



The SADAA Mascot
"Scamper"

South African Dog Agility Association

PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES OF SADAA

To stimulate interest in agility handling as a sport within and throughout South Africa and such other countries as may seem desirable or necessary and to promote the sport by improving the skills of the handlers and the quality of their dogs. Agility is a challenge and a competition to be enjoyed by handler, dog and spectator. The main elements of the sport are good sportsmanship and fun for the dog and handler. All SADAA members are ambassadors for the Association and should conduct themselves accordingly.



AFFILIATIONS



Internationally, SADAA is a member of the International Federation of Cynological Sports (IFCS). The IFCS was founded in 2000 as a union of national sports cynological (dog) organizations. One of the main goals of the IFCS is to develop dog sports at international level and to integrate them into the international sports system and the Olympic movement.

Locally, SADAA is a member of the South African Working Dogs Association (SAWDA), an umbrella body for Working Dog disciplines in South Africa. SAWDA is also a full member of IFCS.



STRUCTURE and REGIONS

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Mark King (Western Province). Each Region is run by a Regional Director, who reports to the Managing Director.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS: **NORTH:** **Free State:** Jurie Smith **Gauteng:** Anita Rademeyer
Kwa-Zulu Natal: Gaby Frey

SOUTH: **Boland:** Roche Vermaak **Border:** Alison Roux
Southern Cape: Shirley Holmes **Western Province:** Marlize Matthee
Eastern Cape: Denise Schoombie

MEMBERSHIP

Handlers must be current members of SADAA. Members will be allowed to participate in events held by other recognised canine bodies.

Membership fee: R120,00 per person p.a. Additional family members R96,00 p.a. Scholars, Full time Students and Pensioners(60y+) pay R70pa. Membership runs from 1 July to 30 June. If you join during this period, you will pay a pro rata fee up to 30 June. Applications for membership are subject to the approval of the SADAA Board.

JUDGES

Judges must be current members of SADAA.

Judges who have qualified under other canine bodies may be required to undergo a period of assessment before being recognised. Learner judges will have to undergo training and examination as specified in the SADAA Rules.

Judges may run their own dogs in the classes they judge.

DOGS

Dogs competing in SADAA Trials must be registered with the South African Working Dogs Association (SAWDA). Registration with SAWDA is open to all dogs, not only pedigreed dogs. One-off Registration fee: R80,00. Dogs must be at least 18 months old before they will be allowed to compete in any SADAA event. Record Books will not be issued to dogs younger than 18 months.

Size Categories: Maxi: dogs over 50cm at the withers; Medium: dogs 50cm and under at the withers; Mini: dogs 40cm and under at the withers; Toy: dogs 30cm and under at the withers; Tiny: dogs 25cm and under at the withers.

CLUBS

Annual Club Affiliation fee: R220,00. All Clubs may hold Club Trials and Regional Trials, provided that they have suitable venues and all equipment as specified in the SADAA Rules.

TRIALS

Club Trials	All formal Agility and Jumping classes will be offered, plus Fun Events at the Host Club's discretion.
Up to 20 per Region per year.	Dogs can qualify in Agility 1, Agility 2, Jumping 1 and Jumping 2. Agility 3 and Jumping 3: Clear rounds will count towards Agility 3 Dog and Jumping 3 Dog Titles. The first 3 dogs in all classes will receive rosettes, for clear rounds only. Entry Fee: R30,00 per dog per Trial – includes all formal classes that the dog is eligible to enter. Clubs set the entry fees for fun events.
	All formal Games classes may be offered, at the Host Club's discretion. Dogs can qualify in Snooker 1, Snooker 2, Gamblers 1 and Gamblers 2. Snooker 3 and Gamblers 3: Clear rounds will count towards Snooker 3 Dog and Gamblers 3 Dog Titles. The first 3 dogs in all classes will receive rosettes, for clear rounds only. Entry Fee: R30,00 per dog per Trial – includes all formal classes that the dog is eligible to enter.
Regional Trials	All formal Agility and Jumping classes will be offered.
Up to 4 per Region per year, usually held over one weekend.	Dogs can qualify in Agility 1, Agility 2, Jumping 1 and Jumping 2. Agility 3 and Jumping 3: Points towards Champion (for a win(1 st place) and Performance Champion for clear rounds (placing)) Status will be issued which will count towards Agility 3 and Jumping 3 Titles. Clear rounds will count towards Agility 3 Dog and Jumping 3 Dog Titles. The Agility 3 and Jumping 3 results will be used as qualifying scores for the Annual SADAA National Trials. In each region the overall Top Handler and Dog combination at the Regional Trials (all size categories) will receive a Floating Trophy. The first 3 dogs in Agility 3 and Jumping 3 will receive SADAA medals, provided that they have clear rounds. The first 3 dogs in Agility 1, Agility 2, Jumping 1 and Jumping 2 will receive rosettes, for clear rounds only. Entry Fee: R30,00 per dog per Trial – includes all formal classes that the dog is eligible to enter.
	All formal Games classes may be offered, at the Host Club's discretion. Dogs can qualify in Snooker 1, Snooker 2, Gamblers 1 and Gamblers 2. Snooker 3 and Gamblers 3: Every clear round win (1 st Place) will count towards Snooker 3 Dog and Gamblers 3 Dog Titles and Champion Titles. The first 3 dogs in all classes will receive rosettes, for clear rounds only. No medals are awarded for these disciplines. Entry Fee: R30,00 per dog per Trial – includes all formal classes that the dog is eligible to enter.
Entries	Entries for all Trials will be done in advance. The draw will be done in advance by the Club and will take into account handlers with more than one dog per class.

