first 8 km, a break of 15 minutes is required. During this time the Judge and Veterinary Nurse must watch the dog for any signs of fatigue. Fatigued Dogs shall be disqualified or withdrawn from the examination. After the break, 7 km more are to be covered, then a break of 20 minutes. During this break, the dog is given the opportunity to move freely and without constraint. Shortly before the return to the final running portion the judge and Veterinary Nurse must check the dogs for fatigue or injury to their paws. Fatigued dogs or dogs whose paws are injured must be terminated. After completion of the final running portion, a 15-minute break must be inserted. During the break, the dog must be given the opportunity to move freely and without constraint. The judge must determine whether the dog shows signs of fatigue or injury to the paws.

Judges should accompany the dogs on the bike if possible, if not they should follow in a car. The results must be entered in the scorebook. It is necessary for the Handler/dogs to be accompanied by a motor vehicle so that dogs that cannot continue, can be loaded into the motor vehicle and transported back to the start.

Dogs that show exceptional signs of fatigue or are unable to maintain the minimum speed of 12km/h cannot pass the examination.

3. Obedience

After concluding the running exercise, at the judge's instructions, the handler, with his dog at heel, has to take up position. After being called, every participant, with his dog, has to show obedience exercises appropriate to the training level of the dog. The exercises can be shown on a loose lead.

PLEASE NOTE!

The Show Manager who shall be a Member in good standing of KUSA must establish the meeting place (departure point) of the trial participants that, as far as possible, the drive is the same for everyone. This should prevent dogs which are traveling greater distances from being additionally burdened. Before the beginning of the AD test, all dogs are to be given sufficient opportunity to relieve themselves. It is absolutely forbidden to take alcohol during the test or in the breaks.



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