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## **Guideline for the administration of international events of the WTWU in the field of FCI tracking dogs**

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### **1. General, application and allocation**

For reasons of better readability, the simultaneous use of male and female forms of speech is avoided. All personal designations apply to all genders. In addition, the following terms within this guideline have the meaning given here:

- Written:
  - In writing or in text form (e.g. by post, email, fax, etc.).
- Events:
  - International trials and dog sport events in the form of European Championships and World Championships

According to the self-image of the WTWU, the planning and coordination of future events in the field of FCI-tracking dogs for terrier breeds (according to FCI Group 3 – Terriers) lies within its responsibility.

Members who want to organize such an event must apply for it in writing to the WTWU executive board at least 1 year in advance, stating the extent of the event (which trial levels).

The World Championships should always be scheduled to take place a few months before the next FCI-IGP World Championship to give any competitors who may qualify for this sufficient time for preparation.

In all sporting matters before and during the event, the department manager for utility dogs is named as the generally responsible person on the part of the WTWU in these regulations. If this function is not occupied, it will be taken over by the performance advisor of the WTWU as the higher authority.

## **2. Basics for organizing an event in the field of FCI-tracking dogs**

The basis is the International Utility Dogs Regulations of the FCI in the currently valid version. In addition, the implementation provisions of this guideline apply, which should contribute to the uniform procedure.

If necessary, the organizer can pass special competition regulations that contain important information/conditions for participants and guests and must be considered during the event. Particular attention should be paid to veterinary regulations - for example, that no foreign dogs without a vaccination certificate may be brought into the sports venue.

## **3. Promoter and organizer**

The member entrusted with organizing the event is commissioned by the executive board of the WTWU with its organization and performance and bears full responsibility for the smooth running of the event and also all costs for the event.

First of all, agreement must be reached with the department manager for utility dogs with regard to the venue, the extent of the event and the general conditions. The organizer is free to decide whether the FCI-IGP-FH or the FCI-IFH 2 is offered as the highest trial level.

Unless the organizer is the national Airedale Terrier Club, it (if there is one in the country) should be involved in the organization of the FCI-tracking dogs event, at least in an advisory capacity, if desired.

If there is agreement between the WTWU and the potential organizer, the venue of the upcoming event must be presented in the course of an event after the start numbers has been drawn. It has then to be published on the WTWU homepage in order to inform the group of active dog handlers as early as possible.

During the preparation period, agreements and correspondence are only to be made with an officially designated event manager of the respective nation, who is also (co-)responsible for the implementation in his country, and the department manager for utility dogs of the WTWU.

The amount of the entry fees can be seen in the WTWU scale of fees and expenses as determined by the GMD of the WTWU.

## **4. Organization**

An up-to-date overview of the organizing committee of the organizer with the respective functions and their availability must be published on the WTWU homepage or on the event's own homepage.

A catalog may be provided by the organizer which must include all participants and the schedule. The participants receive catalog numbers, which they also have to wear as shirt numbers. The most important parts of the catalog must be written in at least German and English. If no catalog is created, the aforementioned data must be published on the event's homepage.

The venue (staging post) is to be decorated with the national flags of the participating countries.

All results must be kept up to date during the event directly after consultation with the respective judge. They are to be affixed in a clearly visible place on site (at the staging post and possibly in an escort vehicle) and also to be published online.

## **5. Judges and supervisors**

There should always be judges from different member nations employed. Suggestions can be made by any member association to the department manager for utility dogs. The executive board of the WTWU decides on the nomination of the judges.

Each judge must have sound experience in judging FCI-tracking dog events and have judged at least one major event with rankings in the last 2 years prior to being assigned to the event. The member association that proposed the judge is responsible for the professional qualification of the judge.

For tracking, a technically competent person is to be appointed as tracking supervisor for each trial level. Their tasks include:

- Participating in the creation of the track schedule
- Briefing and instructing the track layers
- Numbering the tracking items and grids
- Checking the weathering of the tracking items and the correct laying of the tracks
- Rejecting a tracking field if it has been heavily modified or become unusable due to external influences
- Rejecting a track layer if he repeatedly fails to follow instructions

Each judge should at least have a good enough command of the English language to be able to make the evaluation in a way that everyone can understand if necessary.

The assumption of costs for the judges and supervisors is regulated in the scale of fees and expenses of the WTWU.

## **6. Trial secretary**

The organizing member association has to provide a trial secretary for each judge. His activities include:

- Support of the judge in the technical handling of the trial
- Coordination of the necessary helpers (e.g. track layers)
- Prepare and provide the evaluation judges trial sheets for the judges
- Identity control of the dogs immediately before the start at the tracking field

## **7. Sports venue and course of events**

A suitable, central staging post must be made available for participants, trial staff and visitors. There must be a possibility for catering for the starters and visitors. A mobile canteen for catering in the tracking area and possibly a mobile toilet is recommended.

