

REGULATIONS (April 14th)

for the 2nd IFCS World Agility Championships 2004

1. GENERAL

1.1. The 2nd IFCS World Agility Championships 2004 is held in Valencia (Spain) on the 7th-9th of May 2004, in Picassent, Spain at the Picassent Agility Club facility.

1.2. The Championships are organized by the International Federation of Cynological Sports (IFCS).

1.3. The Championships are provided by the Spanish Federation of Agility and Canine Education (FEAEC).

1.4. The Championships are held under the IFCS official international rules and according to the present Regulations.

1.5. Absence or availability of pedigree documents, dog's breed and registration do not influence on the permit to the Championships.

1.6. The official languages of the Championships are English, Russian (official languages of the IFCS) and Spanish (language of a host country). The official information of the Championships is announced and published in any of official IFCS languages and may be duplicated in language of a host country. For entry forms, appeals and applications any of these languages can be used.

1.7. Travel to the place of competition and back, accommodation and food expenses of a team are paid by directing organization and/or its competitors.

2. THE PROGRAM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.1. Program of individual competitions:

- a) Agility-Standard;
- b) Jumping;
- c) Snooker;
- d) Gamblers;
- e) Biathlon (Agility-Standard + Jumping);
- f) All around (Agility-Standard + Jumping + Snooker + Gamblers).

2.2. Program of national team competitions (for the IFCS members only):

- a) Triathlon (Agility-Standard + Jumping + Team Relay).

2.3. Program of non-championship kinds of competitions

- a) Power & Speed.
- b) Dog Agility Steeplechase[®]. - Two successive rounds of competition with a jumpers course that includes an A-frame. Fastest dog wins, after adding faults to time. The top 25% of competitors in each height class qualify to enter the \$10,000 Dog Agility Steeplechase^{®*} championships to be held in Scottsdale, Arizona, USA, on November 11-14, 2004.

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3. PARTICIPANTS, ENTRIES

3.1. Every nation can enter in individual kinds of the program (championship and non-championship) with the following maximum number of sportsmen with dogs:

- a) IFCS Member Nations (full, associate & provisional) – 3 sportsmen (and 3 dogs) in each height class (i.e. no more than 12 sportsmen and 12 dogs from a country overall).
- b) IFCS Recognized Nations (have signed and submitted declaration of support) – 2 sportsmen (and 2 dogs) in each height class (i.e. no more than 8 sportsmen and 8 dogs from a country overall).
- c) Other Nations – 1 sportsman (and 1 dog) in each height class (i.e. no more than 4 sportsmen and 4 dogs from a country overall).

3.2. It is permissible that a sportsman competes with two or more dogs but number of dogs overall must meet the requirements of section 3.1. of these Regulations.

3.3. Each national team of IFCS member shall designate a team of three sportsmen (and three dogs) from among its national team delegation pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.4 of these regulations for participation in the Team Triathlon. Each national team may designate up to two alternates (replacements) from among its remaining delegation, with one from the small dog division and the other from the large dog division. A team may substitute sportsmen in any class for strategic reasons or for reasons necessary because of illness or other inability to perform; however, in each class a team must meet the requirements of Section 3.4. Thus, up to two sportsmen of a Team may be different in each of the three classes, but requirements of sections 3.1 and 3.4 must be met in all cases.

3.4. National team (see Section 3.3 above) shall be comprised of two of the four height classes that correspond with jump heights established by the IFCS rules. At the same time both small division (toy class or mini class) and large division (medium class or maxi class) should be represented in the national team for the team triathlon competition.

Examples of permissible team composition:

- two dogs of toy class and one dog of medium class
- two dogs of maxi class and one dog of mini class
- two dogs of maxi class and one dog of toy class
- two dogs of medium class and one dog of mini class
- two dogs of mini class and one dog of medium class
- etc.

3.5. Sportsmen entries are submitted by the sporting cynological organization of corresponding country, which is a member of the IFCS or has IFCS official recognition. Nations, which don't have these organizations, take part in the Championships through an IFCS representative in one of these countries. Sportsmen may be entered to represent a country only for which they have citizenship.

3.6. National team is selected on a competitive basis and without prejudice. The authorized IFCS organization (or IFCS designated representative) determines regulations for forming of national team by itself. Regulations of forming of national team cannot restrict participation in the selection process on any basis that is discriminatory toward sportsman or dog or due to the lack of pedigree.

