

EVENT REGULATIONS

IFCS 2020 World Agility Championships

GENERAL

The 13th IFCS World Agility Championships (WAC) will be hosted by the **VOE** and will be held the 20th through 24th of May 2020, at the following location:

Stal Bocage.1820, Vaerestraat, 45 8720, Dentergem, Belgium

Note: Tuesday 19th May may be scheduled as an “optional” day for teams.

Event website and online entry forms: www.worldagilitychampionship.com and/or www.ifcsdogsports.org. Entry forms and fee information are planned to be published no later than December 31, 2019.

Key Points of Contact

- VOE (Host) Secretary: **William De Baer** – Email: wac.2020.be@gmail.com
Secretary Postal Address: Bollewerpstraat, 119 B - 8770 Ingelmunster
- IFCS for News and Facebook posts is: **Erika Lunardi** – erika@sportcinofili.it

The Championship is governed by the International Federation of Cynological Sports (IFCS) and are organized and hosted in cooperation with **VOE**, hereinafter referred to as “Host”.

The Championships are held under the current IFCS Agility Regulations and these Event Regulations.

- Team members may compete with pedigree and/or non-pedigree dogs. The absence or availability of pedigree documents (i.e., papers) shall have no relevance or influence on these Championships. Bitches in heat will be allowed to compete and will be managed appropriately to reduce disruption to the running order.
- A competitor may enter no more than one dog in each of the four (4) height categories of Toy, Mini (Small), Midi (Medium) and Maxi (Large) Dogs in any award class and will need to meet the height requirements for measurement of the dog’s withers, as per the table below:

Class	Dog’s Height at Withers	Hurdle Jump Height	Spreads-Ascending	Long Jump
Toy	Up to and including 30cm (300mm)	30cm (300mm)	Width between 25-30cm	50cm
Mini (Small)	Up to and including 40cm (400mm)	40cm (400mm)		90cm
Midi (Medium)	Up to and including 50cm (500mm)	50cm (500mm)	Width between 40-60cm	120cm
Maxi (Large)	No restriction in height – any height dog can enter	60cm (600mm)		130-150cm

Note 1: The measurement system of the IFCS is metric.

Note 2: There is no need to measure dogs at these championships that are entered in Maxi Class. All other dogs (Toy, Mini and Midi) will be measured during check-in.

Note 3: It is the responsibility of the National Governing Organization in each country to ensure the dog’s height at the withers is as per the entry form and that the dog will measure the correct height at

the event. Team Captain/Coach will have an official documentation from their member organization to confirm and state the height of each dog on the team. Any National Team using "loaner" dogs for more than 1/3 of their team from another Nation will be exempt from having to provide this official documentation.

- The Collapsed Tunnel (a.k.a., Chute or Cloth Tunnel) will not be used at these World Championships.
- The Breakaway Tire suspended in open frame, along with other obstacles as specified in IFCS Regulations shall be used at these World Championships.

The official language of the Championships is English. For entry forms, appeals and applications, English language shall be used. Where conflict may exist in interpretation of text of translated versions in other languages, the meaning in the official language shall prevail.

Travel to the place of competition and back, accommodation and food expenses of a team are paid by participating organizations and/or their competitors, as established within each organization's home country. Where a country has no organization associated with IFCS, individuals may enter the event as "guests" pursuant to provisions listed in these Event Regulations.

Reference to "Handler" or "Competitor" within these Regulations relates to a single person (i.e., sports man or woman) who is to be enrolled in competition. Reference to a "Dog" within these regulations relates to the Dog with which a Handler/Competitor competes.

THE PROGRAM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Program of Individual Championship Classes:

- Agility-Standard
- Jumping
- Snooker
- Gamblers
- Biathlon (Agility Standard + Jumping)
- Individual All-Around (Agility-Standard + Jumping + Snooker + Gamblers)

All classes shall follow the methodology as set forth in the IFCS Agility Regulations

Program of National Team Competition (for the IFCS Member and Recognized Nations):

- Team Triathlon Small Dog Division* (Agility-Standard + Jumping + 3 Dog Team Relay);
- Team Triathlon Large Dog Division* (Agility-Standard + Jumping + 3 Dog Team Relay).

**Note:* The above two competitions will be completed in one ring, one Judge, one course, but are separate competitions and will result in two awards (each with a set of medals and podium ceremony). Small Dog division shall be comprised of a minimum of two small dogs in each round, and the Large Dog Division shall be comprised of a minimum of two large dogs.

Event Program & Tentative Daily Schedule

Monday

- Team training* 1300 – 1700

*For teams that volunteer to be scheduled on Monday.

