



## KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA REGULATIONS FOR FLYBALL SCHEDULE 5 (M)



### INTRODUCTION

Flyball is essentially a spectator sport involving a team knockout competition. Informality is encouraged and maximum discretion is granted to organizers but the safety of the dogs, handlers and spectators is paramount. The main elements of the sport are good sportsmanship and fun for the dog and handler.

#### 1. LICENSING AND SHOW REGULATIONS:

- 1.1 The regulations relating to licensing and to all other matters to do with shows as set out in Schedule 3 (Championship Shows), Schedule 3(A) International Dog Shows (FCI), Schedule 4 (Non-Championship Shows) and Schedule 4A (Qualifying Shows) of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA), shall apply to competition for Flyball, so far as they can be relevant to Flyball and so far as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 5(M).

#### 2. SCOPE OF LICENCE:

- 2.1 A club entitled to hold a Championship Show may hold Championship Flyball competitions in conjunction with any show or separately there from but may not hold Championship Flyball competitions more than once in any one calendar year.
- 2.2 Any club registered with Kennel Union of Southern Africa which is eligible to hold either non-championship or championship shows may hold any part of this schedule in conjunction with such shows or separate there from.
- 2.3 Each Club participating in any part of this Competition shall submit a Draft Schedule under terms of Schedule 3, Regulation 5, where any part of the schedule falls under those regulations.
- 2.4 The choice of Flyball Competition Exercise shall be at the discretion of the presiding Flyball Judge of the day.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS FOR COMPETITION:

- 3.1 Any dog may compete which is:
  - 3.1.1 registered with the Kennel Union of Southern Africa in the Breed register, Development register or obedience and trial dog record;
  - 3.1.2 owned by any department or service of the government of the Republic of South Africa or any other state recognised by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa;
  - 3.1.3 owned by a public Corporation, recognised by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa and whose eligibility is not in conflict with the regulation hereunder described or has not been disqualified or suspended from competition by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa;
- 3.2 Any reference to dogs in Regulations hereunder described shall be taken to include bitches.
- 3.3 The dog must have a valid Flyball record card and must be over the age of fourteen (14) months to participate in any Fly ball event.

#### 4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 Runs, Heats and Races
  - 4.1.1 **Runs:** One (1) dog within a heat running from the start to finish line.
  - 4.1.2 **Heats:** Four (4) dogs in a team each running from the start to the finish line.
  - 4.1.3 **Races:** Best of one or three heats.
- 4.2 Team Captain, Box Loader and Runner
  - 4.2.1 Team Captain: A person, who may be a non-playing member nominated by the team or club which that team is representing, see [regulation 11.5.2](#).

- 4.2.2 Box Loader: A person or team member who loads the balls into the Flyball machine for each dog during each Heat, regulation 10.16.1.
- 4.2.3 Runner: A person or team member whose purpose is to assist the team in anyway the team requires, regulation 10.16.2.

5. **COMPETING CLASSES**

5.1 **Single Class**

This class may only be run after team event competition. This class is not eligible for points and titles as per regulation 7 of schedule. The rules of running (regulation 12 of schedule) will be observed except that:-handler shall choose their desired jump height (minimum 20 cm, maximum 30 cm)

- dogs will be run individually
- each dog will be given two races with three heats to set their best possible time.
- dogs will be ranked by fastest time
- infractions will not be re-run and will result in a 'no finish' (NF) with no recorded time.
- the heat is not awarded a win, loss or tie, only the time is recorded on the score sheet.
- the fastest time of the dog for that show will be tracked by each province and will be available via the fly ball/agility database. A singles dog that has participated in the singles class in at least ten(10)separate shows in a calendar year and has successfully completed at least one heat at each of those tournaments will be awarded a singles certificate and rewarded the title of single dog racer-for example single dog racer 2008.

5.2 **Pairs Class**

This class may only be run after team event competition. This class is not eligible for titles as per regulation 7 of schedule. The rules of running (regulation 12 of schedule) will be observed except that:

- pair's team shall choose their desired jump height (minimum 20 cm, maximum 30 cm)
- pair's teams shall race other teams
- each team will be given two races with three heats to set their best possible time.
- pairs teams will be ranked by fastest time
- infractions will not be re-run and will result in a 'no finish' (NF) with no recorded time.
- the heat is not awarded a win, loss or tie, only the time is recorded on the score sheet.
- the fastest time of the pair's team for that show will be tracked by each province and will be available via the fly ball/agility database. A pairs dog that has participated in a pairs class in at least ten(10)separate shows in a calendar year and has successfully completed at least one heat at each of those tournaments will be awarded a pairs certificate and rewarded the title of pairs dog racer-for example pairs dog racer 2008.

