



## General Specifications for the organization of the FMBB World Championships

### 1. Application and award

- a. The World Championship must take place during the last full weekend of the month of April and the second full weekend of the month of May. It is mandatory to announce the date of the World Championship to the FMBB members and the public at least one year before the starting date.
- b. Belgian Shepherd Clubs or Kennel Clubs that want to organize the World Championships must apply in writing to the FMBB board two years before the year of organization. The presentation for the following years will take place during the general FMBB meeting the years before the championships.
- c. All correspondence concerning the World Championships must be in English and the language of the organizing Belgian Shepherd Club.
- d. The application must contain:
  1. The name of the National Belgian Shepherd Club or from the organizer if two clubs work together and the country name.
  2. The location of the World Championships.
  3. The name and address of the local person in charge for the event.
  4. The date, once set, no changing allowed.
- e. The FMBB Board shall entrust the organization and running of the World Championships to a National Belgian Shepherd Club, a combination of Belgian Shepherd Clubs (that are full FMBB member), a FCI affiliated Kennel Club or FCI contract partner.
- f. A financial plan must be submitted at the request of the FMBB board. This is to ensure that the preparation, execution, and finishing can proceed in a correct manner.
- g. An organization contract will be drafted and signed between the FMBB and the organizer.

## 2. Disciplines

- a. The FMBB World Championship can hold different disciplines (IHT TS Herding, Rescue Dog not necessarily on the same date and location).
  - 1. IGP, IGP FH, Mondioring, Agility, Show, Obedience, Canicross, Bikejöring, IHT TS Herding, Rescue Dog, Dogscooter...

## 3. Costs

- a. The organization is responsible for all costs concerning the FMBB World Championships.
- b. The supervisors, judges, helpers, and other eligible persons shall be paid by the local organizing committee.
- c. The allowance for invited supervisors, Judges & helpers (+ reserves in function at the World Championship and Helpers) is 40 € per working day (days of judging, meetings...).
- d. The organizers have the freedom to negotiate in advance with the judges and helpers to conclude an agreement for payment of travel expenses which are the most favorable rate for the organizers.

Travel expenses from home to the airport, fees for long term car park at the airport, as well as expenses for meals in transit should be refunded upon arrival at the World Championship premises or in conformity to any agreement with the organizers or in referring with the FMBB regulations. The costs cannot be excessive and/or irresponsible.
- e. In case of travel by plane or train, the organizer shall ensure the transfer to the hotel, transfer back to the airport or station as well as travel from the hotel to the competition site and back.
- f. If the single traveling distance is more than 1000 km, then traveling by airplane is obligatory.
- g. If the single traveling distance is more than 1000 km and the choice is made to travel by car, then the actual mileage will be paid with 0.35 € / km this with a maximum of seven hundred € in total.
- h. The organization shall provide sufficient good sleeping facilities for all personal were needed.
- i. Traveling costs, hotel, food, and drinks are not given to partners of judges and helpers, this can also be negotiated between the organizer and the judge or helper.

## 4. FMBB taxes

- a. IGP, Mondioring, Agility, Obedience, Rescue Dog, Herding: 30,00 € per dog.
- b. Canicross & Bikejöring: 15,00 € per dog.
- c. Taxes are to be paid for the registered dogs that are starting (working disciplines). Reserves that are not competing do not pay.
- d. FMBB World Dog Show:
  - 1. Participating dogs more than 9 months old (exception for veterans): 6,00 € per dog.
  - 2. Participating dogs under 9 months old and veterans: 3,00 € per dog.
  - 3. Taxes are to be paid for all registered dogs, even if they do not participate.

## **5. Organization**

- a. The organization committee keeps close contact through the organization responsible with the FMBB secretary to resolve any question or problem and keeps track of the preparations.
- b. The minutes and resolutions of the meetings of the organizing committee are to be submitted to the FMBB secretary in writing (in English) within 3 weeks after the meeting.
- c. The organizer that is assigned to organize the World Championship shall bear full responsibility for the smooth and trouble-free running of the championships.
- d. The organizer that is assigned to organize the World Championship shall bear full fiscal responsibility.
- e. The organizer strives to offer all visitors a “smoke-free” stadium and arranges separate 'smoking areas' for the different disciplines where possible. The organizer will uphold the local law concerning smoking in public places.

