

SCHEDULE 5L APPENDIX 'C'

REGULATIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN DOGS TO COMPETE AT THE AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1. TERMINOLOGY

- 1.1 AWC shall mean the Agility World Championships.
SAAC shall mean the KUSA South African Agility Championships
NAGSC shall mean the National Agility Sub-Committee.
The AWC Sub-Committee shall mean the Sub-Committee specially formed each year to coordinate the AWC Final selection event and South African Team administration.
The SAAC Sub-Committee shall mean the Sub-Committee specially formed each year to co-ordinate the KUSA South African Agility Championships.

2. ADMINISTRATION

- 2.1 A core committee with a member from each province will be formed for a minimum term of two (2) years. Each year the hosting province will be allowed additional members on this committee.
The AWC Sub-Committee will comprise at least one (1) member from each Province with the exception of Gauteng which will have 2 (Gauteng, Kwazulu-Natal, Free State, Eastern Province and Western Province with the inclusion of Border, Southern Cape and Boland)
- The FCI representative will be part of the AWC Sub-Committee. The sub-Committee may elect other_ members as required (e.g. treasurer, organiser etc.) The Sub-Committees' duties will include:
- 2.1.1 Scheduling and managing the Final selection event. If this event forms part of the SA Agility Championships (SAAC), the AWC Sub-Committee will form part of the SAAC Sub-Committee.
These members may be the same persons elected to both Sub-Committees.
- 2.1.2 Raising sponsorship for the South African team. This will be done on a national basis, by enlisting members of the Provincial Sub-Committees for assistance.
- 2.1.3 Appointing the Team Co-ordinator and other relevant members of the South African squad that will travel to the AWC.
- 2.1.4 Assisting the Team Co-ordinator and members of the South African Team with their preparations for the AWC.
- 2.2 An aim of the NAGSC and AWC Sub-Committees will be to ensure preparations with regards to the South African team goes ahead, until the team co-ordinator is selected and has allocated tasks to the team members.
3. The committee shall elect from amongst its members a Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer who shall have the authority to arrange payments. The payments shall be authorised by any two (2) of those persons. The committee shall keep a true record of all proceedings and a receipt and payments account. The contest to participate in the World Championships must be run on a breakeven situation. All profit/loss to accrue or be carried by the contest. A Profit/Loss Account to be submitted to the NAGSC Convenor after completion of the contest. All profits will be allocated to the AWC Team and all losses carried by the host Sub-Committee. A Profit/Loss Account is to be submitted to the NAC Convenor within thirty (30) days after completion of the AWC Final selection event.

4. Void.

5. SOUTH AFRICAN TRIALS FOR THE AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.1 Eligibility.

5.1.1 Dogs must be in Agility 2 with a qualification before the start of the South African Trials to be eligible to compete in the South African Trials.

5.1.2 The AWC committee will publish a Show Schedule for the SA Trials by the 31st January each year.

5.1.3 Bitches in season will be allowed to compete in the AWC Final selection event, on condition that they are kept apart from the other dogs
The onus will be on the handler to bring the bitch's condition to the attention of the judge at the event.

5.1.4 Handlers may enter the South African Trials, by completing and submitting an official KUSA entry form, payment of the entry fee as determined by the AWC committee and payment of the deposit as determined by the AWC committee. The closing date for entry into the SA Trials will be 15 April.

5.2 Organization.

The following criteria must be read in conjunction with paragraph 2.1.1 of this Schedule as well as Schedule 5L Appendix D – Regulations for the KUSA South African Agility Championships. Relevant items will apply to this schedule where applicable.

5.2.1 The AWC Final selection event will be run by members of the AWC Sub-Committee when the event is run on its own.

The AWC team selection event will be run by members of the AWC Sub-Committee assisted by members of the host Province's Agility Sub-Committee. Refer to Paragraph 2.2. If the event is held in conjunction with the SAAC, the SAAC Sub-committee will also be involved in running the final trial event.

5.2.2 The venue for the South African Trials event 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 AWC Final selection event should be held indoors to simulate the conditions at the World Championships.

5.2.3 The South African Trials will be held at least eight (8) weeks prior to the deadline for entries for the World Championships.

5.2.4 Each year the AWC Sub-Committee will select two (2) judges to officiate at the AWC Final selection event, from a list of eligible Judges compiled that year. If the event is held in conjunction with the SAAC event, the SAAC Sub-committee will also be involved in this selection. Criteria for selection of the judges can be found in Schedule 5L Appendix D, paragraph 4.2.3 and 4.2.4.

The up-contact judge may be used as the reserve judge.

5.2.5 The AWC team selection event may be held at the same time and venue as the SA Agility Championships. Therefore, the judges selected should, where possible, judge both events

5.3 Format.

5.3.1 The AWC team selection event 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 prescribed for that Category.

5.3.2 The running order for the first round (AWC round only) will be determined by a random computer draw. 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 will run first and those with the most number of points will run last, i.e. reverse order of placings. The computer will determine a reasonable gap between dogs for the handlers with more than one (1) dog with approximately no less than five (5) dogs between. If the event is run in conjunction with the S.A. Championships then a random draw would be done to determine the AWC second round.