5.3 **Veterans Class:**

Dogs nine (9) years and older will be eligible for this class. Dogs in this class will be required to jump 20 cm jump height, regardless the height of the dog .Dogs in this class will be eligible for points and titles as per regulation 7 of the schedule.Note: all four (4) dogs in a team need to be nine (9) years and older to be eligible for points and titles as per regulation 7 of schedule.Dogs in this class are also eligible to compete in the competition class if they choose to do so.

5.4 **Competition Class**

Dogs 14 months and older are eligible for this class. The jump height of this class will be determined by the size of the smallest dog in the team.(see regulation 6 regarding measuring of dogs).Dogs in this class will be eligible for points and titles as per regulation 7 of schedule.

6. **MEASURING OF DOGS**

6.1 **Method of measuring**

The elbow to accessory carpal bone measurement will be used to determine the height of the jumps in the competition class. The measurement is done by measuring the distance between the dogs elbow and accessory carpal bone of the dog's front leg. (See annexure G for measuring sketch)This measurement must be done by a qualified championship judge and recorded on the local provincial fly ball sub committee data base.

6.2 **Measurement Table**

Elbow to accessory carpal bone measurement:	jump height
17 cm and below	20 cm
Over 17 cm	30 cm
Veteran's class	20 cm

## 7. POINTS AND TITLES

### 7.1 Points:

Points towards fly ball titles may be gained at championship or non championship shows providing a minimum of three (3) teams have entered and compete.

Points are awarded to each team in accordance with best time achieved. One (1) bonus point will be awarded if best time is achieved more than once in a competition.

Points are awarded as follows:

A recorded time of less than 20 seconds -30 points per dog.

A recorded time of less than 24 seconds but more than 20 seconds -25 points per dog

A recorded time of less than 28 seconds but more than 24 seconds -5 points per dog

A recorded time of less than 32 seconds but more than 28 seconds -1 point per dog.

Each dog in a team must have their record booklet endorsed by the judge with the appropriate points as per regulation 15.

### 7.2 Points for Reserves

If at any time during a competition a reserve is used the points gained towards any Fly ball Titles must be shared equally, rounded down if necessary, between the original team member and the reserve and their record cards endorsed accordingly. Points must be rounded down for each team member concerned.

Example: Qualifying team gains 5 points for each dog and the reserve is used.

Dog 1 = 5 points

Dog 2 = 5 points

Dog 3 = 5 points

Dog 4 = 2 points

Reserve = 2 points

### 7.3 Titles

#### 7.3.1 Flyball Dog

The title of Flyball Dog will be granted to any dog that has earned one hundred (100) points or more, in any combination, at Championship Shows or Non Championship Shows. A Kusa Flyball Dog Certificate will be issued to this effect, and the abbreviation FD can be placed behind the dog's name.

#### 7.3.2 Flyball Dog Excellent

The title of Flyball Dog Excellent will be granted to any dog that has earned one hundred (100) points or more, made up of the maximum points achievable, i.e 4x25 points, at Championship or Non Championship Shows. A Kusa Flyball Dog Excellent Certificate will be issued to this effect, and the abbreviation FDX can be placed behind the dog's name.

#### 7.3.3 Championship Status

A Flyball Championship Certificate may be issued to any dog gaining three hundred (300) points or more in any combination, of which a maximum of one third (100) may be obtained at Non Championship Shows.

#### 7.3.4 Flyball Grand Champion

The title of Flyball Dog Grand Champion will be granted to any dog that has earned seven hundred (700) points or more, in any combination, at Championship or Non Championship Shows. See items 7.3.1 – 7.3.3 regarding maximum points (100) that may be earned at Non Championship Shows.

#### 7.3.5 Title to be named after the first dog that reaches the one thousand five hundred (1500) points or more.

## 8. QUALIFICATION OF JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

### 8.1 Training and Qualification of Judges prior to 01 January 2007.

At present no KUSA qualified Flyball judges reside within South Africa, therefore the following regulations apply until 1 January 2007:

8.1.1 Prior to 1 January 2007 a person wishing to become a Flyball Judge should make application in writing to the Flyball Sub-Committee of the Provincial area in which s/he normally resides. In areas where there is no Provincial Council, application should be made direct to KUSA.

8.1.2 Once a person has been accepted by his Provincial Council Sub-Committee or by KUSA, and before s/he may accept a Flyball Non-Championship or Championship Show appointment, s/he must have achieved the required pass rate in all elements of the Flyball Regulations, Schedule 5(M) and KUSA Regulation, Schedule 3 (Unless previously done).

8.1.3 Once a person has satisfied the criteria in regulation 8.1.2 s/he will be required to judge two (2) Non-Championship shows at which a minimum of two Flyball Teams shall be present and exhibited. Once

this has been completed s/he may judge at a Championship show and a judge's license will be issued by KUSA.

