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## RULES FOR THE FCI EUROPEAN CUP FOR ENGLISH HUNTING SPANIELS

### REGULATION "A" OF THE FCI



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## **ARTICLE 1: AIMS**

1.1 The aim of the European Cup is to promote the use of English Spaniels by using a high-level competition to showcase their aptitude for hunting, while allowing dog-lovers and hunters to meet at a major international trial.

## **ARTICLE 2: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

2.1 The general provisions are those in Regulation “A” of the FCI for English Spaniels.

2.2 The competition will take place over two consecutive days of field trials, using natural game as much as possible.

## **ARTICLE 3: ORGANISATION**

3.1 The event is organised in a member country of the FCI.

3.2 The choice of organising country is decided by a majority vote of the delegates of countries using regulation “A”; in the event there is no majority, the President of the Commission will have the casting vote.

3.4 The FCI Commission for English Spaniels then delegates the organisation of the event to a committee to be formed in the country that will hold the event.

3.5 This organising committee will be responsible for all initiatives required to stage the event.

3.2 Any country interested in organising the Cup will, before the end of June, send members of the Commission a file setting out:

- The proposed dates for the European Cup,
- The selected location,
- The type of cover on the field trial terrains,
- The varieties of game to be found there, specifying whether or not they are natural,
- The price of the entry fees,
- Accommodation options in the area,
- The name of the person selected to chair the organising committee,
- The e-mail address to contact the organising committee.

3.6 The country selected is free to organise national trials before the European Cup; failing this, a training ground will be made available to competitors the day before the trials.

## **ARTICLE 4: PARTICIPATION**

4.1 A country can be represented by a single dog in individual competition.

4.2 In team competition, each country can put forward a team of “Cockers” and a team of “Other Varieties”.

- In the Cockers and Other varieties teams, each country will be represented by two to four dogs.
- A reserve dog may be nominated, provided that this has been notified in advance in accordance with the present rules.

4.3 The following qualify for participation in the European Cup: English Spaniels from countries affiliated to the FCI whose abilities have been verified by the organising committee, on condition that both dog and owner, on the date of the trials in the Cup, have held the nationality of the country they represent for at least one year.

4.4 The handler can have a different nationality to that of the owner and the dog, but he can only act for one country.

4.5 A handler can only act in a single series in one of the two categories.

4.6 Each team taking part in the European Cup will be represented by a team captain directly appointed by the country.

## **ARTICLE 5: REGISTRATION**

5.1 Entries, including those for reserve dogs, must reach the organising committee at least ten days before the event.

5.2 In order to be valid, entries must include the following details, which must be included in the programme:

- Name, breed and sex of the dog,
- Stud book,
- Tattoo or microchip number,
- Workbook number,
- Name and address of breeder, owner and handler
- Copies of the possible water retrieval certificate for the current year.

5.3 The total amount of entry fees must be paid before the start of the event.

## **ARTICLE 6: JUDGES**

6.1 The organising committee decides the number of judges to be supplied by the various participating countries; each country is responsible for choosing the judges it is required.

6.2 There cannot be a majority of judges from one country.

6.3 Each jury will be composed of two or three judges of different nationalities, one of whom will operate as chairman of the jury.

6.4 Jury chairmen/women will be of different nationalities and will come from countries that actually organise competitions under FCI Regulation A; they are appointed for the two days of the Cup.

6.5 Should a run-off prove necessary, the jury will be comprised of the chairmen of the relevant series.

6.6 Judges' travel expenses will be paid by their home countries.

6.7 Costs of accommodation and meals will be paid by the organising country.

## **ARTICLE 7: GAME**

7.1 No game may be introduced during or on the day before the competition.

## **ARTICLE 8: COORDINATION**

8.1 The chairman of the organising committee will convene a meeting of the judges on the day before the trials, before the order of presentation of the dogs is publicly drawn, in order to:

- Verify that the registration of dogs, owners and handlers complies with the rules
- Appoint jury chairmen
- To decide, by drawing lots, the composition of the series and the juries, as well as the terrains allocated to each series and the series allocated to each jury for both days.
- Dealing with any possible points of contention.

## **ARTICLE 9: SCHEDULE**

9.1 The trials will be held over two days.

9.2 The competitions will be open – to individuals and to teams – in both categories: Cockers and Other Varieties.

9.3 When twelve dogs are entered in one category, these must be divided into two series.

9.4 Lots are drawn publicly on the evening before each day of competition to decide the order of performance, under the direction of the organising committee.

9.5 On both days of competition, it will be possible to award the maximum qualification (CACIT) in each category, "Cockers" and "Other Varieties".

9.6 On the second day, each series will be judged on a terrain and by a jury both different to the first day, in accordance with the draws set out in article 8.

## **ARTICLE 10: EVALUATION / QUALIFICATION**

10.1 in order to establish the classification for the award of titles, points are allocated to the dogs in accordance with the results obtained over the two days of competition by applying the following scoring system:

- CACIT = 12 points
- Reserve CACIT = 11 points
- CAC = 10 points
- Reserve CAC = 9 points
- 1st Excellent = 8 points
- Other Excellent = 7 points
- 1<sup>st</sup> Very Good = 5 points
- Other Very Good = 4 points
- Good = 2 points

10.2 Individual and team points may not be combined.

10.3 The order of classification in the category "individual" is decided by the total number of points obtained by each dog over the two days of competition, using the above scoring system.

- To be classified, a dog must have taken part in both days of competition and have obtained at least an 'Excellent' qualification during one of these days.
- In the event of an equal number of points, there will be a run-off for the title.
- The dog awarded first place is declared "Champion of the European Cup for English Spaniels" under FCI Regulation "A" for the current year.
- Dogs coming second and third will, respectively, be declared "Vice Champion" and "Third placed" for the current year.

10.4 The order of classification for teams is determined by the total number of points obtained by the best two dogs of each team on both days of competition, in accordance with the parameters outlined above.

- To qualify for classification, a team must have at least two dogs in the standings.
- In the event of an equal number of points, the following are taken into consideration in order: the largest number of classified dogs in each group, then the total number of points obtained by each team.
- The team awarded first place is declared "Team Champion of the European Cup for English Spaniels" for the current year under FCI regulation "A".
- The teams finishing in second and third place respectively will be declared "Vice Champion" and "Third-placed Cup Team".

## **ARTICLE 11: PRIZES**

11.1 The organising country is responsible for the prizes.

## **ARTICLE 12: EXCLUSIONS**

12.1 Dogs and/or handlers that do not fulfil all the requirements of articles 4 and 5 may not take part in the competitions.

12.2 Aggressive dogs and those with a contagious disease will be excluded from the competitions.

## **Art. 13 - APPEALS**

13.1 There is no appeal against the judgements and assessments of the jury.

13.2 In the event of disputes during a competition, any appeal will be settled on the ground by the organising committee.

#### **Art. 14 - THE PUBLIC**

14.1 The public attending the event must behave correctly, without disturbing the smooth running of the competition and without openly expressing judgement.

14.2 The public must at all times comply with the instructions of the organisers. Those who transgress will be removed from the competition grounds.

#### **Art. 15 – SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

15.1 In the event of a failure to retrieve wounded game, the jury is authorised to call a second dog to try to recover it; if the game is found, the first dog will be eliminated.

15.2 If weather conditions allow, a water retrieval will be organised on both days.

#### **Art. 16 – FINAL PROVISION**

16.1 FCI Regulation “A” covers everything that is not specifically provided for in these rules.

***These regulations were approved by the FCI General Committee in Paris, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011.  
They are valid as from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.***