## **6. Meetings**

- a. The organization shall provide suitable locations for the different meetings before, during and/or after the championships.

## **7. Work meeting with FMBB**

- a. A delegation of the FMBB board shall meet at the venue of the World Championships in a weekend in the second part of the year before the World Championships.
- b. The person in charge of organizing the Championships or the organizing Belgian Shepherd Club is obliged to provide a suitable place for these meetings.
- c. If needed, the person in charge of organizing the World Championships or the organizing Belgian shepherd Club shall provide rooms and meals for the FMBB delegation (max. 2 persons).
- d. The FMBB Board will inform the organization, who the delegation will be, well in advance.

## **8. FMBB delegate during the Championships**

- a. The FMBB will designate a delegate (1 person) from the FMBB board who will be accompanied by the FMBB President. Travelling costs, sleeping facilities, foods, and drinks for both are at the cost of the organization.
- b. The reimbursement of the costs is equal as in article 3.
- c. The other members of the FMBB Board and the members of the FMBB Commissions shall have free entry to all the event facilities of the FMBB World Championships.

## **9. Judges & Helpers**

- a. Not one name of any judge or helper will be published on any website or other public media before the approval of the FMBB Board.
- b. The organizing club/country/Kennel Club can send a list with proposals for Judges, the commissions can consult this list but are not obliged to use it.
- c. The FMBB Commissions from every discipline will send a list with Judges the latest on 01.08. the year before the next championship to the FMBB Board. The FMBB Board will evaluate and give the approval for the judges list if agreed. The list must be composed taking in consideration all aspects like quality, costs, spoken languages and other. After approval, the FMBB secretary will send an invitation to the judges and helpers with the

conditions included. After the judges/helpers have answered to the FMBB secretary, the list will be forwarded to the local organizer. The local organization can then make all necessary practical arrangements. If the different commissions did not send in their judges lists in time, the FMBB secretary will send one (1) reminder giving two extra weeks (until 15.08 the year before the next championship) to send in the required list. If on 15.08 the year before the next championship the lists are still not received, the FMBB Board will chose the Judges, in conjunction with the organization or otherwise.

- d. The FMBB board can consult the Belgian Shepherd Club from the country where the proposed judge lives to obtain information. Their advice is not binding.
- e. The organizer shall apply for all Judges Authorizations at the kennel club in their country.
- f. The use of alcohol-containing beverages is absolutely prohibited during the competition.
- g. Judges or helpers cannot take part as competitor in any discipline.
- h. Judges or helpers cannot be invited two following World Championships.

#### **10. Technical personnel**

- a. The organization will provide sufficient technical personnel to make sure of a smooth and trouble-free running of the championships.
- b. The use of alcohol-containing beverages is absolutely prohibited during the competition.

#### **11. Catalogue**

- a. The organization will publish a catalogue containing following information:
  - 1. Organogram, organization team, FMBB committee (names, function & e-mail), FMBB Commissions Name commission, name & E-mail), statistics of entered dogs, general information, sitemap, list of donated prizes (medals, cups, special prizes,), overall timetable, foreword.
- b. Per discipline the following information in the catalogue.
  - 1. Organization table with judges, helpers, timetable (detailed competition timetable for IGP is not needed) and training schedule.
  - 2. List of all participants per country in alphabetic order.
  - 3. The numbering in the catalogue will be with numbers only, sequence is ascending by country (English language used) and selection value (or by order of registration by the team leaders/responsible). For every discipline, numbering starts at 1. The reserves also receive a catalogue number joining the previous team members. If otherwise, only with prior approval of the FMBB Board.
- c. The most important parts of the catalogue must be written in English and the language of the organizing country.

#### **12. Medals – Souvenir gift – Cups**

- a. The organizer is committed to give each participant and team leader a souvenir gift.
- b. Only the first three ranked in each class and category will be honored with a cup and FMBB medal. For all disciplines, the prizes should be the same.
- c. The first three (Agility = 4) ranked by team will be honored with prizes (for team results, see regulation per discipline).
- d. The costs for all prizes are for the account of the organizer.