## 8.2 Training and Qualification of Judges after 01 January 2008.

8.2.1 After 1 January 2008 a persons wishing to become a Flyball Judge should make application in writing to the Flyball Sub-Committee of the Provincial area in which s/he normally resides. In areas where there is no Provincial Council, application should be made direct to KUSA.

8.2.1 Such application should provide proof that the applicant has acted as an Official (Steward, Marshall, Timekeeper, Scribe and Scorer) or Competitor at various Flyball events.

8.2.2 Once a person has been accepted by his Provincial Council Sub-Committee or by KUSA, and before s/he may accept a Flyball Non-Championship Show appointment, s/he must attend a course and achieve the required pass rate in all elements of the course as stated in Regulations 8.2.4 to 8.2.8.

8.2.3 Candidate Judge shall attend a course, which shall cover the Rules and Regulations, Schedule 5M, judging techniques and course layout design.

This course shall be run by two (2) Championship show Flyball judges. On completion of the course, the Candidate Judge shall then take an Examination and a Practical test, which shall consists of the following:

8.2.4 A written examination on KUSA Rules and Regulations, Schedule 3 (Unless previously completed).

8.2.5 An oral or written examination on the Flyball Schedule and judging techniques.

8.2.6 Sketch or illustrate a Flyball Course layout, including dimensions.

8.2.7 Practical judging of two Flyball teams. The layout of the course for the practical examination will be undertaken by the examiners and not by the Candidate judges.

8.2.8 Once a Candidate judge has successfully passed the examination, s/he will be required to judge two (2) Non-Championship shows at which a minimum of two Flyball Teams shall be present and exhibited. The Provincial Council Flyball sub-committee will arrange for each judging appointment carried out by the Candidate judge to be observed by a qualified Flyball judge who will report back to the Provincial Council Flyball sub-committee and endorse the Candidate judge's Record Card if passed.

8.2.9 Once all the requirements set out in 8.2.3 to 8.2.9 inclusive, have been met and the Candidate Judge's Record Card has been endorsed by the Flyball Test Judges, such Record Card will be sent to KUSA who in turn will issue a Flyball Judges License to that Judge and thereafter that judge will be able to judge at Championship Show level.

8.2.10 In the event of a judge not judging for a period of two (2) calendar years or more such a judge may not judge a Championship show but shall first judge a Non-Championship show.

8.2.11 All Judges shall, if permanently domiciled in the KUSA area of jurisdiction, be members of the Kennel Union in good standing, both at the time of accepting the invitation and undertaking the appointment.

8.3 Before approving a foreign judge to officiate at any event held under this Schedule the Kennel Union of Southern Africa shall be satisfied that such judge is recognized and approved to judge such events in his country of permanent residence, as it is proposed that s/he should judge within the KUSA area of jurisdiction. A copy of Schedule 5M must be provided to any visiting judges prior to any judging taking place.

## 8.4 Training and Qualification of Flyball Officials.

8.4.1 A person wishing to be a Flyball official must have a thorough knowledge of the Flyball Regulations, Schedule 5(M).

8.4.2 It is the judges' responsibility to ensure that each Flyball official at a show has a thorough knowledge of the Flyball Regulations, Schedule 5(M).

## 9. **MANAGEMENT OF A FLYBALL COMPETITION**

### 9.1 Flyball Show Manager

The management of Flyball competitions shall be entrusted to the Flyball show Manager who shall be appointed by the committee of the club holding the show and who shall not enter or work a dog or dogs at the Flyball competition at which he is officiating.

### 9.2 Disputes

Any disputed matter requiring a decision on the ground shall be decided by the Flyball Show Manager and the Judge. However, the control of all matters connected with the dogs during competition shall rest with the Judge but the Flyball Show Manager, if required, may be called upon for assistance.

### 9.3 Complaints

Complaints lodged by Team Captains on behalf of the team will be dealt with in accordance with the KUSA Regulations. Refer to the appropriate Regulation in Schedule 3 for Championship Shows and Schedule 4 for Non-championship shows.

#### 9.4 Other matters

Any matter not provided in these Regulations or in the Kennel Union Constitution and Schedules shall be decided upon by the Judge and the Flyball Show Manager. In the case of an equality of votes, the judge shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote and the decision made shall be final.

#### 9.5 Flyball officials and their responsibilities

##### 9.5.1 The show holding club shall provide:

A Judge, who will start each race by whistle, and will have overall responsibility for the competition. The Judge will also position himself or herself between the two lanes near the start/finish lanes.

##### 9.5.2 The local Flyball community shall provide the rest of the officials necessary to run a competition smoothly, which include:

9.5.2.1 A Scorekeeper, who will keep score, draw for running order and allocate running lanes.

9.5.2.2 Two Lane Stewards, one per lane who will monitor hurdle infringements and the passing of dogs at the start/finish line. These stewards are to be positioned in-line with the start/finish line, facing inwards.

