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SPECIFICATIONS

for the

AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

of the

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SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF THE FCI AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The FCI Agility commission, in order to assist with the organisation of the Agility World Championships, has compiled the following specifications.

1. VENUE

The criteria to be taken into consideration in selecting an indoor venue for the Agility World Championships are as follows:

- a) It should be able to hold one ring of 24 x 40 m. and one area where the competitors can be seated. The floor surface must not present any danger to the dogs or the handlers. There must be a separate area for the show secretariat.
- b) It should be able to hold a large public in comfortable and safe conditions. A stadium, for instance, is advisable.
- c) It should be easily accessible and well signposted.
- d) It should have sufficient parking space for the officials, competitors and visitors.
- e) It should include sufficient toilet facilities.
- f) Refreshments (food and drinks) should be on offer for the competitors and the visitors.
- g) It should have a separate area for VIP's and members of the press.
- h) It should have a separate area to keep the dogs.
- i) There should be enough facilities for dog walking near the hall.
- j) Camping facilities are an essential part of the whole event; a decent camping area should be offered.
- k) A list of hotels should be made available – website or brochure
- l) Sufficient security in and around the venue should be provided.
- m) One year before the Championships take place, the organising national canine organisation (NCO) is to present a copy of the renting contract of the hall where the contest is to be held, to the president of the FCI Agility commission.

2. TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

- a) A website should be set up. This will provide all the necessary information and should be updated regularly in order to provide everyone with the latest information.
- b) A PA-system (Public Address System) with at least one microphone for the show secretary and one for the commentator. The PA-system should ensure that all announcements are clear and understandable for everyone. Announcements should be made in English plus one other FCI language and the native language. Ensure that the national anthems of all the participating countries are available as well as music for the opening and closing ceremonies.
- c) An IT system to run the competition efficiently and relay the necessary information to competitors and spectators must be in place. For safety reasons backup procedures should be installed. Two or more photocopiers should also be available - to ensure enough printing capacity to produce all necessary lists without delay.

3. RING EQUIPMENT

- a) Two complete agility sets must be available. These have to comply with the rules.
- b) To be provided: electronic timing, 2 whistles, 2 measuring wheels (to measure the length of the course).
- c) To be prepared: ring numbers for the competitors to wear. They should include the following text: AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 20XX (possibly the name of the country or town where the event is organized).
They can be offered to the competitors.
Competitors have to wear this number at all times during course walking and all their runs.
- d) The secretariat should:
 - display all results, running orders, time schedules in several areas around the hall
 - have sufficient judging slips for the scribe
 - have all the necessary information - such as running orders, course plans, results etc. for the teams - available for the team captains at the appropriate times
 - make sure that the necessary information, mentioned above, is delivered to the VIP area as well as the Press room
- e) Scanners to check the chip numbers after each run, at least 1 table (non slippery surface)
- f) Ensure that the flag of each country is available plus the flag of the FCI (to be applied for at the FCI).
For the opening ceremonies – flags to be carried by the team leaders – there must also be name boards for each nation.
- g) A podium must be provided for the prize giving (1st, 2nd, 3rd).

4. RING OFFICIALS

- a) A show organiser, responsible for the whole organisation.
- b) Secretariat: 2 IT teams to take care of all the results and administration
- c) In the ring: 1 chief ring steward
 - 2 scribes
 - 2 timekeepers
 - 3 to 4 equipment stewards (rebuild obstacles and straighten the tunnel)
 - 1 steward to show competitors in and out of the ring
 - 1 steward for the leads
 - 1 or 2 stewards responsible for the collecting ring
 - Enough stewards to build the courses
 - At least 2 people to check the dog's microchip number after the run
- d) Commentators (several languages).
- e) Interpreters.
- f) Parking and gate stewards (entrance to the show).

5. MEDICAL AND VETERINARY UNITS

Must be provided for.

6. MEASURING DOGS

A list will be kept of all the dogs in the categories Medium and Small that have been measured. Dogs entered for the World Championships that are not on this list will be measured to check if the dogs are entered in the correct category (M and S). Measuring will be carried out by three FCI Agility Commission members. The Commission will appoint these members.

Everything necessary to carry out their duties should be provided for such as:

- Professional measuring equipment
- One or two tables to measure dogs (with a non slippery surface and big enough for all sizes of dogs)
- Scanners to check the chip numbers
- Refreshments/lunch for the measuring judges

A separate room or at least a quiet area should be available to measure the dogs.

If a dog is found to be entered in the wrong category, then the dog will be removed from the competition. ***Once a dog has been measured and accepted in a category it must always compete in that category.***

7. ENTRY FORMS

A country that has been appointed to organise the Agility World Championships, is obliged to send, at least 6 months in advance, entry forms to the various National Canine Organisations (NCO) as well as to the FCI Agility Commission.

The entry forms should be in English, French, German and Spanish.

The standard entry form is attached to these specifications.

Entry forms can also be made available online. Entry fees should be payable online.

The following information must also be given:

- A reminder of the FCI regulations regarding a compulsory record book or licence, prescribed vaccinations, compulsory Civil Liability insurance and entry requirements.
- Any restrictions - health or otherwise - that would prevent a dog from competing.
- Closing date.
- Entry fee.

A map with directions to the venue must be enclosed.

A complete entry list (including all the details of the dog) should be sent to the FCI delegate at least one week before the championships. An Excel file would be ideal. This would enable the delegate to prepare the list of the dogs that need to be measured.

