

FEDERATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE (FCI)

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ADDENDA TO THE RACES REGULATIONS OF THE F.C.I.

REGULATIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FCI CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

1° Type of Championship races

Each year, the F.C.I can license three races of Championship :

- 1.1 The "FCI World Championships"
- 1.2 The "F.C.I. European Championships"
- 1.3 The "FCI World Snow Championships"

2° Attribution of the titles.

The titles obtained in races are called :

- 2.1 FCI World Winner of the year (for instance 1991)
- 2.2 FCI European Winner of the year (for instance 1991)
- 2.3 FCI Snow World Winner of the year (For instance 1991)

3° Organizer

These races are organized by a member country of the F.C.I. The FCI Commission for Sighthounds appoints the country and the place, as well as a substitute organizer, two years in advance.

- 3.1 These Championships must be organized on the racing-tracks classified in the "A" category only.
- 3.2 Between the authorization and the organization of the races, the FCI Commission for Sighthounds has the right to verify the state of the racing-track and to impose, possibly, modifications.
- 3.3 During the FCI Championships, other international races for Sighthounds are not allowed.

4° Authorization to take part

- 4.1 Are admitted all the racing dogs owing a races licence delivered by a member country of the F.C.I. and which are entered by their national federation. Any dog registered with the addenda to the StudBook (Register) is also allowed to take part.
- 4.2 The maximal number of participants per breed and per sex is six dogs per country. Exceptions require the approval of the F.C.I. Commission for Sighthounds. The winners of the preceding year can defend their title, apart from the total of six dogs allowed.

- 4.3 The dogs entered must have terminated, without making any faults, the last two races they took part to before the deadline of the entry. A disqualification between the moment the entry is closed and the championship actually takes place precludes from participation. Dogs injured during a race after the first start and withdrawn from the race after a vet's decision (with the certificate of the veterinary), will see their start considered as being regular.

5° Description of the event

The draft of the text describing the event must be submitted to the delegate of the FCI Commission for Sighthounds for approval. This text can only be forwarded to the other national federations of the F.C.I. after meeting with the approval of the latter,

6° Entry

- 6.1 The entry to the F.C.I. Championship races cannot be made straightforward to the organizer of the event ; they must be sent to the national federation of the dog's owner exclusively.
- 6.2 Only dogs that, considering their results, are befitting of such a top competition can be entered in the FCI Championship races. Each national federation appoints the dogs that can be entered.
- 6.3 Each country may appoint substitute dogs besides the number of participants set by Art. 4.2, that will possibly have the opportunity to replace the dogs eliminated from the team.
- 6.4 Each national federation must enter the dogs according to their results and separated according to the breed and sex. The entry form must contain the name of the dogs in accordance with the Stud book, as well as the owner's name, in accordance with the races licence. These forms must reach the organizer at least four weeks before the event.

7° Officials

Together with the entry forms, each country is required to send to the organizer the names of the people proposed to act as officials. The members of the jury and the race observers are appointed by the organizer. In any case, the jury must consist of three members, coming from different countries ; a substitute has also to be foreseen. Likewise, one must make sure that race observers from different nationalities be present all along the track.

8° Requirements for the awarding of the titles

- 8.1 When at least six dogs per sex and per breed take part to a race, one title can be awarded to the male winner and another to the female winner. When, by sex, less than six dogs participate, the dogs run together and for this race, one title only will be awarded.
- 8.2 When, in a breed, less than six dogs are taking part, there will be no title, whereas the prizes that were published will be awarded.
- 8.3 When, in a breed, less than four dogs are entered, the race will not take place.

9° Distances of the races

For large breeds : 475-480 m.

For small breeds : 350-365 m.

Slight exceptions are possible.

10° Prizes

10.1 Certificates of the title earned (issued by the national organizing federation)

10.2 Blankets for the winners of the races

FCI World Championships - White

FCI European Championships - Blue

FCI Snow World Championships - Red

10.3 For the finalists : prizes of honour.

11° Registration fee

The amount of the registration fee is set by the FCI Commission for Sighthounds, in German D.M. This registration fee is to be paid to the national federations ; the team-leader will give the money to the organizer.

12° Team-leader

When participants are being entered, each national federation informs about the name of its team-leader.

12.1 During the event, the team-leader is the spokesman and the assistant of the participants of his national federation for any kind of problem.

12.2 He gets instructions from the organizers and convey them to the members of his team.

12.3 He makes the liaison between the different dogs' owners of his country and the organizers of the event.

12.4 He must inform the organizers about all the problems, suggestions, objections and complaints concerning his team and he settles these matters with them.

12.5 In his team, he is responsible for the discipline. He answers the questions and gives the requested explanations.

12.6 When dogs are entering the track, he collects and controls the races licenses and the working books of his members which he then hands to the secretariat. He must be informed as soon as possible about withdrawals.

13° Procedure.

- 13.1 The dogs qualified for the final are designated considering the times they took to run the preliminary heats. Every dog, *with the exception of Greyhounds*, has to take part t minimum two preliminary heats, the final being the third race. In order to qualify for the final, one considers the shorter time of the two preliminary heats. In a category, should less than 36 dogs, or for the Greyhounds less than 18, be entered, then the final results can be established without time-keeping. *For Greyhounds, only one preliminary heat is compulsory, a second one being optional.* The FCI Commission for Sighthounds can allow exceptions.
- 13.2 To remain in the spirit of the protection of animals, useless races must be avoided.
- 13.3 Should the entry be too important, then the organizer of a FCI Championship race can spread the event over two days. However, the races for a single breed must be organized on the same day. In this case, the breeds Afghans, Whippets and Greyhounds compete on the Sunday and all the other breeds on the Saturday. For the substitute dogs in the breeds Afghans, Greyhounds and Whippets, which cannot participate in the championship, an international race has to be scheduled on the Saturday
- 13.4 For the time-keeping, a "photo-finish" system will be made available. This system must indicate the time taken by each dog that crosses the arrival. The organizer will install the time-keeping equipment.
- 13.5 Furthermore, a substitute similar equipment must be provided.
- 13.6 In addition, judges should be present on the finish.

14° - Delegate of the FCI Commission for Sighthound for the Championship race.

The F.C.I Commission for Sighthounds appoints for each championship races a competent person as manager of the event. The task of this delegate is to supervise the preparation and the organization of the whole event, including the examination of the programme. The delegate, may ask, if need be, modifications and take final decisions in special cases. In case of disputes, the jury must seek his/her advice. The expenses of this delegate are to be paid by the organizer.

15° Other regulations.

For all the matters that are not dealt with in these regulations, please refer to the valid FCI Races regulations.

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