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Specifications Agility

For the organization of the FMBB World Championships Agility

1. General Provisions

- a. The FMBB WC 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".
 - Teams participating need to fulfill minimum "Grade 2".
- 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 participants can come.
- d. Field surface that allows fair competition without any possible hurting of the dog and participant. 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. Obstacles should be manufactured and available according to FCI regulations
- f. Judges will follow the Agility FCI rules.
If for any reason the organizing committees (referred to as 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.

- g. There has to be an electronic time device with an accuracy of hundreds of a second including a display for the crowd. It is moreover mandatory to provide public online results for both – individual and team runs.
- h. In general, FCI rules will be applied, the Standard Time is calculated on the best dog (best time with the least number of penalties) +15%- Maximum time is calculated as in FCI rules.
- 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 and 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 when needed.
- j. Each participating country can have up to 8 participants plus 2 reserves. If the total number of participants is lower than 160, also reserves can start. However the total number should not exceed 180 teams in total. To complete the total number of participants, it is also possible to enable the start of just 1 reserve per country.
Reserves can replace participants at the latest during the team leader meeting after the training.
- k. The country with the holding World Champion can appoint 8 + 2 other participants next to the Champion.

3. **Time Table**

- a. Training: each country gets 1 ½ minutes for each dog with a minimum of 5 minutes.
- b. On training the obstacles should not be moved, each country will train on the same training course.
- c. Course can be made by a FMBB committee member or someone appointed by the committee.
- d. Wednesday – Official training and veterinary checking, Thursday and Friday - individual qualification runs, Saturday - Team competition, Sunday - Individual final.

Tuesday	Opening Ceremony
Wednesday	Official Training
Thursday	Jumping 1 Agility 1
Friday	Jumping 2 Agility 2

Saturday	Team Jumping Team Agility
Sunday	final Jumping individual final Agility individual

4. Judges

- a. Minimum 2 judges should be appointed; all should be FCI International Judges.
- b. At least one of the judges should be of another than organizing country.

5. Team competition

- a. In team competition each participant country can start with two teams of maximum 4 dogs each. The minimum dogs in a team is 3, however countries with less than 3 dogs in total can start in team competition.
- b. If needed, changes can be made to a team selection before the Friday team competition drawing (after all individual qualification runs are complete).
- c. The team competition consists of 2 runs: Team Jumping and Team Agility. Team competition takes place according to FCI rules. Running order Team Jumping will be done by lottery, team captains will pick starting numbers. Running order of Team Agility will be the reverse order of the results of Team Jumping.
- d. If one of the participants in a team is running 2 or more dogs, 2 minutes will be given to change dog and number.

6. Individual competition.

- a. To get to the individual final there are 4 qualifying runs; 2x jumping and 2x agility.
Runs are held in following order:
Jumping 1 > Agility 1 > Jumping 2 > Agility 2.
- b. The 15 best dogs of each run qualifies to participate in the finals.
If a dog already earned its qualification in a previous run, the first dog in the same run that has not yet qualified will be appointed to participate in the final.

Example given: Round 3: dogs in first and fifth place already qualified in round 1: We look at place 16. This dog is not yet qualified, so is now qualified in round 3. We look at place 17 : this dog is already qualified in round 2, so we look at place 18. This dog is not yet qualified, so is now qualified in round 3.

- c. Next to the 60 dogs that will be qualified as stated at chapter 6.b, 1 dog of every participating country which is not yet represented in the finals will be allowed to enter the final as well. These dogs will be appointed by adding the results of their 4 qualifying runs (Faults + faults; time + time) together. Dog can only qualify as best of his country if all qualifying runs have been run, if a dog ran only three out of four runs, he can not be considered the best dog of his country. Best dog will only be appointed for countries not yet represented in the final.

- d. The individual final consists of 2 runs: Final Jumping and Final Agility. Running order of Final Jumping 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). Running order Agility Final will be the reverse order of the results of Jumping Final.

7. Courses

- a. Courses must be built according to FCI regulations.

8. 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. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. The following dogs may not participate:
 - pregnant bitches and bitches up to the end of the 3rd month after giving birth,
 - dogs that are visibly sick or injured,
 - dogs that did not meet the veterinary conditions given by the organizer,
 - dogs under the influence of stimulants and prohibited substances,
 - dogs aggressive towards people or other dogs.

9. 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 OC and the FMBB board.