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Specifications Agility

For the organization of the FMBB World Championships Agility

1. General Provisions

- a. The WC Belgian Shepherd organising country will uphold following regulations.
In cases of doubt or possible exceptions, always contact the FMBB Agility commission.

2. Organisation of the World Championships Agility

- a. Categories, Classes, Grades
 - The only category competing is “Large”.
 - The obligatory classes are "Agility" and "Jumping".
 - Dogs participating need to have "Grade 2" or "Grade 3".
- b. A ring of at least 25 meters by 40 meters must be available
- c. For entering and leaving the ring there has to be a separate space where no other competitors can come.
- d. Field surface that allows fair competition without any possible hurting of the dog and competitor. Preferable is a location with possibility for two rings when the first ring is no longer usable. It would be a nice asset if some camping and parking space would be available close to the rings.
- e. A complete set of obstacles should be available.
 - 15 hurdles - 3 tunnels (5 or 6 meters) more tunnels even of different length can be used
 - no table - dog walk - see saw - flat tunnel - weaving poles (60 cm.)
 - A frame - Tire (only collapsing model)

- f. All obstacles should be according the FCI rules.
- g. Judges will follow the Agility FCI rules.
If for any reason the OC can doubt the quality of the obstacles, an expert will be appointed to assure the quality, inspection has to be done 1 month before competition.
- h. There has to be an electronic time device also with display for the crowd.
- i. A competition leader should be appointed by the OC with approval of the FMBB committee who will be single point of contact for any issues that occur before, during competition. This SPOC is the communication point for all team captains.
The SPOC will solve the issues and, if necessary talk to the FMBB Agility committee to solve the problem or to the FMBB board if necessary.
- j. Each participating country can have a team up to 8 participants and can appoint 2 reserves. If needed, reserves can replace participants at the latest during the meeting after training.
- k. The country with the holding World Champion can appoint 8 other participants next to the Champion.
- l. After the training the team captains have to assign the team members. They have to sign up there members after the team captains meeting. (after this there is no change possible any more, also when injured ill etc. no change will be allowed)
- m. Running order Final will be done by lottery, each finalist will pick his own starting number for the final. (when not present the team captain can do it)

3. Time Table

The time table:

- a. Training: each country gets 1 ½ minutes for each dog with a minimum of 5 minutes.
- b. Also on training the obstacles should not be moved, each country on the same trainings course.
- c. Course can be made by a FMBB committee member to have no argument to the OC.
- d. Friday competition.
- e. Saturday competition (1st team competition).
- f. Sunday competition (final individual) (final team).

4. Judges

- a. 3 judges should be appointed; all should be FCI Judges and have to be qualified to judge an international competition.
- b. At least one of the judges should be of another than the organizing country.
- c. In the agility courses one of the 3 judges will act as an assistant judge and will judge the up going contact of the dog walk.
- d. Every judge will be assistant in 1 agility course at least once.

5. Team competition

- a. All countries can participate in the team competition, even if they do not have 4 competitors in their team.
- b. If needed, changes can be made to a team selection at the meeting after training at the latest.
- c. The team competition consists of 2 runs: 1 jumping and 1 agility. The best three results will count for the results.
- d. Training while running a course will not be allowed. Handler and dog must leave the ring at once if training is being noticed by the acting Judge. E.g.: putting a dog back on the contact zone is training.
- e. Every participant will bring with him (wearing it or showing it to the secretariat) his number (and only 1 number at a time, even when participating with several dogs) while walking the course and while actually running the course.
- f. Getting ready to start:
 - Once the acting judge signals the course free for start, a dog passing the starting line will start the time.
 - If a dog has to be called back to take the first fence, he will be given a refusal.
 - If a dog is touched during the process, he will be faulted.
 - If a dog is touched in such a way that it is clear that touching is helping/forcing the dog to take the first fence, he will be eliminated.
 - If a handler leaves his dog in front of the starting line, once past the first obstacle, he can return to his dog. After the whistle of the judge, the handler has maximum 15 sec. to start otherwise the time will start anyway.
- g. If one of the participants in team is running 2 dogs, 2 minutes will be given to change dog and number.

6. Individual competition.

- a. To get to the individual final we have 4 qualifying runs; 2x jumping and 2x agility. Runs are held in following order:
 - Jumping 1 - Agility 1 - Jumping 2 - Agility 2.
- b. The 10 best results of each course qualify to participate in the finals.
- c. If a combination already earned its qualification in a previous run, the first combination in the same run that has not yet qualified and did not make the final yet will be appointed to participate in the final.
- d. Example given: Round 3: dogs in first and fifth place already qualified in round 1: We look at place 11. This combination is not yet qualified, so is now qualified in round 3. We look at place 12: this combination is already qualified in round 2, so we look at place 13. This combination is not yet qualified, so is now qualified in round 3.
- e. Next to the 40 dogs that will be qualified in this way, 1 combination of every participating

country will be allowed to enter the final as well. These combinations will be appointed by adding the results of their 4 qualifying runs (Faults + faults; time + time) together, A dog can only qualify as best of his country if all qualifying runs have been run, if a dog runs only three out of four runs, he can not be considered the best dog in his country. Best combination, not yet qualified will be appointed.

7. Courses

- a. Courses should be built according FCI regulation.

8. Obstacles

- a. Obstacles should be built according FCI regulation.

9. Competitors

- a. Competitors are not allowed to compete in more than one discipline at the FMBB Championships (except exposition).
- b. The participant is allowed to compete with maximum two dogs at the Championships. (The running orders can't be changed. If a handler with 2 dogs would have consecutive numbers, two minutes will be given to change dog and number.
- c. In general, FCI rules will be applied, the Standard Time is calculated on the best dog (best time with less penalties) more than 15%, maximum time is calculated as in F.C.I. rules.

10. FMBB Agility committee

Purpose of the committee

- a. Assisting in the organization of the FMBB world championships agility.
- b. Decide upon issues that may cause several interpretations with regard to regulations
- c. Brief judges.
- d. Communication with the next organizing committees (referred to as OC) and the FMBB board.