Tuesday

- Team training 0800 – 1700

Wednesday

- Dog measure/check-in and ring/Team training 0800 – 1100
- Judges Meeting 0900 – 1000
- Team Managers Meeting 1030 – 1130
- **Opening Ceremony** 1200 – 1230
- Course Build 1230 – 1300
- Walk-through & Judges' Briefing 1300 – 1400
- Championship Class: **Agility-Standard – Biathlon (B1)** 1400 – 1800
- Welcome Event and Networking 1900 – 2100

Once a team has completed formal Check-in and measurement for the Toy, Mini and Midi dogs they will then commence team training. Each team only gets one opportunity for team training.

A "Welcome Event" is being planned for one evening. All team members and their guest(s) are welcome to attend the Welcome Event. Details will be made available with the event Entry Form. All teams are strongly encouraged to attend.

Thursday

- Course Build 0700 – 0745
- Team Manager (s) and Judge – Snooker Brief 0745 – 0815
- Team communication time 0815 – 0830
- Walk-through 0830 – 0930
- Championship Class: **Snooker – Individual & All-Around** 0930 – 1400
- Course Build 1400 – 1430
- Walk-through and Judges Brief 1430 – 1530
- Championship Class: **Agility-Standard – Team Triathlon (T1)** 1530 – 1845
- Podium – Medal Presentation for all classes for the day 1900 – 1930*

Friday

- Course Build 0700–0800
- Walk-through & Judges' Briefing 0800–0900
- Championship Class **Agility-Standard – Individual & All-Around** 0900 – 1330
- Course Build 1330 – 1400
- Walk-through and Judges Brief 1400 – 1500
- Championship Class: **Jumping–Individual & towards All-Around** 1500 – 1815
- Podium – Medal Presentation for all classes for the day 1830 – 1900*

Saturday

- Course Build 0700 – 0745
- Team Manager (s) and Judge – Gamblers Brief 0745 – 0815
- Team communication time 0815 – 0830
- Walk-through 0830 – 0930
- Championship Class: **Gamblers – Individual & towards All-Around** 0930 – 1400
- Course Build 1400 - 1430
- Walk-through and Judges Brief 1430 - 1530
- Championship Class: **Jumping – Team Triathlon (T2)** 1530 - 1845
- Podium – Medal Presentation for all classes for the day 1900 - 1930*

Sunday

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| • Course Build | 0700 – 0800 |
| • Walk-through & Judge's Briefing | 0800 – 0900 |
| • Championship Class: Jumping – Biathlon (B2) | 0900 – 1215 |
| • Course Build | 1215 – 1245 |
| • Team Manager (s) and Judge – T3 Brief | 1245 – 1315 |
| • Walk-through | 1315 – 1400 |
| • Championship Class: 3 Dog Team Relay – Team Triathlon (T3) | 1400 – 1530 |
| • Podium – Medal Presentation for all classes for the day | 1630 – 1745 |
| • Closing Ceremony | 1745 – 1830* |

*Finishing times may be slightly later depending on outcome of any team disputes.

Note: Team Managers meeting for Snooker, Gamblers and T3 will be a closed meeting, limited to 3 people per Member Nation.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Competitors from every nation can enter as a "National Team" and may enter the "Individual" Classes as set forth below for the different types of National Team that may enter, being:

- Member Nation
- Non-member Recognized Nation (has signed IFCS declaration)
- Guest Nation Competitors

All Nations that enter a Team may list a maximum of two (2) Reserve Handlers and may also use Reserve Dogs as specified these regulations.

National Team – IFCS Member Nations (Full/Voting, Associate & Provisional)

To enter Championship Classes at the World Championships, IFCS "Member Nations" are limited to the following regulations:

- A maximum of twenty four (24) Handlers that have been qualified for entry through rules established by their Member Nation and meeting qualitative standards that may be established and published by IFCS.
- An additional six (6) Handlers who have been a medal winner with the same dog in an IFCS Championship Event in the past two years (2018 or 2019). (No substitutions permitted)

Further,

- A Handler cannot compete with more than one dog in a height class or on a Triathlon Team
- A National Team from an IFCS Member Nation is eligible for entry to all Individual (including Biathlon) and Triathlon classes.

National Team–IFCS Recognized Nations (non-member organizations who have signed and submitted a Declaration of Support)

To enter Championship Classes at the World Championships, IFCS "Recognized Nations" are limited to the following regulations:

- A maximum of twenty (20) Handlers that have been qualified for entry through rules established by their Member Nation and meeting qualitative standards that may be established and published by

IFCS.

- An additional four (4) Handlers who have been a medal winner with the same dog in an IFCS Championship Event in the past two years (2018 or 2019). (No substitutions permitted)

Further,

- A Handler cannot compete with more than one dog in a height class or on a Triathlon Team
- A National Team from an IFCS Member Nation is eligible for entry to all Individual (including Biathlon) and Triathlon classes.