3.7. Entry forms shall be presented to FEAEC no later than April 30, 2004.

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3.8. Entry fee is shown below and must be wired to:

Bank info: Bank= BANESTO Account name= FVAEC
 N° C.C.C. 0030-3284-60-0000 762 271
 IBAN: IBAN ES08 0030 3284 6000 0076 2271
 BIC: ESPC-ESMM

Class of Competition	Full, Associate & Provisional IFCS Member Nations	All other Sportsmen
WAC Individual Program	35 Euros for each sportsman/dog team	50 Euros for each sportsman/dog team
WAC Team Program	No Charge/Auto Entry	No Entry Permitted
Dog Agility Steeplechase®	10 Euros for each sportsman/dog team	13 Euros for each sportsman/dog team

Each enrolled sportsmen is automatically entered in all classes of the Individual Program.

A schedule of sportsmen and information about their dogs in the form drawn below must be submitted to FEAEC via email or fax no later than April 30, 2004.

Nation Represented: _____

Sponsoring Organization (IFCS MEMBER): _____

Entry Fee Wire Transfer Information:

Date: _____ Confirmation # _____

Sportsman	Home City, Country	Dog Name	Breed
“Toy” / Jump Hight = 30cm/12” - Withers = 30 cm (12”) or less			
1.			
2.			
3.			
“Mini” / Jump Hight = 40cm/16” - Withers = 40 cm (16”) or less			
4.			
5.			
6.			
“Medium” / Jump Hight = 55cm/22” - Withers = 50 cm (20”) or less			
7.			
8.			
9.			
“Maxi” / Jump Hight = 65cm/26” – Withers = > than 50 cm (20 “)			
10.			
11.			
12.			

***Composition of team (including alternates) to participate in national team triathlon as described in Section 3.3 must be designated prior to start of the Team Triathlon competition.**

3.9. For cruel treatment with the dog, improper conduct or hindering to the performance of another sportsman the participant will be disqualified for all Championships.

3.10. Every dog should have required vaccinations for transport of dogs to and from Spain as specified by Embassy or Consulate of Spain and by local law.

3.11. Every team should check-in at the facility between 1000 hrs and 1300 hrs on Thursday, May 6th, 2004 for practice and briefings.

4. WINNERS DETERMINATION

4.1. Winners in team triathlon are determined by the lowest score as determined by summing the time and penalties for the three team members in each of the three classes of competition – Standard Agility, Jumping and Team Relay combined.

4.1.1. In case of equality between two or more teams, advantage has a team with the best result on the relay course; if there is then equality between team on the relay course, then advantage goes to a team with the best result on the standard agility course.

4.2. For Standard Agility and Jumping classes, winners in individual kinds of program are determined for each height class by the least sum of penalty points earned. Awards are for each height class separately, except in the case where height classes are combined due to insufficient entry in any class as set forth in IFCS Agility regulations.

4.2.1. In case of equality between two or more sportsmen advantage goes to a participant with the best result for time.

4.3. For Snooker and Gamblers classes, winners in individual programs are determined by the greatest sum of points earned.

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4.4. For Power & Speed and Biathlon, winners in individual kinds of program are determined by the least sum of time and penalties (i.e., time plus faults), with scores combined from both courses in Biathlon (Agility-Standard + Jumping).

4.4.1. In case of equality between two or more sportsmen in the Biathlon, advantage goes to a participant with the best result on the agility course.

4.5. Winners in individual classification in All Around (each height class separately, except combined classes in established order) are determined by the greatest sum of points got on gamblers and snooker courses and the calculated points from Standard Agility and Jumping utilizing the following control points:

Exercise	Course Point Value	Penalty for Disqualification
Standard Agility	120 points	120 points
Jumping	100 points	100 points

The sum of a sportsman's time and penalties on course in each class shall be subtracted from the indicated Course Point Value above to determine the points earned on course for Standard Agility and Jumping, not to exceed the total point value for the course.

4.5.1. In case of equality between two or more sportsmen advantage has a participant with the best result on the agility course.

4.6. In case of equality between two or more sportsmen that has not been resolved from provisions elsewhere in this Chapter 4, a “jump off” will be held wherein the affected sportsmen shall perform a course (same or similar course as previously run and creating the score tie) in order to establish priority among sportsmen for medals and other awards.

5. WINNERS AWARD

5.1. Official rewards:

5.1.1. A team winning first place is awarded with diploma, prize (cup) and title “World Agility Champion 2004”. Team members are awarded with gold medals.

5.1.2. Teams taking second and third places are awarded with diplomas and prizes (cups). Team members are awarded with silver or bronze medals coordinately.

5.1.3. Sportsmen who win first places in individual championship kinds of the program (each height class separately, except combined classes in established order) are awarded with diplomas, gold medals, red rosette, prize (cup) and title “World Agility Champion 2004”.

5.1.4. Sportsmen taking second places (each height class separately, except combined classes in established order) are awarded with diplomas, silver medals and blue rosettes.

5.1.5. Sportsmen taking third places (each height class separately, except combined classes in established order) are awarded with diplomas, bronze medals and green rosettes.