9.5.2.3. Two Box Stewards, one at each box, who will ensure that the Box Loaders do not infringe the regulations. These stewards are to be positioned in-line with the box, facing inwards.

9.5.2.4. Two Timekeepers, one per lane. Should there be electronic timers for each lane, a back up Timekeeper is necessary per lane.

The Lane Stewards, Box Steward and Timekeepers may be one and the same persons and will be positioned to officiate over their respective lanes at the judges' discretion.

9.5.2.5 A steward will indicate, using the fault indication system-(see regulation 10.7.5), which dog must rerun. It is the handler's responsibility to note the stewards' signal and rerun their dog.

9.5.2.6 The steward must report to the judge any infringements by a team prior to a winner been declared, i.e. failure to rerun a dog once signaled.

9.5.3 The stewards are to remain in position until each heat is declared finished.

9.5.4 If necessary, during a race a judge or steward must reposition themselves in such a manner as not to distract or interfere with competing dogs.

9.5.5 No judge, steward, timekeeper or marshal may interfere with or guide a dog in anyway during a competition, i.e. verbal

9.5.6 Dogs may go around any judge or steward without penalty and if at anytime a ball bounces off a judge or steward, it shall be deemed in play.

#### 9.6 Misbehavior of dogs at a show:

Physical disciplining of a dog or serious uncontrollable behaviour of a dog at a Flyball competition may be penalised, at the discretion of the Flyball Judge, by excluding the dog and/or handler from further competition at the show and by ordering the exhibitor of the dog to forfeit any positions or points gained in the competition. After consultation with the judge, a reserve dog may be allowed to run in place of the excluded dog. Harsh handling will be severely condemned and will result in immediate elimination, independently of any complaint that could be lodged against the handler.

#### 9.7 Handler of dog

Either the owner or a deputy may handle the dog but it must be one or the other. Once the dogs have commenced working, an owner must not interfere with his dog if he has deputised another person to handle it. The dog shall be handled by the same handler throughout a competition held under one license. Substitution may not take place even though the competition may be spread over several days, save in cases where a handler is injured and then only with permission of the judge. No dog may be entered in or be a reserve for more than one team on the day of a show.

#### 9.8 Dress

Where a team has a uniform this may bear the name of the team.

- 9.9 Competing dogs
  - 9.9.1 The following dogs are ineligible to enter Flyball competitions:
    - 9.9.1.1 Pregnant bitches.
    - 9.9.1.2 Lactating bitches.
    - 9.9.1.3 Bitches in heat.
    - 9.9.1.4 Dogs that are apparently ill or hurt.
  - 9.9.2 Spayed bitches and castrated dogs are eligible to enter Flyball competitions.
  - 9.9.3 Dogs coming from or going to a region infected with rabies must have a valid inoculation certificate against rabies, which must be produced on demand.
- 9.10 Conditions

It is the responsibility of the Flyball Manager and of the Judge to ensure that all teams compete under the same conditions as far as this is practical.
- 9.11 Weather

It shall be at the sole discretion of the Judge whether or not competition should be interrupted on account of inclement weather. Cancellation of a Fly ball show or any part of a Fly ball show shall be at the discretion of the judge after consultation with the Flyball Manager.
- 9.12 Starting times

The Team Captain shall be responsible for his team and shall not only be informed of the starting time for the event but is also responsible to see each member of his team is informed. All competitors and dogs including reserves shall be present at the site of a show at least thirty (30) minutes before that time. The judge shall have the discretion to postpone the starting time for a reasonable period provided it does not prejudice other teams if competitors are delayed through competition elsewhere in the show falling behind schedule. Such postponement shall be made known to all competitors who are present. Any team member who is not present at the end of such postponement shall be regarded as having withdrawn from the competition and shall not be allowed to compete. In such instances a Reserve may be substituted for the missing team member, such Reserve shall compete as a full team member for the rest of the competition for which the license was issued. A "late" competitor cannot be used as a Reserve. The judge has discretion to commence a competition without all teams present, provided that a team has been called three (3) times and then, if not present, the team shall be marked absent.
- 9.13 Order of competition
  - 9.13.1 The order of competition shall be determined by a draw amongst the Team Captains entered for that event or the order of competition may be determined by a random draw of teams in advance. The Judge, or any person, whom he delegates, shall announce the teams on standby before the previous race begins. As team names are drawn, lanes are allocated from left to right.
  - 9.13.2 At no time will a team be required to change lanes once each race has commenced.
- 9.14 Provision of equipment