National Team–IFCS Guest Nations (non-member organizations who have been invited on a case by case basis by the IFCS)

To enter Championship Classes at the World Championships, IFCS “Guest Nations” are limited to the following regulations:

- A maximum of twenty (20) Handlers that have been qualified for entry through rules established meeting qualitative standards that may be established and published by IFCS and/or who have received invitation from IFCS. Contact the event secretary for details)
- A Handler cannot compete with more than one dog in a height class or in the same Triathlon Team division
- A National Team from an IFCS Guest Nation is eligible for entry to all Individual Classes (including Biathlon Classes).
- A National Team from an IFCS Guest Nation is not allowed to enter any Triathlon classes, but Guest from IFCS Guest Nations may enter Triathlon classes under the IFCS flag.

General Restrictions – All National Teams

For Championship Classes, the following regulations apply:

- Toy and Small Dogs are considered Small Division Dogs.
- Midi (Medium) and Maxi Dogs are considered Large Division Dogs.
- Handlers are restricted to competing with a maximum of one (1) Dog in any one height class for any one course.
- Handlers can only compete on one National Triathlon Team in a division (i.e., small dog team and large dog team).
- Dogs can only be utilized on one National Triathlon Team without regard to division.
- No one Dog may ever run the same course twice (unless required by the Judge due to run-off or equipment failure, etc.).

If a Dog is withdrawn from a class due to injury, it must have clearance from the IFCS before it is allowed to compete again in a class.

Please be aware of the following:

- Biathlon Awards: To be eligible for the Biathlon awards, the Handler and Dog must be the same for both classes aggregated for the Biathlon award.
- All-Around Awards: To be eligible for the All-Around awards, the Handler and Dog must be the same for all classes aggregated for the All-Around award.

The overriding intent of these Event Regulations is that a Handler and/or Dog can only ever be at the podium for medal presentations once for a specific award class for a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal.

Further,

- Handlers are to compete and parade in team uniforms that represent their own National Team only (they should not wear clothing from another National Team during official ceremonies).
- Handlers must be at least 16 years of age on the day of the opening ceremony.

Reserve Handlers and Dogs – All National Team

In the event of a Handler being injured or ill/sick just before or during travel to the Championships there may be a need for the use of a Reserve Handler or dog.

These event regulations allow each National Team to name up to two (2) reserve Handlers with dogs who have met all qualifications set for by the member nations for their team selection. Reserve handlers must be named on the Event Entry Form.

A maximum of two (2) Handlers and/or dogs may be substituted provided they have met all qualifications set forth by the member nations for their team selection and have been specifically listed as Reserve Handlers and dogs with the rest of the National Team by close of entries date. If only a substitution of a dog or handler is needed, an entered competitor, dog, or both may be substituted with a reserve handler, dog, or both.

No Reserve Handlers or dogs will be allowed to compete that are not listed with the Team by the close of entries date, except in cases where a nation utilizes dogs on loan from a host or other nation as a result of national regulations on quarantine.

When a National Team is utilizing “loaner” dogs from another nation for at least 1/3 of the Handlers on their Team, there is no restriction on the number of substitution Dogs that may be made up until 1200 pm (noon) on the day before the Opening Ceremony. A Reserve Dog in this case does not have to be listed on the entry form submitted by the close of entries date.

The use of a Reserve Handler or Dog must meet the requirements of these Event Regulations, including with regards to Nationality of the Handler.

Once substituted, the Reserve Handler and/or dog is considered a “competing” team member with no other distinction and the original Handler being replaced is considered as an “inactive” Team Member and may not be reinstated for any reason during the event.

PAYMENT AND MEMBERSHIP FEES

Each IFCS Member Nation must be in good standing, which includes being current in payment of “annual” membership dues as of the closing date for entries for Full, Associate Members and Provisional Members.

Members that did not previously pre-pay fees for 2 (or 3) years will have their membership fees expire on 1 March of each year. Nations who have not remitted these dues by the 1st day of the calendar month in which the event begins shall pay a penalty equivalent to the Guest Nation rate for entry or shall not be permitted to compete.

Recognized Nations (non-members) must also be in good standing with the IFCS and have paid any required fees (if any) to the IFCS in a similar manner to Full, Associate Members and Provisional Members

IFCS Membership fees are paid in USD direct to the IFCS and are paid separate to WAC entry fees that are being paid to the host nation in Euros.

WAC entry fees are payable in Euros, as per the entry fee table included on the Entry Form. Entries with fees are due no later than 1st April 2020.

The entry form can be found online no later than 31 December 2019: www.worldagilitychampionship.com

TRIATHLON CLASSES

Eligible National Teams (all except those classified as a “Guest” Nation) can submit up to four (4) Triathlon teams as specified in this paragraph and in section 3.3. All individuals from a Member Nation – including “past” IFCS medal winners are eligible for selection by Team Manager/Team Coach for the Triathlon.