5.1.6. Sportsmen taking placements in Dog Agility Steeplechase[®] are awarded prize money equal to one-quarter of the amount of entry fees for the class overall, by height class in the following percentages.

Place	Percent
1 st	50 %
2 nd	30 %
3 rd	20 %

5.6. Unofficial rewards:

5.6.1. State bodies, local authorities, sponsors of the Championships and other organizations can establish special and additional prizes, memorable and valuable presents, which are unofficial rewards. Handing in of unofficial rewards is coordinated by the IFCS.

6. PROCEDURES

6.1. The Championships are opened (closed) to the sound of national anthem of a host country. At the same time the national flag of a host country may be hoisted (lowered).

6.2. All time of holding of the Championships IFCS flag should flutter in a visible place.

6.3. Details of all ceremonies should be coordinated by the IFCS. One of speeches of welcome should be given by the President, Vice-President or a Council member of the IFCS on the opening and closing ceremonies, and by the President, Vice President or Council member of a host organization.

6.4. The solemn parades of all participants of the Championships are carried out on the opening and closing ceremonies only. Sportsmen take part in solemn parades under national flags of their countries.

6.5. Sportsmen take part in all solemn ceremonies with their dogs.

6.6. On the opening ceremony teams are formed in alphabetical order (alphabet of a host country). National team of a host country brings up the rear.

6.7. On the closing ceremony teams are formed in order of places taken in team classification.

6.8. Order of awarding ceremonies:

6.8.1 If it is possible awarding in each kind of the program should be held right away after finishing of competitions in this kind of program.

6.8.2. Speaker announces about beginning of awarding ceremony in a kind of the program and introduces persons, who will reward in the kind of the program. The President, Vice-President or a Council member of the IFCS should be included into the list of persons, who will reward in the kind of program.

6.8.3. During announcement about beginning of awarding ceremony in a kind of the program sportsmen or team members (with their dogs), who have taken from the first to the third places, come to the awarding area. They line up behind the pedestal of honor in accordance with taken places.

6.8.4. The pedestal of honor should be put beforehand and so that sportsmen would not stay a back to the main tribune and/or national flags, which will be hoisted in honor of winner and prizewinners.

6.8.5. Speaker begins to announce prizewinners and winner in a kind of program from the third place.

6.8.6. When speaker announces name of prizewinner (winner) in a kind of program and his/her country, the sportsman rises on the corresponding place on the pedestal of honor.

6.8.7. When a sportsman rises to the corresponding place on the pedestal of honor, official persons present him corresponding official rewards of the Championships.

6.8.8. When a sportsman, who has taken the first place, got official rewards, national anthem of his/her country sounds. In this time national flags of countries of winner and prizewinners are hoisted. Flag of a country of a winner – in the center. Flag of a country of a silver prizewinner – left and slightly lower of the flag of a winner's country. Flag of a country of a bronze prizewinner – right of the flag of a winner's country and slightly lower of the flag of a silver prizewinner's country.

6.8.9. When a national anthem of a winner's country has finished to sound, winner and prizewinners may be presented unofficial rewards established by state bodies, local authorities, sponsors and other interested organizations.

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6.9. If a winner or prizewinner doesn't come to official awarding ceremony this sportsman (team) is deprived of taken place and official rewards. In this case a sportsman (team) with the next result is awarded place and rewards.

6.10. Sketches of diplomas and medals should be coordinated with the IFCS in good time. There should be emblems of the IFCS and Championships on official rewards (diplomas, medals etc.).

6.11. Emblem of the Championships should be coordinated with the IFCS in good time. If emblem of the Championships includes the IFCS emblem, it should occupy no more than 1/3 or no less than 1/4 of emblem of the Championships.

6.12. Organizations, sending teams on the Championship, should provide national flag and national anthem on the tape or CD.

6.13. National insignia on the uniform of participants, coaches and team leaders is not regulated.

6.14. Insignia of sponsors of participants can be placed only on the clothes of sportsmen, coaches and other persons of sports delegations but must be subordinate to insignia of country and national organization insignia.

7. GRIEVANCES & DISPUTES

7.1. All matters related to scoring a performance shall be at the sole decision of the judge.

7.2. In any dispute that may arise with regard to clarification of these regulations, a decision shall be rendered by the Committee of Organizers.

7.3. Any and all other matters related to discipline or other disputes and grievances shall be heard and resolved by a Grievance Committee, which shall be appointed without bias by the Committee of Organizers, and shall include a member of each national delegation to the extent possible, as well as from among the panel of judges and Committee of Organizers.

7.4. Through participation in this event, all sportsmen and their delegation willingly and freely agree to abide by these regulations and to respect the decisions of the judges, Committee of Organizers and Grievance Committee, where one may be appointed, as final.