Each team is responsible for the provision of its own equipment, which shall be a Flyball box, a spare Flyball box and balls. The rest of the equipment will be supplied by the show holding club, Provincial Flyball Committee or Flyball community and must comply to these regulations, i.e. hurdles, Backstop board/barrier if required and fault indication system.( see regulation 12.7.5)
- 9.15 Competition by officials at shows
  - 9.15.1 A Judge at a show may not enter or handle a dog in the same Discipline (Breed, Obedience, Working Trials, IPO, Dog Jumping, Agility, Carting etc.) as that in which he is officiating. This restriction does not apply in respect of another show held on the same day but held under another license.
  - 9.15.2 KUSA representative may not enter, exhibit or handle a dog registered in his name at any KUSA licensed event held at the same venue on the day that he is officiating, nor in the same discipline held under the same license on any day.
- 9.16 Catalogue number

A handler must display their catalogue number prominently while in the arena.
- 9.17 Arena and Lane Layout

- 9.17.1 The competition arena must not be less than 30 m x 12 m.
- 9.17.2 A minimum distance of 8 m in length behind the start/finish line must be available to allow adequate run through for dogs.
- 9.17.3 There shall be a distance of 1.83m from the start/finish line to the first hurdle.  
There shall be a total of four (4) hurdles, which must be placed 3.05m apart, and there shall be 4.57m from the last hurdle to the box pedal. The backstop if required shall be no less than 2.15m behind the box and shall extend between the boxes to minimise interference.
- 9.17.4 Racing lanes shall be a minimum of 3m to a maximum of 6m apart.
- 9.17.5 The start/finish poles for each lane are to be a minimum distance of 2 m apart.
- 9.17.6 The obstruction of gangways is prohibited.
- 9.17.7 Each competition arena must be enclosed/demarcated by ropes, tape or other suitable means
- 9.17.8 When the competition is to be held outdoors the Flyball box must be adequately secured, in addition to the box loader standing on the box and without obstructing competing dogs, so as to prevent excessive displacement of the box during each race.  
When competitions are held indoors, the floor shall have a suitable surface in order that races may be held without injury to handler and dog, i.e. a rubber matting/carpet of a minimum width of 1m. The matting must extend under the Flyball box as to prevent excessive displacement during a race. If necessary weights may be used, in addition to the box loader standing on the box, to prevent this occurrence without obstructing the competing dogs in any way. The rubber matting/carpet must extend the full length of the Flyball course. A diagram of a typical setup of a Flyball arena can be seen in appendix B of this schedule.

## 10. JUDGING OF FLYBALL COMPETITIONS

- 10.1 Knowledge of the rules  
All competitors should have a thorough knowledge of the rules.
- 10.2 Collars, Flyball harnesses and Leg wrapping
  - 10.2.1 All dogs competing are to wear a flat buckle collar or Flyball harness of any material. Nothing may be attached to dogs' collar/harness while a race is on. No choke chains or choke collars are allowed. Holding any dog by the scruff of the neck or other parts is not permissible and will result in disqualification from the team.
  - 10.2.2 Protection wrapping on dog's legs may be used. Such wrapping should in no way impair the dogs' performance and should not have any loose or hanging parts to it.
- 10.3 Interference with competitors  
The Judge of a Flyball competition shall remove from competition any dog, which behaves in an uncontrollable manner, or any handler who interferes willfully with another competitor or his dog. The Judge may expel from competition any dog, which he considers unfit to compete, or any bitch, which appears so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element and allow one of the reserves to take its place. In the case of doubt, an official veterinarian shall be called to give his opinion but the Judge's decision is final.
- 10.4 Withdrawal from competition  
The owner or handler entering a dog in a Flyball competition does so at his own risk and the dog must compete unless expelled by the judge or excused by the Judge and Flyball Manager.
- 10.5 Disciplining  
From the time the judge takes control of the assembled teams in the arena prior to racing until he dismisses the teams after the results have been announced, no handler shall physically discipline his dog, inside or outside the arena. In the event of such physical disciplining occurring, or in the event of serious uncontrollable behaviour of a dog in the arena, the judge may exclude that dog from further competition and allow one of the reserves to take its place. Should the team not have a reserve, it shall not be allowed to continue to compete with the remaining three handlers.
- 10.6 Warm-ups / Practice
  - 10.6.1 Each dog on the team, including reserves, shall be allowed two practice runs prior to a competition or the judge may prefer to designate a reasonable time period for warm-ups/practice prior to each competition in order to acquaint dogs with the additional equipment, i.e. hurdles.

