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Guidelines for the organization of FCI Dog Dancing competitions



APPROVAL OF COMPETITION

To organize a FCI competition, the club must be approved to host FCI competitions by the NCO member of the FCI.

FCI International Competitions have to be approved by the FCI.

The judge's expenses will be fully covered by the organizer following the general instructions of the FCI.

INVITATIONS

The invitation to a FCI competition should contain the following information:

- Competition place and date.
- Entry details – including when entries close.
- Name and nationality of judges.
- Which official and unofficial classes participants can enter.
- Ring size and judges' places.
- How and when to hand in the music and in which format.
- If the host country has any additional rules and regulations, which the participants must abide to.
- Contact details for further questions.
- Type of flooring described, in order for handlers to adapt their routines accordingly.

INFORMATION FOR HANDLERS PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION

The following information must be available to the handlers no later than 2 weeks prior to the competition:

- Running order.
- Timetable (as accurate as possible), with time for music check-in, classes and presentation.
- Name of Chief Steward
- Name and contact info for a vet that will be available on the day.
- How to deal with bitches in season at the venue
- Phone number for emergencies on the day
- Colour of flooring published

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

Requirements for technical equipment:

- The organizers should have the possibility to play the participants' music from at least mp3 files on a portable USB device
- A computer-system or calculators for the score-keepers.
- A music player, which plays music of a reasonable quality.

HELPERS

The organizers must have the following helpers available for the show. Some of these tasks can also be combined, if it does not affect the quality:

- Chief Steward - responsible for all the requirements to arrange the competition and for ensuring that the show is held in accordance with the FCI rules.
- DJ – responsible for music check-in and for starting and stopping the music during the competition.
- Ring Steward/s – responsible for sending dogs and handlers in and out of the ring and guiding participants to where they need to be on the show grounds.
- Judges – in accordance with the FCI rules
- A vet. The vet does not have to be present on the show grounds all day, but the organizers are responsible for having contact info for a vet, who is available during the competition.
- Score-keeper – to keep order of score sheets and results. In Championship competitions there should be at least two score-keepers.
- A Speaker - to announce the next competitor in the ring and keep spectators informed on the events. The organizer must provide sufficient equipment to make the speaker heard loud and clear.

The organizers can have the following helpers available for the show:

- Webmaster – to keep everyone up to date on the events.
- Judges' secretary – to make sure the score sheets come from the judges to the score-keeper.
- Translators – if necessary to communicate with one or more of the judges.
- Time keeper to help the judges follow the schedule

INSURANCE

Competition organizers must prepare for possible damages in the competition by acquiring an insurance policy, or through other means. Organizers must have group insurance for judges and competition officials, and liability insurance to cover personal or property damages to audience, officials or outsiders.

The handler must have a valid insurance, covering sports injuries. Handler and/or dog's owner are responsible for the damage that they or their dog causes.

THE ORGANIZERS' OBLIGATIONS

The organizer must make sure that the following are available on the day of the show:

- A ring with an even, non-slippery surface and clear markings to show where the ring starts and ends.
- A warm-up area near the ring, preferable with the same surface as in the ring to ensure that the dog knows what to expect, when entering the ring.
- Chairs and tables for the judges and helpers.
- A place for bitches in season to be until they can enter the venue.
- A "white dog", i.e. a performing but not competing dog should be used as the first entrant in the competition ring.

- A relatively quiet place for dogs and handlers to be, when not competing. There must be access to water and sanitation. It is preferable that the handler can keep an eye on the ring and on their dogs at the same time.
- Food and drinks for the judges and helpers.
- Organizers are responsible for the judges' expenses according to the general FCI rules and regulations.
- The organizers are responsible for planning and managing their budget.
- The organizers take care of complying to national legislation in regard of playing music at a public event.
- The organizer should take care that it is possible for the dogs to enter and exit the ring without having to meet at the doorway.
- The organizers must plan sufficient time for each team to compete and be evaluated. At a Championship level, this would mean a minimum of 7 minutes per performance schedule.
- The organizers should also consider the changing facilities.

TO BE FURTHER NOTED WHEN ORGANIZING CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

- The dates of the international Championship competitions should be published as soon as the competition has been approved by the FCI, preferably at least a year in advance.
- The invitations to a Championship level competition should be sent out at least six months prior to the competition.
- Judges for an international Championship should be invited preferably at least a year in advance.
- In case of a judge cancelling the appointment due to medical reasons or other similar force majeure, the organizers must announce the replacement without delay.
- Information about the Championship competition must be easily available for everybody online. Closed social media platforms are a useful addition to this, but not sufficient as the sole info channel. The online information should be available at least six months before the competition.
- Opening and closing ceremonies are expected
- The results should be published online within two weeks after the competition in addition to announcing them at the venue.

These Guidelines were approved by the FCI General Committee in Budapest, May 2018. They come into force as from publication.