### 13. Participants & Results

- a. It is obligatory for the organization to publish at least once every two hours all results online and in the stadium for all disciplines. If possible, publication in real time is highly recommended.
- b. It is obligatory for the organization to supply all the results of all disciplines in detail to the FMBB secretariat in editable format like doc, docx, xls, xlsx, odf or other, not PDF format.

### 14. Registrations

- a. All registrations will be conducted through an online application on the championship website or a partner website. In case that the organization has no online application or cannot make one, the FMBB will provide this. Registrations by letter (post), fax or email will not be accepted.
- b. At least 4 months before the start of the championships all clubs/countries must send in a list with their team leaders per discipline. The list contains the following: first name, last name, e-mail address, full club name, short club name. They are fully responsible for the correctness of **all** data supplied regarding participants and dogs.
- c. Castrated females and male dogs can be admitted if proof of original intactness is furnished by way of a veterinary certificate.
- d. The maximum number of team leaders for IGP is 2, other disciplines is 1.
- e. Registrations for working disciplines can only be conducted by the team leader or the representative of the national Belgian shepherd club from their country, the club should be member of their FCI Kennel club. Countries with no Belgian Shepherd Club or no FCI kennel Club can only enter with invitation by exception.
- f. The participants for the exposition can register individually and without limitation by country.
- g. Final closure date for registrations is four weeks before championship.  
This date must be announced on the world championship website and on all registration documents, on documents, e-mails or on the website.
- h. The registrations must be paid directly after the entrance. The payment information is to be published on the championship website and sent to the team leaders or responsible person.
- i. After the closing date, the registrations are definitive and registration fee is to be paid. Except the reserve participants if not activated.
- j. In case the reserves are activated, the registration fee has also to be payed directly after notice of activation.
- k. Registrations considered as not valid shall be brought to the notice of applicant without any delay.
- l. The registration fee for IGP, Mondioring, Agility, Obedience, Rescue Dog and IHT TS Herding is 150,00 € per competitor/dog.  
The registration fee for Canicross-Bikejöring is 75,00 € per competitor/dog.  
The competitors cannot be charged with parking fees (exception for camping and/or sleeping on site).
- m. The highest possible registration fee per dog for the FMBB exposition is for all classes: 60,00 €. Exception for the Baby Class, Puppy Class, and Veterans class per dog: 45,00 €. Couple & Group: Free

- n. The organization can choose to use lower registration fees for exposition, never higher. The tax amount stays the same.
- o. Country's without FCI recognition, Belgian shepherd Clubs without FCI membership kennel club can only register after approval of the FMBB.
- p. The dog owner must have the nationality of the country for which his/her dog will compete or must have his/her legal residence in the country for which he/she will compete. If the dog owner has a double nationality, he/she can choose either country without any restriction. If difficulties arise, they must be referred to the FMBB Board for final settlement.
- q. The only dogs allowed to compete are those registered with the studbooks or the appendix to the studbooks of an FCI member organization or contract partner as well as those registered with the studbooks or appendix to the studbooks of a non FCI member organization with which the FCI has entered into a cooperation agreement of mutual recognition of studbooks (AKC, KC, CKC).
- r. A decent copy of the pedigree is sufficient if necessary.
- s. Upon registration, individually or by a team leader, the participant agrees that all data related to the registration and the world championship may be published on paper and digital media in the form of photos, videos, live stream, catalogs, etc. All media are and will remain the property of the FMBB.
- t. A participant can only participate for one country at the same time, even if it is in different disciplines with different dogs.

#### **15. Exceptions**

- a. Participants from countries, where there is no Belgian Shepherd Dog Club, can participate at the FMBB World Championship, but only after the approval of the FMBB Board. This for the first two consecutive years of participation.
- b. The third consecutive year of participation and in case no Belgian Shepherd Dog Club has been formed that is FMBB member, the registration fee will be three hundred € per exception, after approval of the FMBB Board.
- c. Competitors who wish to participate with a second dog in another discipline may do so only with the exclusive permission of the FMBB Board. This absolutely cannot have any influence on any time schedule, in other words, no adjustments may be made in the time schedules for the benefit of the participant participating with a different dog in different discipline.

#### **16. Veterinary check**

- a. A veterinary check is to be conducted before commencement of the trials. The veterinary check must be completed before the draw of the start numbers.
- b. Dogs that appear sick and are suspected of being infectious are not admissible.
- c. Dog that are visibly aggressive or very anxious are not admissible.
- d. Female dogs in heat are admitted, they must be kept isolated from other participants.

#### **17. Pet Passport**

- a. A veterinary should be present or at least immediately available on demand.
- b. The host country will indicate on the registration and on the website the compulsory vaccinations for registered dogs.

- c. The participants must submit their updated pet passport during the veterinary check. In the event of non- presentation of their updated pet passport, dogs will be refused and excluded from all competition.
- d. The competitors and/or clubs must contact the local authorities for advice when traveling into and leaving from the country where the championships are organized.

#### **18. Opening and Closing ceremony**

- a. The opening and closing ceremony are obliged to be organized, this under following directives.
- b. The organizer must appoint one responsible person for the opening and closing ceremony they should agree with the FMBB board how to organize and make the ceremony as short as possible.
- c. The opening ceremony is to be organized in the late afternoon the day before the start of the first discipline. Here, all already present teams, countries can participate. This accompanied by their dogs.
- d. The closing ceremony will be held as soon as possible after the last dog in IGP competition.
- e. After the speeches of the VIP's, the results of the teams shall be announced first, followed by the individual results. The national anthem will be played for all winners. This for about 15 seconds. The use of five or more podia is preferred.

#### **19. Price giving:**

- a. On Saturday before start of the gala (if there is enough place or else at the main field) prize giving for the following disciplines (obligatory presence (without dog)).:
  - 1. IGP FMBB world cup winner (places 1, 2 and 3).
  - 2. Mondioring FMBB world winner category 1.
  - 3. Mondioring FMBB world winner category 2.
  - 4. Obedience FMBB world winner category 1.
  - 5. Obedience FMBB world winner category 2.
  - 6. Canicross, all categories.
  - 7. Bikejöring, all categories.
- b. On Sunday Price giving during closing ceremony starting at 17:00.  
Setup: 4 big podiums 1, 2, 3, large enough for Teams results (1 team = 3 to 4 dogs + handler).  
1 podium 1, 2, 3, 4, for show (1 dog + handler per variety on the podium).
  - 1. Exposition: Best in Show of FMBB World Dog Show.
  - 2. Team's results: Obedience, Agility, Mondioring, IGP.
  - 3. Individual World Champions: Obedience, Agility, Mondioring, IGP.
- c. Herding & Rescue Dog: design in progress.

#### **20. Decorations in stadium**

- a. The arena is to be decorated with all national flags of the competing countries and the FMBB flag throughout the event. The organization must provide all needed national flags.

## **21. Gala evening**

- a. On Saturday evening a gala evening will be organized for the participants and guests. The entry fee and the diner are not included in the registration fee for the competitors. The price for the dinner must be as reasonable as possible, so everybody can participate.
- b. Invited and free of costs are all the judges, helpers and the FMBB board (reservation should be made at the secretary).
- c. The gala evening starts with the proclamation of the first three from the IGP world Cup (obligatory presence (without dog)).
- d. The list with the twenty teams for the World championship on Sunday will be presented. Announced will be: name handler/owner, name dog, country, and points from the IGP World Cup.

## **22. Parking and catering**

- a. Sufficient car parking spaces must be provided for competitors (free parking) and spectators as close as possible to the stadium.
- b. Catering must be available, in the stadium where possible, close to all disciplines. This with reasonable pricing.

## **23. Wildcards**

- a. To promote all varieties of the Belgian Shepherd, the FMBB has the right to assign wild cards.
- b. The maximum amount wildcards in every working discipline are four with maximum one per country.
- c. Every Belgian Shepherd Club can make a demand for a wild card in the different working disciplines. De demand must be received 1 week before closing date of registrations, this together with a copy of the workbook and pedigree.
- d. Only the FMBB Board can make the decisions to accept or deny a wild card.
- e. The competitors with a wild card will compete under the FMBB flag. Their results are not valid for the team results.
- f. A wildcard can only be approved if the variety is not represented in the participants list in the demanded discipline.
- g. The wild card, if any, has also to pay the entrance fee.