RECOGNITION of NON-SADAA QUALIFICATIONS

Terminology: The SADAA "Agility" Class is the equivalent of KUSA "Contact Agility". The SADAA "Jumping" Class is the equivalent of KUSA "Non Contact Agility".

SADAA will recognise KUSA qualifications gained in Agility 1, Agility 2, Non Contact 1 and Non Contact 2. These will be endorsed on the dog's SADAA record card when it is issued. After that, only SADAA qualifications will count.

KUSA Qualifying Certificates gained in Agility 3 and Non Contact 3 will not count towards SADAA Agility / Jumping Champion status.

QUALIFICATIONS and TITLES

Agility	<p>Agility 1 Dog - awarded to a dog with 3 qualifications. Dogs must qualify 3 times in AG 1 before being allowed to move up to AG 2.</p> <p>Agility 2 Dog - awarded to a dog with 3 qualifications. Dogs must qualify 3 times in AG 2 before being allowed to move up to AG 3.</p> <p>Agility 3 Dog - awarded to a dog with 10 Clear Rounds in AG 3.</p> <p>Agility Champion – awarded to a dog that has accumulated 60 points at Regional Trials.</p> <p>Agility Champion II – awarded to a dog that has accumulated 120 points at Regional Trials.</p> <p>Agility Champion III – awarded to a dog that has accumulated 180 points at Regional Trials.</p> <p>Agility Grand Champion - awarded to a dog that has accumulated 240 points at Regional Trials.</p> <p>At least 24 points towards Championship Status must be obtained from Regional Trials other than regional trials held in your own region.</p> <p>All of the above apply to the Performance Champion Status as well.</p>
Jumping	<p>Jumping 1 Dog - awarded to a dog with 3 qualifications. Dogs must qualify 3 times in JP 1 before being allowed to move up to JP 2.</p> <p>Jumping 2 Dog - awarded to a dog with 3 qualifications. Dogs must qualify 3 times in JP 2 before being allowed to move up to JP 3.</p> <p>Jumping 3 Dog - awarded to a dog with 10 Clear Rounds in JP 3.</p> <p>Jumping Champion - awarded to a dog that has won 5 Jumping Qualifying Certificates at Regional Trials under 3 different judges.</p> <p>Jumping Champion II – awarded to a dog that has accumulated 120 points at Regional Trials.</p> <p>Jumping Champion III – awarded to a dog that has accumulated 180 points at Regional Trials.</p> <p>Jumping Grand Champion - awarded to a dog that has accumulated 240 points at Regional Trials.</p> <p>At least 24 points towards Championship Status must be obtained from Regional Trials other than regional trials held in your own region.</p> <p>All of the above apply to the Performance Champion Status as well.</p>
Combined	<p>Master Agility Champion - awarded to a dog that has achieved Agility Champion and Jumping Champion status.</p> <p>Elite Agility Champion – awarded to a dog that has achieved Agility Grand Champion and Jumping Grand Champion Status.</p>

NATIONAL TRIALS

The SADAA National Trials are staged annually to determine the SADAA National Agility Dog of the year.

The following qualifying system will be introduced: During the year leading up to the National Trials dogs will be awarded points for their performances in at least three Regional Trials in AG 3 and JP 3 Classes. Fifteen points will be awarded for each win(1st place) round in AG 3 or JP 3 and fifteen points will be awarded for each Agility or Jumping Clear Round. Ten points will be awarded for each round with 5 faults in AG 3 or JP 3 and eight points will be awarded for each round with 10 faults in AG 3 and JP 3. To be invited to compete at the National Trials a dog must accumulate 60 points during the qualifying period, of which at least 30 points must have been gained in Agility classes.

ADMINISTRATION

Regional Administration is done by the Regional Directors, who may appoint local SADAA members to assist them.

National Administration is done by SADAA members appointed by the Board.

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SADAA WEBSITE and NEWS

The Website www.sadaa.co.za contains a wealth of information on SADAA, including the Constitution, Rules, Membership Application forms, Trials Entry forms, etc. The latest Trials Schedules and Results can also be found there, in addition to up-to-date photos and training articles. There are also links to other useful sites, including SAWDA, SAFDA, SADSA, IFCS, the SA Human Rights Commission, etc.

A regular newsletter keeps members up to date with news and developments in all the Regions.