- 10.6.2 No practice or training may take place in such a way as to interfere with or distract competing dogs or their handlers.
- 10.7 Handlers' commands  
Handlers may use the dog's call name, any verbal commands or visual signals without penalty. The use of any kind of whistle, whistling or baiting(Food) is prohibited. The use of tug toys in the ready area is allowed on the following conditions:
- that it does not interfere with other teams
  - no throwing of tugs allowed
- 10.8 Competition progress  
The first dogs in each team will be released on the judge's whistle. Subsequent dogs will only be allowed to pass the start/finish line once the preceding dog has passed the start/finish line with any part of its body. The dog must return with the ball in its mouth, see regulation 12.1.
- 10.9 Scores  
The winning times of each race are to be entered by the scorer/judge on the score sheet and announced to competitors and spectators.
- 10.10 Equal scores  
In the case of teams having equal times in a race, a deciding heat or heats will be run at the discretion of the judge.
- 10.11 Abnormal circumstances  
If, in the Judge's opinion, any team's performance was prejudiced by peculiar and/or unusual circumstances not covered in these Regulations, the Judge may require the teams involved to repeat the heat.
- 10.12 Adhering to regulations  
The Judge shall not require any dog, handler or team to do anything nor penalise a dog, handler or team for failing to do anything, which is not required by these Regulations.
- 10.13 Judge's orders  
Judges or Steward's orders and/or announcements are required to be clearly spoken so as to be heard by everyone following the judging.
- 10.14 Events outside the Regulations  
In the event of circumstances arising not covered by KUSA Rules and Regulations, the Judge will have discretionary powers to make a ruling subject to confirmation by KUSA. In such instances, the judge must submit a written report to KUSA setting out all details within fourteen (14) days of the close of the show.
- 10.15 Equipment
- 10.15.1 Hurdles  
The hurdles shall be to the following specifications:  
Height :30 cm and 20 cm high see regulation 6.2  
Internal Width: 600mm.  
Hurdle material thickness: Must not exceed 10mm.  
Material: Wood or a similar material.  
Hurdles shall be white except for the uprights, which may be any colour or bear sponsors' advertisements on the outer face, however the edges must be white in colour for visibility purposes to competing dogs.  
A hurdle may have a protective strip on the inner width to protect the dogs from injury whilst running as long as the total height of the jump remains within specification.  
A diagram of a typical Flyball hurdle can be seen in appendix A of this schedule.
- 10.15.2 Box  
Each team is to supply its own Flyball box and spare Flyball box that is to conform to the following specifications:

- 10.15.2.1 All boxes are to have a mechanical, not electrical, pedal release mechanism.
- 10.15.2.2 The boxes may be painted or decorated as the team wishes.
- 10.15.2.3 The ball, when released, must have a free, unobstructed flight of not less than 610mm from the point that the ball is released to the point the ball hits the ground, in the direction of the start/finish line.
- 10.15.2.4 Boxes dimensions:  
Width: shall not exceed 610mm  
Height: shall not exceed 500 mm  
Depth: shall not exceed 1200mm  
The dimensions include a release mechanism, but do not include any platform the box loader uses to hold the box in place.
- 10.15.2.5** Boxes should be constructed with the comfort and safety of the dog in mind. Sharp edges must be avoided and adequate padding and protection should be used. Any curved or flat front box is may be used so long as the box is within the dimensions as mentioned in regulation 10.15.2.4. The catapult box may be used at demonstrations.

### 10.15.3 Backstop

A backstop board or barrier may be provided at the box end of the run so as to prevent missed balls from rolling too far. The barrier should extend between the running lanes to minimize interference. The barrier must not obstruct the judges or stewards view of the racing lanes. The barrier dimension should be as follows:

Height: shall be a minimum of 700mm

Width: minimum 2.5 m per section

Material: any light weight material that does not allow any type of ball to pass through, i.e. mesh or netting and as long as it will not injure a dog that may come into contact with it.

Backstops should not comprise of jumping equipment and must not pose any danger to competing dogs. A diagram of a typical backstop board can be seen in appendix B of this schedule.

### 10.15.4 Balls

Each team shall supply its own un-punctured regulation balls, i.e. tennis balls, of any colour for standard sized dogs. In the case of toy or miniature breeds, squash, racket balls or approved balls may be used. Approved balls must bounce and roll.

### 10.16 Conduct of the Box Loader and Runner

10.16.1 Except during the warm up, to retrieve a loose ball, or get a fresh supply of balls to load, the box loader must remain in the upright position behind the box, and may only offer verbal encouragement to any dog in their team.

The box loader is to remain in position until the outcome of the heat is determined by the judge. If, in the opinion of the judge, a box loader assists a dog, except where provided for in the rules, the dog shall run again.

10.16.2 Runners may not interfere with any teams running or judging except to do the following:

10.16.2.1 Set up knocked down jumps; this must be done with minimal interference with a team's run.

10.16.2.2 To retrieve loose balls.

10.16.2.3 To assist their team as the team may require.

## 11. THE COMPETITION

Each member of a Flyball team shall complete an entry form with the name of their team and indicating that their entry is for Flyball and signed by the respective owner/deputy.

### 11.1 Entry to Competition

It shall be the responsibility of the Team Captain to ensure that all Team Members sign the Declaration as laid down in Schedule 4 Regulation 4.4.