If necessary, the organizer should provide sufficient pilots who can accompany the participants or visitors to the tracking area.

Before the start of the event, all dogs must be checked by a veterinarian. Dogs that are ill or suspected of being infected are excluded from participation. Aggressive dogs are also not allowed to start, although

this final evaluation can only be made by consulting a judge. Females in heat may participate according to the schedule but must be kept separate from the other participating dogs.

Both the tracking fields and the tracks laid out should offer all participants as uniform and comparable conditions as possible within a trial level (same soil conditions such as meadow for everyone, fields for everyone, etc.). Identical soil or vegetation is not required and can be different for the offered trial levels. For example, the height of the meadow or the height and type of vegetation on a field and its condition can differ insignificantly. A change of terrain within the same track is also permitted in the highest trial level. If necessary, the same tracking field may be used twice if there is a day between them (e.g. Friday and Sunday). In der höchsten Prüfungsstufe darf ein Hund jedoch nicht zwei Mal auf demselben Gelände arbeiten.

However, at the highest trial level, a dog may not work twice on the same tracking field.

If necessary, the length of the tracks can be shortened due to local conditions. However, this must be clarified in advance of the event by the organizer with the executive board of the WTWU, approved by it and brought to the attention of the team leaders in good time before the start of the event. The specified length must be the same for all participants within the same trial level. The following lengths must not be undercut:

- FCI-IGP-FH: in each case at least 1.400 paces
- FCI-IFH 2: at least 1.400 paces
- FCI-IFH 1: at least 950 paces
- FCI-IFH-V: at least 500 paces

The tracks can have all possible forms, which are possible according to the currently valid International Utility Dogs Regulations of the FCI. The tracking items to be used (material texture) are to be shown in advance on the event's homepage.

A sufficient number of qualified track layers must be made provided by the organizer.

As far as possible, an area corresponding to the actual tracking fields is to be provided to the participants as training area for the tracking.

A corresponding timetable is to be drawn up, from which the starters can see their demonstration time. Only one track per day is to be provided for each dog.

During the tracking and at the closing ceremony, the issued catalog numbers must be worn visibly.

The possession, sale and use of unauthorized equipment on the venue and in the vicinity of it, any other manipulation of the dog or doping (see "International Guidelines about Dog Doping" of the FCI) leads to immediate disqualification. Such a violation must be documented in writing and witnessed, unless the disqualification is made by the judge.

## **8. Number drawing**

If possible, on the evening before the event, the public drawing of the starting order and the unambiguous assignment to the catalog numbers should take place. The lots will be drawn in catalog number order, with the organizing country's participants being the last to get their lots.

## **9. Team leadership, team leader meeting**

Each nation has to nominate a team leader as the contact person for the event management during the event. The team leader has to be named by the registration deadline at the latest with name, telephone number and e-mail from the respective participating country.

Meetings should be scheduled for coordination purposes. On the occasion of each event, a team leader meeting is generally scheduled one day before the beginning of the competitions, in which the team leaders, the judges, the trial secretaries, the tracking supervisors, the event management and the department manager for utility dogs should take part. The time must be announced duly.

## 10. Classification and title

The participant with the highest total number of points within a trial level is the winner. Only in the highest trial level is a title awarded as follows: "WTWU FCI-IGP-FH [Title e.g. World Champion, European Champion] 20xx [year]" respectively "WTWU FCI-IFH 2 [Title e.g. World Champion, European Champion] 20xx [year]".

In the event of a tie in the FCI-IGP-FH, the following decides:

- first the higher individual result from the two tracks as follows
  - dog handler 1 -> track 1: 96 / track 2: 96 = total 192
  - dog handler 2 -> track 1: 97 / track 2: 95 = total 192 -> comes first!
- then the higher individual result of the second (last) track as follows
  - dog handler 1 -> track 1: 97 / track 2: 95 = total 192
  - dog handler 1 -> track 1: 95 / track 2: 97 = total 192 -> comes first!

In the event of a tie in the FCI-IFH V, FCI-IFH 1 and FCI-IFH 2, the following decides:

- the higher total result of the tracking objects (max. 21 points)

If it is still not possible to rank, the participants will be classified ex aequo in the same rank. The next placement is then skipped.

A team evaluation only takes place in the highest trial level (FCI-IGP-FH respectively FCI-IFH 2). For the placement of the teams, the participant total results of each nation that passed the test positively are evaluated. In the event of a tie, the procedure is the same as for the individual rating. Only in the highest trial level the winning team will be awarded a title as follows: "WTWU FCI-IGP-FH team [title eg. World Champion, European Champion] 20xx [year]" respectively "WTWU FCI-IFH 2 team [title eg. World Champion, European Champion] 20xx [year]".