5.3.3 The dogs will be awarded points for their performance in each round, using the points scoring system

in Schedule 5L Appendix E. The judge will use the 15% rule to determine course time as per Schedule 5L. This will be applied over all height classes.

5.3.4 After the conclusion of the Trials tables will be compiled to determine the dogs eligible for the South African team.

5.3.5 **World Agility Championships: Team Competition**

Team Selection: The top-scoring four dogs in each height category will be eligible for the SA team in that height category. If there are less than three breed registered dogs participating at the AWC team selection event in any particular height category, then no team will be entered into that particular event at the Agility World Championships.

World Agility Championships: Individual Competition

Selection: The results tables compiled at the conclusion of the AWC team selection event for the three (3) different height categories will be combined into one results table. Eligibility to compete in the individual competition at the World Agility Championships will be determined as follows:

The South African Champion in each height category will be eligible, provided that they are breed registered. There may be a maximum of six (6) dogs in any particular height category and a maximum of nine (9) dogs in total that will be eligible to compete in the individual competition. The eligibility of dogs will be determined according to the combined results table.

Note: The dogs competing in the team event do not automatically qualify to participate in the individual event.

5.3.6 The next two (2) handlers and dogs in each category will be the reserves. They will not be expected to travel to the World Championships, but must be on standby to take their place in the team in the event of any withdrawals before the deadline date for entries.

5.3.7 The winning dog in each category, Large, Medium and Small, will be awarded the AWC Final selection event Floating trophy and a miniature, which may be kept.

5.3.8 All ties in the AWC competition (according to the combined results table) must be separated with a re-run of the last contact agility round or a modified round of the judges choice. The re-run is only used to separate the dogs that are tied on the same points after the five (5) rounds

6. **MANAGEMENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM AFFAIRS FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

6.1 A Team Co-ordinator will be appointed by the AWC Sub-Committee by 30 November each preceding year and his / her name announced at the National Trials. A Team Leader/Manager, which may be a team member, may be appointed by the AWC Sub-Committee and his/her name announced at the National Trials. The Team Leader will travel to the World Championships with the team and will be responsible for the organizational and administrative matters at the World Championships.

6.2 The AWC Sub-Committee Team Co-ordinator will be responsible for the activities leading up to the World Championships, such as travel and accommodation plans, AWC entries, ensuring that the necessary veterinary certificates are in order, distribution of sponsorship money, clothing, etc. The Team Co-ordinator will announce by 31 January the complete documentation requirement for all South African Trial entrants.

6.3 The sponsorship for the South African team and funds raised by the AWC Sub-Committee will be used as far as possible to cover the travel and accommodation expenses of the Team. Any additional persons wishing to travel to the World Championships with the team shall be responsible for all their own expenses, unless they are nominated as extra officials, in which case the AWC Sub-Committee may decide to assist them financially.

If the AWC team selection event is run independently to the SAAC, then the AWC committee shall be responsible to obtain sponsorship to ensure the event does not run at a loss. If the AWC committee has potential sponsorship opportunities that can be used at the SAAC then the AWC committee must liaise with the SAAC committee to ensure maximum exposure for the sponsorship/s and benefit for the South African Team.

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

All sponsorship negotiations must be;

6.3.1 discussed with the AWC Sub-Committee prior to confirmation.

6.3.2 reduced to writing.

6.3.3 KUSA must be informed of such sponsorships. The written contract must be submitted to KUSA.

- 6.4 Handlers who have qualified for the AWC team selection must confirm their availability before the announcement of the South African Team. All entrants to the AWC Final selection event need to submit their complete document package fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the AWC_ Final selection event to the Team Leader. The AWC Sub-Committee will inform entrants as to any errors or potential shortfalls noted in their documentation within two (2) working days of submission.

Each entrants' documentation package needs to be 100% complete twenty-four (24) hours before commencement of the AWC team selection or they will not be eligible to compete and will be refunded their full deposit. Any withdrawal subsequent to the announcement of the team will be subject to a cancellation fee, which will be pre-determined by the AWC Committee.

- 6.5 The reserves should also ensure that all their documents are in order so that they do not encounter problems if they have to replace a team member before the closing date for entries.
- 6.6 The Team Co-ordinator or the designated team clothing coordinator shall decide upon the design of the team uniform, which shall be approved by the AWC Committee and sanctioned by KUSA. Team members shall be required to wear this uniform during the opening and closing ceremonies at the AWC, as well as during the competition at the AWC.
- 6.7 All South African Handlers representing KUSA at the Agility World Championships must be members in good standing of KUSA at the time of their competing at the Agility World Championships.

7. **SPONSORSHIP.**

- 7.1 The event may be sponsored permanently or on an annual basis by any organization acceptable to the Federal Council of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa. In years when the event is sponsored, the title may be preceded by the name of the Sponsor. Should either KUSA or any Sponsor wish to disassociate themselves with 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 Competition.



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