### 11.2 Entry Form

11.2.1 In order to constitute a valid entry each competitor or potential competitor, i.e. reserves, shall complete in ink or typescript, in accordance with the provisions thereon and the Show Schedule, a separate entry form for each dog entered by them, which shall be signed by them or their authorised agent and be

- accompanied with the appropriate fees within the time limitations for the closing of entries.
- 11.2.2 The entry form must reflect the teams' name in the appropriate section, i.e. 'High Flyers'. Any dog which has been entered as a reserve for a team must reflect the word 'reserve' behind the teams' name on its' entry form, i.e. 'High flyers – reserve'. Regulation 11.3.2
- 11.3 Entry fees
- 11.3.1 Entry fees will be per dog .
- 11.3.2. Each nominated reserve will be liable for an entry fee. As these dogs may not run during a competition they therefore receive no points towards Flyball Titles. If s/he is required to run instead of a 'Declared' team member who automatically forfeits their entry fee. Handlers must indicate on their entry form with the word 'reserve' behind the teams' name when entering, i.e. High flyers – reserve.
- 11.4 Catalogue  
The catalogue shall list the catalogue numbers, name of each dog and team entered, including reserves. Each dog in the team shall be allocated a catalogue number which the team members will display during competition.
- 11.5 Teams
- 11.5.1 Each team shall have a name.
- 11.5.2 Each team shall have a captain whose responsibilities shall include:
- 11.5.3 Ensuring that entries are submitted correctly to the show holding club in terms of Regulation 11.1.and 11.2.
- 11.5.4 Ensuring that all the members of the team are aware of starting times and are present at the arena in terms of Regulation 9.12.
- 11.5.5 Ensuring that the necessary equipment (balls and Flyball boxes) is at the show.
- 11.5.6 Ensuring that the teams' box loaders know their responsibilities and Regulations.
- 11.5.7 Each team shall consist of four (4) dogs and handlers together with a maximum of two (2) reserves.
- 11.5.8 Each team shall include a box loader. (An additional person to act as a runner is advisable).
- 11.5.9 Reserves may be used in the case of injury to either dog or handler. Once a "Reserve" has taken the place of a "Declared" member of the team the "Declared" member shall not be permitted to compete again at that competition.
- 11.5.10 The actual runners (Dogs and Handlers) in a team shall be declared before the commencement of the first race.
- 12 THE RULES OF RUNNING**
- 12.1 Each dog must jump the four (4) hurdles in succession, trigger the box and return over the hurdles with the ball in its mouth.
- 12.2 Only when a dog in a team has passed the start/finish line with any part of its body, whether in the air or on the ground, shall the next dog in that team pass the start/finish line.
- 12.3 Timekeepers are to start the timers when the first dog of the team passes the start/finish line and finish when any part of the fourth dog or the last dog to rerun, crosses the start/finish line.
- 12.4 A heat is completed when both teams have had their fourth(4) or last dog to rerun, cross the finish line or when the Judge ends the Heat by means of a whistle.
- 12.5 Dogs may start from a stationary or running start. A dog must be released prior to going through the start / finish line.
- 12.6 At no time may a handler infringe the start / finish line.
- 12.7 Fault Indication System.
- 12.7.1 The Lane Steward or the Judge\_will indicate which dogs must re-run using a suitable system.(see regulation 12.7.5)
- 12.7.2 Each team member will be required to wear a coloured bib or a bib with a letter of the alphabet to identify the running order of the team. The bib may be of any material and should in no way impair the handlers' performance and should not have any loose parts to it. The letter must be clearly visible, front and back.
- 12.7.3 The colours may be standard for all teams and shall be in the following order:  
First dog and handler: - Red or A  
Second dog and handler: - Yellow or B  
Third dog and handler: - Blue or C  
Fourth dog and handler: - Green or D  
If Bibs with the letters A, B, C and D are used,the Bibs must all be the same colour.

- 12.7.4 When a reserve is required, the team may change running order and Bibs as long as the colour\_or letter system remains as per regulation 12.7.3.
- 12.7.5 Fault Systems: Each lane can have its own system; it must be easy to use by each Lane Steward or Judge and may take any of the following forms:  
 Chart system:For the use with coloured Bibs whereby a white/black card is flipped over each corresponding colour card to indicate a clear run. Any coloured card/s left indicates a re-run for the corresponding dog  
 or  
 Coloured Flag system: For the use with coloured Bibs whereby a flag of the corresponding colour Bib is held up by the Lane Steward to indicate a re-run for the corresponding dog.  
 or  
 Red Flag System :For the use of both the letter or coloured Bibs whereby a red flag is held up by the Lane Steward to indicate a re-run for the corresponding letter as indicated verbally by Lane Steward to the Judge and handler at fault.