Triathlon Team Composition

Eligible National Teams may choose to have Small and/or Large Division Triathlon Teams as described within these Event Regulations, and as follows:

- Up to four (4) teams in total.
- No more than three (3) teams classified as a Small Team.
- No more than three (3) teams classified as a Large Team.
- They may have 2 Small and 2 Large Teams.

All eligible National Teams compete against each other in the Triathlon, in two different groups—the Small Dog Team Triathlon and the Large Dog Team Triathlon. There will be separate award ceremony and medals for each of these Divisions for the Team Triathlon.

- Small Division = A Team is comprised of two Small Height Division dogs (Toys and/or minis) and one dog from the Large Height category (Midi and Maxi height dogs)
- Large Division – A Team is comprised of two dogs from the Large Height division (midi and/or maxis) and one dog from the Small Height division (toys and/or minis)

Example:

As a maximum, any one eligible National Team may submit the following:

- Up to three (3) Triathlon Teams in the Small Dog division and one (1) Triathlon Team in the Large Dog Division, or
- Up to three (3) Triathlon Teams in the Large Dog division and one (1) Triathlon Team in the Small Dog Division.

A National Team may not have 4 x Large Dog Triathlon Team or 4 x Small Dog Triathlon Team.

Further,

- Each Triathlon Team shall be comprised of three (3) different Competitors (i.e., 3 x Handler and 3 x Dog).
- Each Triathlon Team shall be comprised of dogs jumping two jump heights in any class, one in each division.
- No one Dog may run a Triathlon Team course (i.e., Triathlon Standard, Triathlon Jumpers, Triathlon

Relay, collectively referred to as the Triathlon classes) more than once.

- A Handler may only run one dog in the Small Division of the Triathlon.
- A Handler may only run one dog in the Large Division of the Triathlon.
- All Triathlon teams must at all time (through each of the three Triathlon classes) have one of the following compositions of three Handlers:

Small Dog Division (Maximum of 3 Teams)	Large Dog Division (Maximum of 3 Teams)
2 Toy Dogs and 1 Midi (Medium) Dog	2 Midi (Medium) Dogs and 1 Toy Dog
2 Toy Dogs and 1 Maxi Dog	2 Midi (Medium) Dogs and 1 Mini Dog
2 Mini Dogs and 1 Midi (Medium) Dog	2 Maxi Dogs and 1 Toy Dog
2 Mini Dogs and 1 Maxi Dog	2 Maxi Dogs and 1 Mini Dog

Triathlon Team Substitution

Each Team must always meet the composition requirements of these regulations at all time

No Handler or Dog may be on more than one Triathlon Team as an initial triathlon team member or a substitute member in the same Division (i.e., Small or Large Division).

No Dog shall be permitted to run in both Divisions with the same or different Handler (any one Dog can only ever run the course once). This does not prevent a Handler with different Dogs from running one dog in the Large Division and another in the Small Division, providing all foregoing rules are met.

A Team at all times must maintain the same composition of their Team identified as a Small Dog Team in the Small Division or a Large Dog Team in the Large Division in each of the three Triathlon classes.

For example:

- A Nation may enter a Small Division Triathlon team in “Team Triathlon class #1 that is made up of 2 Mini Dogs (small dog division) and 1 “Maxi” Dog (large dog division).
- Then change the Triathlon team for “Team Triathlon class #2 and change to have 2 Mini Dogs and 1 “Midi” Dog (large division).

Event organizers will publicly publish the Triathlon Team course for the day before 8.00 am on the day of a Triathlon class (noting that Triathlon courses are intended to be the second (or later) event on the day they are each held).

Nations have until 9.30 am to submit to the Event Secretary the names of the Handlers and Dogs for inclusion on their Triathlon team (s) for that day.

No changes or alternates/substitutes will be permissible following these times other than due to a legitimate and confirmed medical injury to a nominated handler or dog that has occurred on the day of the Triathlon class in question.

IFCS RECOGNITION AND HANDLER CITIZENSHIP

Competitor entry forms are to be submitted by the cynological sporting organization of a country that is a “member” of the IFCS or has IFCS “official recognition”.

National Organizations that don’t meet these requirements and have signed a declaration of support may take part in the Championships as a Recognized Nation through the permissions of the IFCS (and may enter Team Triathlon).

The IFCS may also allow entry from “Guest Nations”, including individual entry on a case by case basis, but will be limited in the size of the National Team and “Guest Nations” will not be allowed to enter the Triathlon.

Handlers may be entered to represent a country only for which they have citizenship or have established residency in a country pursuant to IFCS Regulations or policies. No competitor may represent a different country for which they have competed in an IFCS Championship Event held in the previous three (3) years.

SELECTION PROCESS BY NATIONAL TEAMS

Competitors to be entered in these Championships shall be selected by their national IFCS Member or a Recognized organization (approved by the IFCS) on a competitive basis and without prejudice.