## **24. Champions**

- a. All the individual World Champions are allowed to defend their title on the next championship. Same handler and same dog.
- b. For IGP this is the World Cup Winner and the World Champion.
- c. The results from these competitors will be included in the team results.
- d. The FMBB World Champion IGP has the right to participate with a "wild card" at the FCI World Championship IGP in the same year.

## **25. Animal abuse – Training aids.**

- a. The use of training collars, electric shock devices, whips, sticks and other coercive tools are prohibited in the entire event training facilities and surroundings. If one of the above or other coercive tool is used, this shall lead to disqualification, regardless of the legal



situation in the country. Written evidence and witnesses must accompany any accusation.

- b. The law in every organizing country concerning animal abuse must be always followed.
- c. In case an animal abuse has been determined and after hearing all parties, the Belgian Shepherd Club, and the Kennel club in the country of the abuser will be notified.

## **26. Doping**

- a. The FMBB follows the rules and legislation regarding doping of the country where the world championship is organized.

## **27. Protests**

- a. The judge's decision shall be final and incontestable. Objections or protests shall only be possible on account of non-compliance with the rules concerning the different disciplines.
- b. Any protest must be submitted in writing by the team captain no later than 20:00 on the same day as the reason for the protest.
- c. In case of protest, it must be accompanied by three hundred € cash.
- d. If the protest should be rejected, the guarantee shall be forfeited in favor of the FMBB.
- e. In case of protest, the FMBB will invite the necessary interested parties concerning the protest. The protest will be treated under the guidance of the FMBB where all persons or their representatives will be heard.

## **28. Insurance**

- a. The organizer must have an insurance policy with covering all risks for the entire event.
- b. Each competitor shall him/herself bear the cost of any damage caused by his/her dog. Each competitor must provide proof with his/her registration application of holding a public liability insurance policy for consequences resulting from being a dog owner.
- c. The veterinary regulations of the host country must be always respected.

## **29. Responsibilities**

- a. The competitors are always responsible for the cleanliness of the area.
- b. The participants must always retain good sportsmanship.
- c. A lack of sportsmanship from the participants about the judges, the organizers or the officials can lead to disqualification and all results set to zero.
- d. Dogs not under control and with excessive aggressive behavior of the participant(s) will be disqualified.
- e. Dogs with not under control and with excessive aggressive behavior from visitor(s) will be removed from the area, if necessary, police will interfere.

## **30. Video rights**

- a. Video Rights Ownership:
  - 1. All video rights pertaining to FMBB (Fédération Mondiale Bergers Belges vzw) events, productions, and content are solely owned by FMBB.
  - 2. No individual or entity, unless explicitly authorized by FMBB, shall claim ownership or rights to any video material related to FMBB activities.
- b. Livestreaming Agreement:
  - 1. Livestreaming of any FMBB event or content is strictly prohibited without prior

- written agreement from FMBB.
2. Any party seeking to livestream FMBB content must obtain explicit consent from FMBB in the form of a written agreement outlining the terms and conditions.
  3. Livestreaming without the agreement of FMBB constitutes a violation of this regulation and may result in legal action.
- c. Compliance:
1. All individuals and entities involved in the production, distribution, or sharing of FMBB-related video content must adhere to these regulations.
  2. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in penalties, including but not limited to legal action, fines, and termination of rights to access FMBB content.
- d. Amendment:
1. FMBB reserves the right to amend these regulations at any time.
  2. Any amendments to these regulations shall be communicated to all relevant parties in a timely manner.
- e. Enforcement:
1. FMBB shall enforce these regulations through appropriate measures, including legal recourse if necessary.
  2. Any violations reported or discovered shall be investigated, and appropriate actions shall be taken according to the severity of the infringement.
- f. By agreeing to these regulations, all parties involved in the production, distribution, or consumption of FMBB-related video content acknowledge and accept the terms outlined herein. Failure to abide by these regulations may result in legal consequences.

### **31. Generality's**

- a. In cases of doubt, which is not covered in this specification, the final decision will be made by the FMBB board and FMBB commissions.
- b. For each organizer, the content of the specifications is binding.
- c. For violations of any kind, the organizer will be held accountable.
- d. In justified cases, or when there are unusual circumstances, the FMBB can put any provisions of this required specification in exception.
- e. The FMBB keeps the right of decisions for all matters.

### **32. Updates**

- a. Last update approved on 13.07.2024.