8. ENTRY FEES

Amount to be determined by the organising NCO that will submit it to the FCI Agility Commission for approval.

9. REGISTRATION

- a) All competitors have to hand over a record book or license to compete issued by a National Member Organisation of the FCI or a National Organisation with a close working relationship to the FCI.
- b) The identity of all dogs that have entered the competition has to be checked. If there is any doubt as to the identity of a dog then the dog in question will be removed from the competition.
- c) In the case of injury to a dog a reserve may be substituted. The team leader must notify the organisers immediately of an injury - the official vet will be asked to confirm that the dog should be withdrawn.
Once withdrawal is confirmed, the team leader must provide the name of the reserve dog and handler. This must be done before course walking for the first round in that category starts. ***This only applies to the team event.***
- d) ***As soon as the World Championships are underway no changes are allowed to the individual competition. Reserve dogs cannot be substituted in that category, neither can a dog from another height category be used as a substitute.***

10. ACCOMMODATION

A list of hotels and camping areas must be made available to the competitors. The list is to be sent with the entry forms and/or posted on the website of the world championships.

11. JUDGES' EXPENSES

The organising NCO will have to cover the expenses of the judges, i.e.,

- a) A daily allowance – in line with the FCI show judges.
- b) Travelling expenses.
- c) Accommodation and meals during the stay.
- d) A gift or memento of the championships should be presented to the judges.

12. INVITATIONS

The organising NCO will invite the president of the FCI Agility commission as well as its appointed representative. Their expenses will be covered on the same basis as those of the judges.

13. JUDGES' MEETING

The day before the event a meeting will be attended by the judges, the president of the FCI Agility Commission, the representative of the Commission and the show organiser.

Judges should send in their courses for the championships to the representative of the Commission four weeks before the event.

14. THE COMPETITION

- a) A warm up area should be available. One or more (max.4) jumps can be used. If more than one hurdle is set up than they are not allowed to be moved (supervision is needed).

- b) The schedule should be the same each year - that is to say that part one of the team and individual event should be the jumping round. Part two in both competitions should be the agility round.
- c) ***The running order for part 1 of the individual and team competitions is decided by random draw: no exceptions are allowed. If, however, a handler has a draw with less than twenty dogs in between each dog, one of the dogs can be moved up or down the running order.***
- d) In the team event, the running order within the team is up to the competitors. It can be different for the second run.
- e) During course walking, each category - Small, Medium and Large - is divided into groups; a group should not have more than 45 competitors.
- f) At the start of each competition, the judge for that class is introduced.
- g) At least one test dog should be available for each class.
- h) A short prize giving for the single runs (team and individual) should take place immediately after each class.

15. RESULTS

The organisers will supply a sufficient number of lists containing the results and classifications for distribution among the delegates of this Commission.

Two similar lists must be sent to the FCI General Secretary. The lists contain the complete results.

During the Championships, as the test proceeds the results will be posted on a scoreboard clearly visible to the competitors and spectators.

16. CATALOGUES

The organising NCO will provide catalogues containing all relevant information about the dogs and their handlers - listed per country. Also provide a schedule of the Championships and a list of the prizes and who donated them.

Each participating country will receive a copy that they are requested to check. Should this copy not be returned within ten days, the information appearing on it will be considered correct and the catalogue will be printed.

17. DISPUTES

The president and the representative of the FCI Agility Commission will settle any dispute.

18. INSURANCE

In addition to their 'Civil Liability', the show organisers are responsible for ensuring that the judges and everybody involved in running the show are well covered by insurance.

19. LICENCE - ADMINISTRATION

The organising NCO will apply for a licence in the proper way and will make sure that administration proceedings are carried out correctly.

20. PROTOCOL

The organising country will try its utmost to give the opening and closing ceremonies the splendour that the Agility World Championships deserve.

Organisers who want to change any of the provisions in these specifications can only do so after permission of the FCI Agility Commission.

These specifications were approved by the FCI General Committee in Bucharest, October 2012.

The changes in bold and italic characters were approved by the FCI General Committee in Madrid, February 2013.

Entry form – Formulaire d’inscription
Anmeldungsformular – Formulario de inscripción

Country/Pays/Land/País:

Small

Medium

Large

Reserve/Réserve/Reservehund/Reserva

Dog – Chien – Hund - Perro

Name/Nom/Name/Nombre:

Kennel name/Nom d’affiche/Zwingername/Nombre de criadero:

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Breed/Race/Rasse/Raza: F.C.I. nr/n°

Date of birth/Date de naissance/Wurfdatum/Fecha de nacimiento:

Sex/Sexe/Geschlecht/Sexo:

Studbook/Livre des origines/Zuchtbuch/Libro de orígenes : Nr/N°

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Record book/Carnet de travail/Leistungsbuch/Cartilla de puntuación:
or/ou/oder/o

License/Licence/Lizenz/Licencia:

Tattoo/Tatouage/Tätowier/Tatuaje:

or/ou/oder/o

Microchip/Transpondeur/Microchip/Microchip:

Position/Emplacement/Position/Posición:

Owner – Propriétaire – Eigentümer - Propietario

Name/Nom/Name/Nombre:.....

Address/Adresse/Anschritt/Dirección:

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Phone/Téléphone/Telefon/Teléfono: Fax:

E-mail:

Handler – Conducteur – Hundeführer - Conductor

Name/Nom/Name/Nombre:.....

Signature owner: Signature Rep. Kennel Club: