

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF THE FRENCH SHEEPDOG AND FLANDERS HERDING DOG WORLD CUP (RCI/IPO – FCI TRACKING – OBEDIENCE)

1. INTRODUCTION

This international competition, originally called “The French Sheepdog and Flanders Herding Dog Challenge”, was launched in 2003 by the Falck Club and the French Association for Briard Working Dogs, in order for these breeds to compete together in international programs established by the FCI (International Cynological Federation). In 2004, it became the CMBF or World Cup for French Sheepdogs and Flanders Herding Dogs.

The organising country and club decides on which disciplines are selected for such meetings. As far as France is concerned, Flanders Herding Dogs are to be included in these trials and the disciplines are: RCI/IPO, Obédience and FCI Tracking.

2. ORGANISATION

2.1 Any club wishing to organise this competition must have appropriate accreditation as well as experience in organising similar events.

2.2 A catalogue will be drawn up indicating all competitors by discipline and level, plus a list of all the competitors with full address and email. The numbers and running order will be drawn during the opening session when work logs will also be distributed.

2.3 The club will provide an appropriate venue as well as teams to act as secretaries for the various programs IPO, Obédience, FCI Tracking, and as stewards in the field. Hospitality is also part of the club’s responsibility, including food and drink. Accommodation will also be proposed to participants.

The club will appoint a competent leader for each trial whose tasks comprise:

- Checking the technical procedure is complied with
- Ensuring that a regulation area is made available, attributed and set up.
- Providing the necessary staff (stewards, secretaries, people for tracing, Helpers)
- Preparing the marking sheets for the judges
- Prompt collection from the secretaries of the results so that they can be displayed and collated

3. TRIAL AREAS AND PROCEDURES

3.1 The conditions for access to the trial areas must be the same for all participants. The areas do not necessarily need to have identical set-ups, there can be variations such as meadows, plowed fields or small crops for example. Obstacles such as fences, holes, etc. are only acceptable insofar as they do not hinder the progress of the handler and his/her dog too greatly. Areas used the first day may be used again on the following day. Qualified trackers must be available.

3.2 A timetable must be established and each participant must be able to check his/her slot after the draw. This timetable must allow each handler at least 2 hours between disciplines. Bitches in season (females in heat) will compete last, and will be allowed 10 minutes rest between obedience and defence. The order for the various disciplines may vary.

3.3 On the day preceding the competition, participants must be allowed time for obedience and defence training. The time allocated for this will depend on the number of participants.

3.4 A veterinary inspection can be organised before the trials begin. Females in heat are only accepted if they are kept isolated from other dogs and if they are presented for obedience and defence at the end of the trials.

3.5 The organising club will select the two helpers (as well as one or more back-ups). They must wear appropriate protective clothing and bite sleeves as defined by the FCI.

3.6 A pre-trial meeting between judges, team leaders (one per discipline) and the helpers will be organised by the club

3.7 For the bite competition, a test run will be completed by a non-competitor.

3.8 The length of the runs can be shortened. A sample of the objects to be used will be provided to the team leader.

3.9 Obedience and defence as defined by the RCI/IPO program will take place in the same area, in an order to be decided by the organiser. A separate area will be reserved for the obedience trials if they take place simultaneously with the IPO.

3.10 When distributing the prizes, individual ranking is announced first, followed by the ranking according to country. For each discipline, the corresponding national anthem will be played both for the individual competitor ranked first and for the team ranked first.

4. JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

4.1 The organiser will choose the jury for each discipline. In order to be selected, a judge must have officiated in a competition involving at least 40 participants during the previous 2 years.

4.2 The organiser will appoint a qualified tracker as track leader, and together they will:

- Choose the tracking areas
- Decide on the time schedule
- Designate the trackers
- Decide on the type of object and the order
- Number the objects and the tracks
- Add an additional track should one become unusable (e.g. due to pedestrians or vehicles)

The track leader is authorised to:

Refuse part of the area should it become too dissimilar to the other tracks due to unforeseen modifications to the ground.

5. APPROVAL AND INSCRIPTION OF COMPETITORS

5.1 The number of participants is not restricted. However, should circumstances require, the organiser can impose a limit.

5.2 Participants must belong to a country recognised by the FI.

5.3 Members of the organising committee may participate as handlers.

5.4 In order to participate, dogs must be national competitors in corresponding disciplines and have appropriate ranking as recognised by the FCI.

5.5 The dogs must have a pedigree recognised by the FCI.

5.6 Participants send their inscription *subscription* form to the organiser. The form must be signed by their own club, and must arrive before the closing date.

5.7 Participants must have a national work log that they submit to the organiser for the draw.

5.8 The work log must indicate the type and level of each competition, the rank and the discipline, the marks and comments, and the jury (judges and stewards).

6. RANKING AND TITLE

6.1 The individual participant with highest marks and ranked at least "Very Good" will be the winner of this competition, obtaining the title Winner of the French Sheepdog and Flanders Herding Dog World Cup.

6.2 The CACIT and the CACIOB will be attributed to the winner of level 3 of the discipline, in compliance with the FCI specifications. The organising club undertakes to write to the appropriate canine authorities to request the attribution of the CACIT and the CACIOB. The organising country must ensure that their application reaches the FCI at the latest 3 months before the date for the competition. (r.markschlaeger.oekv@gmx.at)

For all disciplines, the winner in a draw will be decided as follows:

- The dog with the best marks for defence (for **RCI/IPO**). If the score is still even, the youngest dog will be declared the winner.

7. PRESENTATION OF PRIZES/AWARDS

7.1 It is in the interest of canine sports for every national organisation to present a prize.

7.2 Each participant receives a souvenir or some sort of memento.

7.3 The breed clubs of the organising country can be asked to provide prizes or a financial contribution.

7.4 Support from sponsors, financial or otherwise, is accepted for the organisation of this competition.

8. INSURANCE

8.1 The organiser must provide insurance coverage for officials (judges, team leaders, Helpers, stewards) and for volunteers present on the various days of the competition.

8.2 Each participant is responsible for any damage caused by his/her dog. When registering, the participant must present proof that he/she is covered for such risks as a dog handler.

9. CLAIMS

9.1 The amount for the guarantee will be fixed in compliance with the regulations in force in the organising country, and will revert to the organisation if the claim is rejected.

9.2 The president of the organisation (or his/her representative) will chair the session. The decision concerning claims is taken together with the judge for the discipline and the trial leader, team leader or track leader.

10. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

10.1 The stipulations indicated in the international regulations for working dogs established by the FCI and the stipulations concerning **IPO3** must be complied with.

10.2 Should a dispute arise concerning points not covered by the present requirements, the final decision will be taken by the president of the organiser in collaboration with the relevant judges.

10.3 Each organising country may establish its specific internal regulations concerning organisation of the event.

11. PUBLICITY

11.1 Information about this competition must be communicated to all breed clubs in the organising country (Beauceron, Briard, Pyrenean sheepdog, Picard sheepdog, Flanders herding dog), to user clubs in the organising country, to breed clubs in other European countries as well as to the referent for each country who will communicate details to all appropriate clubs and institutions in his/her country.

Information may also be communicated via canine websites or specialised publications.

A poster must be distributed as widely as possible, announcing the competition.

Over the past years, a network of CMBF correspondents has been set up in order to promote this competition and ensure that information about is communicated to canine clubs, breed clubs, websites and specialised publications throughout Europe.

A dedicated CMBF site exists for each event.

All information and details are on the ABT website www.abt-fr.com

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PAST CMBF EVENTS

2003 : FALCK (France)
2004 : CHASTRES (Belgium)
2005 : CHASTRES (Belgium)
2006 : FALCK (France)
2007 : BAUSCHLOTT (Germany)
2008 : FALCK (France)
2009 : SCHIFFFLANGE (Luxembourg)
2010 : Cancelled
2011 : DRUSSENHEIM (France)
2012 : PFUNGSTADT (Germany)
2013 : EBREICHSDORF (Austria)
2014 : REICHSHOFFEN (France)
2015 : TREBON (Czech Republic)
2016 : FALCK (France)