

**SCHEDULE 5(L) Appendix D  
REGULATIONS FOR THE KUSA  
SOUTH AFRICAN AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(Effective 01.01.2023)

**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.

*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 Trials Co-ordinator* shall mean the person appointed by the AWC WG to oversee the organisation and completion of the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials on a national basis.

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

*SAAC Co-ordinator* shall be the person nominated by the hosting Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee to administer the running of 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**

- 1.1 The Regulations, as set out in Schedule 5(L) Regulations for Agility Classes shall apply to this Event, *mutatis mutandis*, and in so far as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule.

**2. ADMINISTRATION**

**2.1 GENERAL**

- 2.1.1 The KUSA SAAC Event will be run by the SAAC Committee (refer to Regulation 2.2).
- 2.1.2 The venue for the KUSA SAAC Event will be rotated between the Provinces as often as possible and held in the 24<sup>th</sup> week each year. However, the timing of the Event and conditions stipulated by sponsors may override this principle.
- 2.1.3 By the end of October each year, the hosting Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee will be confirmed by the AWC WG and will co-ordinate all matters leading up to the following year's KUSA SAAC.

- 2.1.4 The KUSA SAAC Event must be self-funded and all costs covered by sponsorship, entry fees, fund-raising, etc. Surplus income generated will be disbursed to the KUSA AWC Team to assist with their expenses for the FCI AWC.
- 2.2 SAAC COMMITTEE
- 2.2.1 The SAAC Committee is responsible for all administrative matters relating to the KUSA SAAC but may request assistance from the NAgSC, the AWCWG and any other specialised persons, if deemed necessary.
- 2.2.2 If the KUSA AWC Trials are held in conjunction with the KUSA SAAC, the AWCWG shall also form part of the SAAC Committee (refer to Schedule 5(L) Appendix C). Members of the AWCWG may be members of the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee hosting the KUSA SAAC.
- 2.2.3 The duties of the SAAC Committee for the KUSA SAAC Event include, but are not restricted to, the list below:
- Apply for the Show Licence from KUSA
  - Submit the KUSA SAAC Show Schedule to KUSA for approval
  - Sponsorship for the KUSA SAAC Event
  - Reconcile all KUSA SAAC entry fees in conjunction with the Agility Treasurer
  - Draw up a budget
  - Venue hire
  - Judges' contracts
  - Invitations to handlers who qualify
  - Liaise with the Agility Treasurer for payments from the SA Agility Control Account administered by KUSA
  - Complete the appropriate Show Return Form where required.
- 2.3 AGILITY TREASURER
- 2.3.1 The Agility Treasurer, as appointed by the NAgSC, will administer the entry fees and shall be responsible and have the authority to submit invoices received from the SAAC Co-ordinator and AWCWG Chairman for the running of the Event to KUSA for payment out of the SA Agility Control Account administered on behalf of the NAgSC by KUSA.
- 2.3.2 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 SAAC.
- 2.3.3 The Agility Treasurer will reconcile the entries received on a national basis for the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials and forward a copy of all entries received to the National Trials Co-ordinator and all Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinators prior to the start of the first Trial.
- 2.4 NATIONAL TRIALS CO-ORDINATOR
- 2.4.1 By the end of October each year, the AWCWG will appoint a National Trials Co-ordinator.
- 2.4.2 Ideally, the National Trials Co-ordinator shall be one of the Judges appointed to judge the KUSA SAAC the following year. However, if this is not feasible, the National Trials Co-ordinator shall be a current/active Championship Show Agility Judge with at least three (3) years experience. The National Trials Co-ordinator may not enter or handle any dog in the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials in the same year.
- 2.4.3 The appointed National Trials Co-ordinator will be responsible for the following:
- 2.4.3.1 To either design the courses for the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials and/or source the courses, which may either be obtained from the two (2) selected KUSA SAAC Judges and/or non-competing Championship Show Agility Judges or, if at all possible, from overseas (i.e. the previous year's FCI AWC Judges' courses).