For any “Guest Nation” approved to enter by the IFCS Council, any selection process will be on a case by case as approved by the IFCS from time to time.

ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms will be available online no later than 31 December 2019, at: www.worldagilitychampionship.com

- Only one entry form is required per Nation.
- Entry forms must be submitted with payment (or proof of payment in progress) to the Host nation via email by the nominated close date. No refunds are possible after that date.
- Competitor welcome reception/dinner will be announced with release of the entry forms.

Entry Fees and Bank Payment

Entry fees and bank payment information will be available with the entry forms for the event, which will be published no later than 31 December 2019.

Passes for Non-Competing Members of a National Team

Only National Team members with an official team pass will have access to the kenneling area.

- Team entry will include team passes to the kenneling area for three (3) non-competing team members (coach, manager, and/or groom) and access to the venue when a fee is charged for admission to the event. Please list these three (3) names in your email to the Host.

- If your team has more than three (3) non-competing team members (coach, manager, and/or groom) needing access to kenneling and other “competitor only” areas of the venue, these are subject to review and approval of the Host Secretary. Each additional, approved, non-competing team member shall pay a processing fee for a national team pass in the amount of €20.00. Please list these names in your email to the Host and pay the pass processing fee with your entry fee.

Questions regarding event entries and fees should be sent to the Host Secretary.

ANNUAL IFCS MEMBERSHIP DUES

Member nations are required to pay their IFCS membership dues of USD \$200.00 per year, plus any applicable bank wire/transfer fees.

IFCS “membership dues” must be paid separately from entry fees. These are to be paid directly to IFCS and must include applicable bank wire transfer fees of USD \$20.00 per wire. Options are available to pay membership dues for two or three years in the amount of \$400, or \$600 USD, respectively, plus the wire fee.

Fee information and payment instructions are to be provided by invoicing by December 31, 2019.

Please do not include your IFCS “membership dues” with your “entry fees”, which are to be paid directly to the host nation.

Send email notification of wire confirmation or questions to: info@ifcsdogsports.org

Reminder: Each Nation who is not deemed to be a current financial member of the IFCS by the close of entry date may not be eligible for participation at these World Agility Championships or must pay the non-member rate

Good Sportsmanship

Any Handler subjecting a dog to punitive correction or harsh handling or displaying bad sportsmanship during or within the precincts of the competition will be disqualified from any further participation in any Class/Event during the Championships.

Attempting to impugn the decision of the Judge may also merit disqualification from any further participation in any Class or remainder of the Event. National Team members found to be competing in the team uniform of another Nation may be subject to disciplinary action by the IFCS.

Vaccination of Dogs and Bitches in Heat

Every dog should have required vaccinations for transport of dogs to and from the host nation in accordance with current requirements of the host nation. Information relating to traveling with dogs to the host nation can be found on the official WAC website.

Bitches in Heat will be allowed to compete and will run at the end of each height class. The Host will provide a mat (or similar) and instructions at the event. All Handlers with a bitch in heat are to use the mat supplied and follow instructions provided by ring stewards. If required, a Handler may advise ring stewards at the warm-up area of the need for a mat due to the dog being in heat and remind them of the need to run last in the height class.

Dog Measurement

Every dog entered for competition shall be certified as to its height at the withers by an official letter of the sponsoring IFCS Member organization, which shall list the name and breed of all the dogs entered and their height at the withers in metric (cm or mm) and shall be signed by two (2) members of the Governing Council or Board of Directors of the Member organization, with at least one sign-off being from the President or Secretary.

The height at the withers is measured on the top of the shoulder blade with the dog standing erect with legs perpendicular to the ground line. The Team Captain/Coach is to present the signed letter during check-in and measurement at the Championships.

Any National Team using 1/3 or more "loaner" Dog will be exempt from the requirement to present a letter from their Member Organization. Any Dog that is registered after the Close of Entry Date will need to be checked-in and measured – regardless of height.

The Member Organization may just state within the letter "Maxi" for Maxi dogs in lieu of a metric measurement. For Toy, Mini and Midi (Medium) Dogs, they must all have a metric measurement in mm or cm stated. Last minute substitution of a Dog as per these Event Regulations will be exempt from the requirement for a letter from the Member Nation.

All Toy, Mini and Midi (Medium) Dogs will be measured by host officials before they can compete.

The purpose of the measuring check is to ensure the dog is on or under the height cut-off for the height class it has entered. Any dogs found over the cut-off for their nominated height class will be brought to the attention of the Host Organizing Committee and IFCS Council.

In such instance, normal procedure would be to move the dog up to the next height class. Dogs are permitted to jump up a height class (subject to the approval of the Team Manager or official representative from that country).