### 13. **SCHEDULE OF EXERCISES FOR FLYBALL**

- 13.1 Round Robin-Three (3) Heat System
- 13.1.1 Each team entered would run against all other teams entered.
- 13.1.2 Scoring System for three(3) Heat Round Robin  
 1 Point for winning a Race.  
 0 points for losing a Race.  
 The overall winner would be the team with the most points and if there were to be a tie, a winner is determined by a run-off race
- 13.1.3 Allocation of points towards Flyball Titles.
- 13.1.3.1 During each race each teams times must be recorded on the scores sheet/s.
- 13.1.3.2 Points are awarded to each team in accordance with best time achieved. One (1) bonus point will be awarded if best time is achieved more than once in a competition. Heats will count towards qualification for Fly ball titles-see regulation 7 and appendix C-D (2-3)
- 13.2 Knockout:
- 13.2.1 Each team entered would run in a knockout format.
- 13.2.2 Allocation of points towards Flyball Titles
- 13.2.2.1 Commencing with the quarterfinals, all times to be recorded on the score sheets. The team with two(2)heat wins in the final will be declared the winner if the competition. The fastest time of the teams reaching the quarter finals to the finals will be taken for the scoring system, One (1) bonus point will be awarded if best time is achieved more than once in a competition. Heats will count towards qualification for fly ball titles-see regulation 7 and appendix C.-D(4)
- 13.3 Round Robin – One heat System
- 13.3.1 Each team entered would run against all other teams entered. See appendix F.
- 13.3.2 Scoring System for one(1) Heat Round Robin  
 1 Point for winning a Heat  
 0 Points for losing a Heat  
 The overall winner would be the team with the most points and if there were to be a tie ,a winner is determined by a run – off heat
- 13.3.3 Allocation of points towards Flyball Titles
- 13.3.3.1. During each Heat teams times must be recorded on the score sheet/s
- 13.3.3.2 Points are awarded to each team in accordance with best time achieved .One(1)bonus point will be awarded if best time is achieved more than once in a competition. Heats will count towards qualification for fly ball titles-see regulation 7 and appendix F

### 14. **SCORE SHEETS AND TEAM SHEETS**

- 14.1 The score and teams sheet will include the following:
- 14.1.1 The team's name, the team's Captain's name, each handler and dog's name as well as the reserve handlers and dog's name.
- 14.1.2 In a Round Robin competition the time for each heat must be recorded on this score sheet.  
 A diagram of these sheets can be seen in appendix D and F of this schedule.

15. **RECORD BOOKLET**

After each competition the Judge will endorse each dog's record booklet, excluding reserves that have not run, with the appropriate points in accordance with regulation 5.

16. **PENALTIES**

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| 16.1  | If a dog's or handler's feet cross the Start / Finish line before the start is signalled or during the competition.  | Dog reruns at end of team.  |
| 16.2  | If a dog crosses the start/finish line before any part of the previous dog's body crosses the line or if a handler crosses the line at any time.                 | Dog reruns at end of team.  |
| 16.3  | Each dog must attempt every hurdle. If a dog misses a hurdle –   | Dog reruns at end of team.  |
| 16.4  | Dog does not trigger the box.  | Dog reruns at end of team.  |
| 16.5  | Dog does not return with the ball.   | Dog reruns at end of team.  |
| 16.6  | Ball declared out of play (i.e. outside the demarcated arena)  | Dog reruns at end of team.  |
| 16.7  | Loader assists dog (except in terms of (Regulation 10.16.1)  | Dog reruns at end of team.  |
| 16.8  | The handler or any member of the team is faulted for assisting a dog   | Dog reruns at end of team.  |
| 16.9  | Box malfunctions during heat (Box loader to indicate that the box has malfunctioned)   | Heat stopped. Spare box substituted. Heat rerun.                            |
| 16.10 | Spare box malfunctions (Box loader to indicate that the box has malfunctioned)   | Team forfeits race.   |
| 16.11 | Dog relieves itself in the arena   | Team forfeits race.   |
| 16.12 | Baiting or offering food or other inducement whilst in the arena   | Team forfeits race.   |
| 16.13 | Interference in racing lanes and "ready" area  | The interfering dog's or handler's team forfeits race.                      |
| 16.14 | Distractions: Any member of a team bouncing or tossing balls, using a flyball box or other means to distract the opposing team or dogs, whilst in the arena      | The team of the distracting handler shall forfeit the race.                 |
| 16.15 | Ball bounces back into cup   | Box loader reloads.<br>(A signal is permitted by box loader to push pedal). |
| 16.16 | Should any hurdle be knocked down, a dog is not to be penalised provided it clears the hurdle as though it were standing. (Team's Runner may replace hurdle with | No penalty.   |

minimal interference).

16.17 The heat shall not be stopped for broken boards/hurdle unless the judge deems it necessary to prevent injury to the running dogs. Dogs must clear the hurdle as if it were standing. The hurdle must be replaced after the heat.

No penalty.

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