All results are to be entered accordingly in the scorebook of each participant. The event is called "WTWU FCI- [trial level eg. IGP-FH] [event eg. World Championship, European Championship]".

At the closing ceremony, the ranking of the individual results takes place first, only then the team results.

## 11. Prizes

In addition to the prizes for ranking 1 to 3 in the individual and team rankings in the FCI-IGP-FH, only the following honorary prizes are to be provided:

- Best track 1st day
- Best track 2nd day

In the event of a tie, all starters in FCI-IGP-FH with this maximum number of points will receive the same prize. These honorary prizes may also be awarded to participants who have not passed the overall trial.

Each participant should receive a small starter prize (commemorative prize).

## 12. Conditions of participations

Dog handlers with terriers who are members of a WTWU member association are eligible to participate.

Dog handlers from non-member countries of the WTWU can be granted the right to participate in the event as “guest starters” if they apply timely before the end of the registration deadline and if they receive approval from the WTWU executive board. For guest starters there is a separate guest rating with ranking. Titles are only awarded to starters from WTWU member associations.

Each country is allowed to send a maximum of 2 starters. If the event is held in all trial levels, the maximum permitted number of participants per country is to be filled first with FCI-IGP-FH respectively FCI-IFH 2 starters, second with FCI-IFH 1 starters and finally with FCI-IFH-V starters from this country. If the maximum number of 2 starters from one and the same country is registered in the same trial level, 1 substitute starter may be sent to this trial level for this country.

Only one dog may be presented per starter in the same trial level at an event. A dog handler may only take part in one event with the same dog. A two-day exam counts as one exam session. A dog handler may enter a maximum of two dogs for an examination at an event. A dog may only acquire one title within an event.

A participant can only start for the country in which he has his permanent residence.

FCI-approved pedigrees must be presented for the dogs registered. Dogs registered in the appendix of the stud book of a member of the FCI and those registered in the stud book of an organization that is not a member of the FCI but with which the FCI is linked by a contractual agreement of mutual recognition of stud books, are also eligible. Just like neutered dogs.

Each participant must present a valid scorebook, which must be issued by the national organization for which the participant is starting.

The registration with a given registration form has to be made collectively for all starters of a country by the team leader to the event management.

Each participant must prove at least one successfully passed trial in the FCI-tracking dog trial level for which he is registering. The qualification period begins on the first day after an event and ends with the registration deadline for the next event. However, the exam must not have been older than 18 months (from the 1st day of the event) and had to be passed in the country for which the participant is starting. It is up to each member country to supplement and/or tighten these requirements.

If there are several member associations in one and the same country, then the primary responsibility for creating the qualification modalities lies with the pedigree dog kennel club for terriers that was the first to become a member of the WTWU. However, this association is free to assign this right - even partially - to another member association within the same country. However, the responsibility for FCI-IGP and FCI-tracking dogs always lies with the Airedale Terrier Club – provided that it is a member. Otherwise, the basic rule applies.

The reigning winner of the FCI-IGP-FH respectively FCI-IFH 2 (highest trial level) of an event is automatically entitled to start with the same dog in the same trial level in the immediately following year as the defending champion. He is not included in the total number of starters for his country but starts additionally if he is registered by his member association.

Registration deadline is generally 6 weeks before the event date. Entry forms not received by then will not be considered. The event management must confirm the receipt of the entry forms to the team leader.

### **13. Objection**

The decision of the judges is final and incontestable. An objection can only be raised due to violations of the specifications of the current International Utility Dogs Regulation of the FCI. It must be submitted to the event manager by the team leader. A deposit must be paid in advance, the amount of which is regulated in the WTWU scale of fees and expenses.

The final decision on the objection is made, led by the chairman of the WTWU (in his absence by the department manager for utility dogs), by all trial judges of the trial level concerned and the trial secretary present at the trial.

### **14. Insurance**

The organizer must provide adequate insurance cover for the judges, trial secretaries, supervisors, helpers, employees and visitors.

The owner of the dog is liable for damage caused by his dog with his liability insurance, the existence of which a participant must prove in the course of the registration.

### **15. Miscellaneous**

The executive board and the department manager for utility dogs of the WTWU are to be invited to the event. The relevant assumption of costs is regulated in the scale of fees and expenses of the WTWU.

### **16. Changes**

Changes/supplements to these guidelines are made by the executive board of the WTWU and require the approval of the GMD of the WTWU. They must be timed in such a way that there is no adverse impact on the ongoing qualifications for an event. They will be sent to all member organizations in a circular letter and published on the WTWU homepage.