Measurement will be in metric as per below:

- Toy Dog: Up to and including 30 cm (300 mm)
- Mini Dog: Up to and including 40 cm (400 mm)
- Midi (Medium) Dog: Up to and including 50 cm (500 mm)
- Maxi Dog: No restriction in height

If unforeseen circumstances prevent a dog from being measured at the approved times, then the dog in question must be measured at some time prior to start of Judging by officials before the dog can be allowed to compete. If the official IFCS measurement is different from the height submitted by the Handler and certified by the Member organization, and as such places the dog in a different height class, then a re-measure may be requested with the Chief Judge and an IFCS Council Member. The decision of the Chief Judge and a Council Member will be final.

NOTE: The IFCS does not wish to see a Handler travel to the WAC ready to compete in a specific height class, as stated in the official letter from their own member organization, only to find the IFCS and host nation have deemed the dog is too tall for the class it has entered, and must enter the next height class and jump a higher jump height. This should be avoided at all cost and member organizations should take all care to ensure each dog is placed in the appropriate height class for the dog's height as will be measured (in metric) at the event.

Check-In and Dog Measurement

Every National Team is required to “check-in” during the time instructed by the host nation for dog measurement.

Running Order

The running order for the event shall be randomly established. The host nation may randomize the running order electronically after compiling entries, with a copy posted for inspection on the first day. The host nation must carry out the work of random and fair running orders in a fair and transparent manner. Any grievance regarding the running order must be filed in writing with the Chief Judge for the event no later than noon on the first day.

- For the Biathlon Final (B2), the running order shall be in Reverse Order of placings from the first Biathlon round (B1).
- For the Triathlon Final (Three-Dog Relay), the running order shall be in Reverse Order from cumulative placings from the other Triathlon classes.

Accommodation

Consult the official WAC website for available / preferred hotels and other accommodations available for the event.

Walking the Course and Judges Brief

All Handlers will be given the opportunity to walk the course and will be advised of the Judges Brief and course times relevant to the course/class in question.

For Agility-Standard, Jumping, the Biathlon courses and the first two Triathlon courses, the Judge will give any Judges Brief required at the ring for all Handlers to hear.

For Snooker, Gamblers and the Triathlon Final class, due to the amount of information the Judge needs to share, and the questions that are normally asked, these Judges Briefs will be given by the Judge to Team Managers/Coach and will normally be given in private room or area away from the noise of all the Handlers.

Any one National Team is allowed a maximum of three (3) people to attend the brief for Snooker, Gamblers and the Team Triathlon (T3) Final. Notwithstanding the 3-persons per nation rule, if required, the IFCS will be flexible in regard to allowing non-English speaking teams to have a fourth person acting as an interpreter when required.

Note: The concept is to reduce the number of people asking questions to the Judge and to reduce the noise and disruption that can occur when a Judges Brief is given to numerous Handlers from many different countries in many different languages.

WINNERS DETERMINATION

Team Triathlon

Winners in the Team Triathlon are determined by the lowest score as determined by summing the time and penalties for the three team members in each of the three classes of competition – Agility-Standard, Jumping and Team Relay combined (i.e., cumulative time plus faults scoring; five faults = five seconds on the clock). Penalties for disqualification shall be according to following schedule:

Exercise	Penalty for disqualification
Agility	100
Jumping	100
Relay	100 x number of disqualified team members

In case of equality in the Team Triathlon between two or more teams, advantage goes to the team with the best result on the Team Relay course; if there is then equality between team on the Team Relay course, then advantage goes to a team with the best result on the Agility-Standard course.

Individual Competition

For Individual Agility-Standard and Individual Jumping classes,

- Winners are determined for each height class by the least sum of penalty points earned. The Judge shall establish a standard course time (SCT) against which time penalties shall be assessed, should the competitor's performance time exceed the SCT. Time penalties and course penalties shall be summed to determine the final score. Awards are for each height class separately.
- In case of equality between two or more Competitors in Individual Agility-Standard or Individual Jumping the advantage goes to the competitor with the best result for time.
- In the unusual case of equal Faults and equal Time for a podium position, then the Time and Faults are kept and the Competitors in question (same Handler and Dog) are to "run-off" to determine who will place higher.
- Should a competitor decline or be unable to "run-off", then they will place lower.

It would be normal practice to re-run the same course to determine who places higher. However, circumstances may require a new course to be built, and in such a case, it may be the same or a different course.

For Snooker and Gamblers classes,

- Winners in Individual programs are determined by the greatest sum of points earned.
- In case of equality between two or more Competitors for a Gamblers or Snooker class, advantage goes to the competitor with the best result for time.

Biathlon

For Biathlon classes,

- Winners in individual kinds of program are determined by the least sum of time and penalties (i.e., time plus faults; 5 faults = 5 seconds), with scores combined from both courses in Biathlon (Agility-Standard + Jumping). Penalties for disqualification shall be according to following schedule:

Event	Penalty for Disqualification
Individual Agility-Standard	100 points
Individual Jumping	100 points

- In case of equality between two or more Competitors in the Biathlon, advantage goes to the competitor with the best result on the Agility-Standard course.