- 2.4.3.2 Ensure that the courses meet the requirements set out in Schedule 5(L) Regulation 11.
  - 2.4.3.3 Distribute the respective courses and schedule of co-ordinates to the Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator not more than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of each Trial being held in that Province.
  - 2.4.3.4 Ensure that the results for each round are submitted by each Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator to the web administrator for uploading.
  - 2.4.3.5 Ensure that the national results for each round and the final results/log are published on the designated website and all Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committees are notified.
- 2.5 PROVINCIAL REGIONAL TRIALS CO-ORDINATOR
- 2.5.1 Each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee will be required to nominate a Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator who will liaise with the appointed National Trials Co-ordinator. The Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator may not enter or handle any dog in the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials in the same year.
  - 2.5.2 The duties of the Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator include, but not restricted to, the list below:
    - 2.5.2.1 Ensure that all information relating to the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials and KUSA SAAC is distributed to handlers timeously.
    - 2.5.2.2 Reconcile entries received from the Agility Treasurer.
    - 2.5.2.3 In conjunction with the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee, organise qualified Championship Show Judges to judge each KUSA SAAC Regional Trial. The Judge may not enter or handle any dog in the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials in the same year as they judge unless dispensation is granted by KUSA.
    - 2.5.2.4 Obtain the courses for each KUSA SAAC Regional Trial from the National Trials Co-ordinator timeously and ensure that the Judge of each Trial has the course on the day of the Trial.
    - 2.5.2.5 If the Provincial Regional Trials Co-ordinator is a competitor, or not available on the day of the Trial, he must ensure that the courses are sent directly from the National Trials Co-ordinator to the appointed Show Judge (refer to Regulation 2.4.3.3).
    - 2.5.2.6 Tabulate the results of each round for that Province and ensure that these results are supplied to the National Trials Co-ordinator and/or web administrator by the closing date specified.

### **3. KUSA SAAC REGIONAL TRIALS**

- 3.1 SHOW LICENCE
  - 3.1.1 The Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee may approach any Club affiliated to KUSA that is eligible to hold either KUSA Non-Championship or Championship Shows to host the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials in conjunction with any other KUSA-licensed Show.
  - 3.1.2 Any Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee is eligible to hold KUSA SAAC Regional Trials providing a Show Licence is applied for and issued (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 2.2).
  - 3.1.3 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.
- 3.2 ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS
  - 3.2.1 All dogs registered or recorded with KUSA that have valid Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility Qualifying Record Cards will be allowed to take part in the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials provided they have not been disqualified or suspended from competition by KUSA (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 5.1).

- 3.2.2 A dog that has not been registered/recorded with KUSA or reached the age of eighteen (18) months at the commencement of the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials, may submit an entry before the closing date, subject to it only being able to compete in any Trial subsequent to registration and turning of age (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 5.1.2).
- 3.3 ENTRIES
- 3.3.1 Entry shall be open to all dogs that are registered with KUSA in terms of Regulation 3.2 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.
- 3.3.2 The dogs will compete in the height category, as specified on their Agility Qualifying Record Cards.
- 3.3.3 Handlers may enter the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials by completing and submitting an official KUSA Entry Form, which includes the approved online electronic form thereof, before the specified closing date.
- 3.3.4 A dog may be entered to compete in any round of the Trials in anticipation of the dog being eligible to compete in that round, provided the entry is made before the specified closing date for the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials and the dog is eligible by the day of that Trial (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 5.1.2).
- 3.3.5 An entry fee that will cover all four (4) Trials 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 of the Trials in conjunction with a KUSA-licensed Show.
- 3.3.6 The entry fee shall be payable in full before any dog is registered as a competitor in the Trials for that specific year.
- 3.3.7 A dog may be substituted after the closing date of entries providing a Veterinary Certificate confirming the dog is injured or unable to compete is submitted to the National Trials Co-ordinator before the first Trial is held. The National Trials Co-ordinator will submit a motivation to the NAgSC for approval.
- 3.4 COURSES
- 3.4.1 *Course Design*
- 3.4.1.1 The course must be drawn using an appropriate course design program according to the specifications provided in Schedule 5(L) Regulation 11.
- 3.4.1.2 A schedule of co-ordinates for each course must be tabulated either by the National Trials Co-ordinator or a designated person. 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.
- 3.4.1.3 The National Trials 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.
- 3.4.1.4 The appointed Provincial Regional Trials 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.
- 3.4.2 *Requirements for the Courses*
- 3.4.2.1 Each Trial of the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials must have a Contact Agility and Non-Contact Agility Grade 3 course that must be jumped on the same day. Each round must cater for each height category.

- 3.4.2.2 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.
- 3.4.2.3 The maximum obstacle heights and depths for all height categories will be used unless otherwise stated on the schedule of co-ordinates.
- 3.4.2.4 A handler that has a dog in more than one (1) height category may only walk the course once (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 9.4.4).
- 3.4.3 *Timing*
- 3.4.3.1 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 Trials will compete under the same speed and SCT for each round.
- 3.4.3.2 Under no circumstances may the SCT stated on the co-ordinate schedule be altered, in any way.
- 3.5 THE COMPETITION
- 3.5.1 Trials will be held in each Province with all dogs jumping the same courses with the obstacles set at the heights/specifications prescribed for each height category (refer to Regulation 3.4.2.3).
- 3.5.2 Each year, the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials shall consist of four (4) separate Trials to be held under Licence in each participating Province. Each Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committee will arrange for their four (4) Trials 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) Trials in Gauteng in any one year.
- 3.5.3 The four (4) Trials must be contested during the months January to March, unless the NAgSC requests a dispensation for an extension from Fedco.
- 3.5.4 The Trials may be held and form part of any KUSA-licensed Show with permission from the Show Holding Club.
- 3.5.5 A dog may compete in any Province holding a Trial, but if it subsequently competes at another centre where the same course is being used, only the results from the first competition shall be valid for that Trial. The dog will be required to enter the subsequent Show as "Not For Competition (NFC)" and will not be eligible to obtain qualifications.
- 3.5.6 Substitution of a dog's handler is permissible during the duration of the Trials without having any effect on the dog's score/points.
- 3.5.7 Bitches in season must be allowed to compete in the Trials. The onus will be on the handler to bring the bitch's condition to the attention of the Judge/s at the Event.
- 3.5.8 The top scoring dogs from the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials will be invited to compete in the KUSA SAAC for that year.
- 3.5.9 Scoring is as per Regulation 3.6 of this Schedule.
- 3.5.10 Final placings in the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials table 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) Trials for each competing dog.
- 3.6 SCORING FOR KUSA SAAC REGIONAL TRIALS
- 3.6.1 *Clear Rounds*
- 3.6.1.1 A dog will be awarded ten (10) points for each clear round.
- 3.6.2 *Bonus Points*
- 3.6.2.1 In each round, the overall winning dog in each height category, will be awarded one (1) bonus point.

- 3.6.2.2 Any dog with a clear round will also be awarded bonus points for every two (2) seconds that the SCT is bettered.

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

### 3.6.3 *Points for Total Faults*

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

<b>Total Faults</b>	<b>Points</b>
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. **KUSA SOUTH AFRICAN AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

### 4.1 ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS

- 4.1.1 In order to be invited to compete at the KUSA SAAC Event, dogs must be eligible as per Regulation 3.2.1 and must have qualified by acquiring points during the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials.

### 4.2 ENTRIES

- 4.2.1 The top eighty (80) dogs from the KUSA SAAC Regional Trials, based on the combined results of all height categories but excluding the reigning KUSA SA Agility Champion dogs and previous year's KUSA NAL Qualifiers (refer to Regulation 4.2.3), shall be invited to compete at the KUSA SAAC Event for that year. If there is a tie for eightieth position, all dogs involved in the tie will be invited (refer to Regulation 4.1.1). If any of these dogs decline the invitation or withdraw prior to the commencement of the KUSA SAAC, no further dogs will be invited to compete.
- 4.2.2 The reigning KUSA SA Agility Champion dog in each height category will automatically qualify to compete in the KUSA SAAC. An entry fee according to Regulation 3.3.5 will be waived.
- 4.2.3 The top five (5) dogs from the previous year's KUSA NAL, based upon a combined results table of all height categories but excluding the reigning KUSA SA Agility Champion dogs, shall be invited to compete at the KUSA SAAC Event (refer to Schedule 5 (L) Appendix F). An entry fee according to Regulation 3.3.5 will still be payable.
- 4.2.4 Handlers who receive an invitation to compete at the KUSA SAAC must confirm their participation by submitting an official KUSA Entry Form, which includes the approved online electronic form thereof, which must reach the SAAC Committee before the specified closing date.
- 4.2.5 The NAgSC shall place Regulations 4.2.1 and 4.2.3 under review annually in order to determine whether the ratio of qualifying dogs is still representative of the dogs competing nationally.

### 4.3 JUDGES

4.3.1 Each year two (2) Judges will be selected to officiate at the KUSA SAAC Event. A Judge will only be allowed to judge a KUSA SAAC/KUSA AWC Trials Event once every two (2) years.

4.3.2 By 31 August of each year, a general invitation will be sent to all current/active Championship Show Agility Judges, inviting them to submit applications to judge the following year's KUSA SAAC. The closing date for applications will be 30 September each year.

4.3.2.1 Applicants must be eligible as per Schedule 5(L) Appendix E Regulation 4.2.

4.3.2.2 In order to apply to judge the KUSA SAAC/KUSA AWC Trials Event, the application process as specified in Schedule 5(L) Appendix E Regulation 4.3 must be complied with.

4.3.3 The AWCWG will be responsible for reviewing the applications for eligibility and submitting the list of qualifying applicants to the Provincial Council Agility Sub-Committees for voting.

4.3.3.1 The criteria to be met for the appointment of the two (2) preferred Judges are specified in Schedule 5(L) Appendix E Regulation 4.4.

### 4.4 COURSES

4.4.1 The courses must be designed according to the specifications provided in Schedule 5(L) Regulation 11.

#### 4.4.2 *Timing for KUSA SAAC*

4.4.2.1 The 15% rule will be used to determine the SCT for each height category as per Schedule 5(L) Regulation 12.1.1.2 for each KUSA SAAC round.

### 4.5 KUSA SAAC COMPETITION

4.5.1 All dogs will jump the same courses, with the obstacles set at the heights/specifications prescribed for each height category (refer to Regulation 3.4.2.3).

4.5.2 Substitution of a dog's handler is permissible prior to the commencement of the KUSA SAAC Event.

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

4.5.4 Each Judge will set a Contact Agility course and a Non-Contact Agility course, making four (4) rounds in total.

4.5.5 If the KUSA SAAC Event is held at the same time and venue as the KUSA AWC Trials, the Judge gaining the most votes (refer to Regulation 4.3.3) will judge the first KUSA AWC Trials Contact Agility round and the last KUSA SAAC Contact Agility round.

4.5.6 A handler that has a dog in more than one (1) height category may only walk the course once (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 9.4.4).

4.5.7 The running order for the first KUSA SAAC round will be determined by a random computer draw. The results table as it stands after each preceding round will determine the running order for subsequent rounds. The dogs with the least points scored over all rounds at that stage will run first and those with the most points will run last, i.e. reverse order of placing.

4.5.8 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.

4.5.9 In each individual round of the KUSA SAAC, the dog in each height category with the least faults and fastest time will be determined the winner.

4.5.10 For the overall results in each height category, the dogs will be awarded points for their performance in each round, using the points scoring system set out in Regulation 4.6.

4.5.11 At the conclusion of the KUSA SAAC, the scores obtained in each round will be totalled and the dogs with the most points will be determined as the winners in each height category. In the event of a tie, all dogs involved in the tie, will be awarded the place.

- 4.5.12 The winning dog in each height category will be awarded the “KUSA SAAC Floating Trophy” and a miniature memento, of which the latter may be kept. The top three (3) placed dogs in each height category will receive a KUSA medal.
- 4.5.13 To determine the overall top Agility dog across all height categories, the dogs will be awarded points for their performances in each round, using the points scoring system set out in Regulation 3.6 with the SCT being determined in metres per second as stipulated for Contact Agility 3 and Non-Contact Agility 3 (refer to Schedule 5(L) Regulation 12.1.1.1). The winner will be awarded the “KUSA SAAC Top Dog” Trophy.
- 4.6 KUSA SAAC POINTS SCORING SYSTEM FOR EACH HEIGHT CATEGORY
- 4.6.1 *Clear Rounds*
- 4.6.1.1 A dog will be awarded ten (10) points for each clear round.
- 4.6.2. *Bonus points*
- 4.6.2.1 In each round, the overall winning dog in each height category, will be awarded one (1) bonus point.
- 4.6.2.2 Dogs with clear rounds shall also be awarded bonus points for bettering the SCT as per Regulation 4.4.2. The points will equal the amount that the SCT is bettered to hundredths of a second.
- 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

## 5. SPONSORSHIP

- 5.1 The KUSA SAAC 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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