



HOW TO BECOME A SADAA MEMBER

BACKGROUND:

The South African Agility Association or SADAA is a non-profit organisation founded in 2001 to promote the sport of Dog Agility for all purebred and mixed-breed dogs in South Africa.

SADAA's OBJECTIVES:

- To promote and stimulate interest in Agility throughout South Africa among all dog owners.
- To raise the standard of Agility by providing the necessary training and facilities to improve the skills of the handlers and the quality of their dogs.
- To maintain a high standard of officiating in Agility by providing the necessary training for Judges and Stewards.
- To promote a spirit of Good Sportsmanship, making Agility a sport to be enjoyed by the competitors, their dogs and spectators.

BECOMING A SADAA MEMBER

Anyone wishing to take part in SADAA affiliated trials must first become a SADAA member and have their dog/s registered with SAWDA¹

¹SAWDA or the South African Working Dogs Association is the umbrella body for several working disciplines in the country.

STEP 1 - Familiarise yourself with the SADAA Rules & constitution

Once you are ready to compete in the sport of dog agility it is suggested you familiarize yourself with the rules and regulations for any SADAA trial. When comparing SADAA to KUSA¹, there are a few main differences between SADAA and KUSA, however in essence the rules for agility are the same. Additionally, SADAA has agility games namely Gamblers & Snooker which adds a new type of challenge to the sport of agility.

It is recommended that any club wishing to affiliate with SADAA read the constitution and rules carefully and discuss any queries he/she might have with the Regional Director.

¹KUSA is the Kennel Union of South Africa, responsible for registering all "pedigree" dogs.

STEP 2 – Fill out SADAA membership form

Your SADAA membership form is an annual membership for the person wishing to take part in SADAA trials. Membership is renewed yearly before 30 June, as the SADAA calendar runs from July 1st to June 30th.

SADAA membership fees:

Single member (or 1 st family member)	R240.00 per annum
Additional family member	R180.00 per annum
Scholar, student or pensioner	R120.00 per annum

This form and associated costs is submitted to your regional director who is responsible for submitting and payment to the SADAA administration and treasurer.

STEP 3 – Fill out SAWDA application form

These forms are a once off life-time registration for the dog/s you wish to compete with in SADAA trials.

SAWDA registration fees:

Per dog	R80.00 (once off)
Register Kennel name	R10.00 (additional)

This form and associated costs are submitted to your regional director who is responsible for submitting and payment to the SADAA administration and treasurer. A SAWDA registration certificate will be issued and sent to you.

STEP 4 – Attending your 1st trial

Once you have registered with SADAA and SAWDA, you will be issued with a SADAA number and SAWDA numbers for your dog/s. You will also be issued with a SADAA Record book and a SADAA Games record book per SAWDA registered dog which will be issued to you at your 1st trial.

A senior judge and/or Regional Director will measure your dog to determine which height category he/she will compete in. Dogs close to a height limit can be measured by a 2nd qualified judge in order to ascertain a fair and unbiased measurement.

In all SADAA Trial, dogs will compete in the category determined by their size:

- 'Maxi' Category: dogs over 50cm at the withers. Jump height 60cm.
- 'Midi' Category: dogs 50cm and under at the withers. Jump height 50cm.
- 'Mini' Category: dogs 40cm and under at the withers. Jump height 40cm.
- 'Toy' Category: dogs 30cm and under at the withers. Jump height 30cm.

Your regional director will send you regular emails regarding upcoming club trials and regional trials in other regions around the country.

NB! Please note it is the responsibility to fill out trial entry forms and send your entries to the responsible person before the stated closing date.

STEP 5 – Membership Renewals

Remember to fill out a SADAA membership renewal form before the 30th June of each calendar year. Send your form to the regional director, who will also provide information on where renewal fees can be paid.

Please note all forms can be downloaded from the SADAA website (www.sadaa.co.za) or obtained from the Regional Director.

For more information on how to become a SADAA member please contact Riette Mohr (National Administrator) on email sadaa.operation@gmail.com