Individual All-Around

Winners and placements for the All-Around competition are determined by the sum of:

- Sum of points earned on Gamblers and Snooker courses, combined with the points calculated from Individual Agility- Standard and Individual Jumping utilizing the following course point values from the All-Around Points Table below.

Event	Course Point Value	Penalty for Disqualification
Individual Agility-Standard	100 points	100 points
Individual Jumping	100 points	100 points

The score shall not exceed the total point value for the course (i.e., no score for any individual class shall be less than zero

- Disqualification in Gamblers or Snooker shall result in a score of zero points for the class.

Example:

A competitor earns a score of 62.43 (time plus penalties added) in the Individual Agility-Standard class and 41.00 (time plus penalties) in the Individual Jumping class. Their total score will be $(100 - 62.43) + (100 - 41.00) = 96.57$ points (final score). In a second example, if a handler has an actual score of 129.59 in Individual Agility-Standard and an actual score of 38.44 in Individual Jumping, their formula would be $100.00 - 129.59 = 0$ points for Individual Agility-Standard, plus $100 - 38.44 = 62.56$ points for Individual Jumping. Their final score would be $0 + 62.56 = 62.56$ as a final score. (Note that no score after conversion to points may be less than zero.)

In case of equality between two or more Competitors when working out Winners and Places for the All- Around competition, advantage goes to the competitor with the best result on the Individual Agility-Standard course. If there is still equality for Places, advantage will then go to the competitor with the best result on the Individual Jumping course.

Requirement for a "Jump off"

In case of equality between two or more Competitors that has not been resolved from provisions elsewhere in this Chapter 4, a "jump off" will be held wherein the affected Competitors shall perform a jumping course (same or similar course as previously run and approved by the Chief Judge) to establish ranking among Competitors for medals and other awards.

WINNERS AWARDS

Team Triathlon

Each member of a National Team winning first place in the Team Triathlon – Small Division and first place in the Team Triathlon–Large Division competition is awarded with diplomas evidencing the title “World Agility Champion 2020” and gold medal, for each of the two Divisions of Small and Large.

Each member of a National Team taking second and third place in the Team Triathlon, Small Division and the Large Division is awarded with diploma and silver and bronze medal, respectively.

Individual Classes

Competitors who win first place in one of the four height classes in the Individual classes, being Agility-Standard, Jumping, Gamblers and Snooker are awarded with the title “World Agility Champion 2020” for the specific class in question, and are awarded an IFCS diploma and a gold medal.

Competitors taking second place in one of the four height classes of the Individual classes, being Agility-Standard, Jumping, Gamblers and Snooker are awarded an IFCS diploma and a silver medal.

Competitors taking third place in one of the four height classes of the Individual classes, being Agility-Standard, Jumping, Gamblers and Snooker are awarded an IFCS diploma and a bronze medal.

Biathlon & All-Around Awards

Competitors who win first place in one of the four height classes for Biathlon and All-Around are awarded with the title “World Agility Champion 2020” for the specific Height Class in question and are awarded an IFCS diploma and a gold medal.

Competitors taking second place in one of the four height classes of the Biathlon and All-Around events are awarded for the Height Class in question an IFCS diploma and a silver medal.

Competitors taking third place in one of the four height classes of the Biathlon and All-Around events are awarded for the Height Class in question an IFCS diploma and a bronze medal.

Unofficial Awards

Unofficial awards in non-championship kinds of classes (if any such classes are held):

Awards for Non-Championships Classes (if held) will be awarded for the winners of first, second and third places in each Agility-Standard and Jumping class in each of the four height classes. Types of awards are to be determined by the host.

State bodies, local authorities, sponsors of the Championships and others can establish special or additional prizes and awards with the prior approval of the IFCS. Handing of unofficial awards is the responsibility of the provider, which will be coordinated by the IFCS.

PROCEDURAL PROTOCOL

The Championships are opened/closed to the sound of National Anthem of the host country. At the same time the National flag of the host country may be hoisted/lowered, or otherwise presented.

The IFCS flag should be presented in a visible place at all times during the Championships.

Details of all ceremonies should be coordinated by the IFCS Council. One of the speeches of welcome should be given by the President, Vice-President or a Council member of the IFCS on the opening and closing ceremonies, and by the President, Vice President or Council member of a host organization.

The solemn parades of all competitors of the Championships are carried out on the opening and closing ceremonies only. Handlers take part in solemn parades under national flags of their countries.

Handlers take part in all official ceremonies with their Dogs.

In the opening ceremony, teams are formed in alphabetical order (alphabet of the host country). The National Team of the host country brings up the rear.

In the closing ceremony, teams are formed in order of places from first to last in the results of the Triathlon Final, followed in alphabetical order by any entrants from non-member/non-recognized countries.

Order of Award Ceremonies

When possible, and after waiting for the set period for disputes to pass after the completion of a Class, the medals and podium awards may be held before the start of the next Class. A timetable should be published prior to the start of the event. Preference is to have one award ceremony at the end of the day.

In the awards ceremony, the announcer shall introduce the presenters of the awards, which shall include an IFCS council member, judge and sponsor representative (if any), along with assistants for handling the awards.

Competitors who are to be awarded medals shall come to the podium area together, each taking the pedestal of honor as announced, with each being given their medal and certificate and any ribbon at the podium, with the announcer calling awards beginning with bronze, then silver and finally gold. The host may choose to award any Diplomas and ribbons (if any) as they exit the podium.

The pedestal of honor should be put in place beforehand with flags of winning nations to be raised/hoisted or otherwise presented behind or upon the appropriate pedestal. Sponsorship marketing, flags and banners maybe used. However, at all times the background of the podium should be reserved for IFCS banner and flags and that of host nation and/or member nations competing. Any key placement of a sponsor flag being placed in the dominate position behind the podium would have to be approved on a case by case basis and have specific and written approval from the IFCS Council.

When a competitor who has taken the first place has received official awards, National anthem of his/her country sounds. In this time national flags of countries of winner and prize winners are hoisted or presented with prominence. Flag of a country of a winner – in the center, flag of a country of a silver prize winner – left and slightly lower (when possible) of the flag of a winner's country, and flag of a country of a bronze prize winner – right of the flag of a winner's country and slightly lower (when possible) of the flag of a silver prize winner's country.

When a National anthem of a winner's country has finished sounding, winner and prize winners may be presented unofficial rewards established by state bodies, local authorities, sponsors and other interested organizations.

If a winner or prize winner is absent from the official awarding ceremony without advance approval of the Council, this competitor forfeits their ranking and official awards, and the Handler (team) with the next result is awarded the forfeited place and awards.

Diploma and Medals

Sketches of diplomas and medals and final approval are to be coordinated with the IFCS. There should be emblems of the IFCS, these Championships, or both, on official rewards (diplomas, medals etc.). IFCS will in all cases have final approval of medals and diploma to ensure high standard and quality.

Emblem/Logo

Emblem/Logo of the Championships and final approval is to be coordinated with the IFCS. If emblem of the Championships includes the IFCS emblem, it should occupy no more than 1/3 or no less than 1/4 of emblem of the Championships.

National Flags

An Organization sending a Team to the Championship must provide a National flag and their National Anthem on CD or in digital form acceptable to Host, as required/requested by the Host.

Uniform of National Team

National insignia on the uniform of competitors, coaches and team leaders is not regulated. Handlers may only compete in their own national team colors/uniform.

Insignia of sponsors of competitors can be placed only on the clothes of Handlers, coaches and other persons of sports delegations if so approved by a National organization; but such insignia must be subordinate to insignia of country and National organization insignia (no more than 50% of size).

Judges Brief

Judges shall provide detailed briefings in writing for Gamblers, Snooker, and the Triathlon Final course as they relate to rules of competition for the given class. There is no requirement to provide a written Judge's Brief for Agility-Standard and Jumping classes or either of the two Biathlon Classes.

Briefings for Gamblers, Snooker and Triathlon Final (T3) shall be publicly posted on the morning of the day of the class in the English language (allowing time for non-English speaking teams to translate).

The briefings shall have already been reviewed by the Chief Judge or a person elected by the IFCS Council to ensure compliance with IFCS Agility Regulations and the course design.

Due to the amount of information the Judge needs to share, and the questions that are normally asked, the Event Schedule may permit the IFCS to consider the number of entries, and when entries are high, may allow the Judges Briefs for Snooker, Gamblers and the Triathlon Final (T3), to be given by the Judge to a smaller number of

people from each Member Nation (i.e., Team Managers/Coach and/or a nominated number of people) in a private room or area away from the noise of all the Handlers. Team Managers/Coaches would then be required to pass the information on to members of their team.

Clear and concise written Judge's Briefs for Snooker, Gamblers and Triathlon Final (T3) that are provided to each National Team on the morning of the class in question will greatly reduce the number of questions Team Managers/Coaches need to ask at a Judges Brief.

Course Review

Judges shall provide to an IFCS-designated course review committee or nominated individual and/or Chief Judge all detailed diagrams (course design) and briefings for Snooker and Gamblers to be used for the event at least 30 days prior to the event. Such review is to assure compliance with regulations and that such courses are not biased.

The integrity of a course shall be maintained to the extent possible in resolution of any issues found, which shall be resolved between the judge and committee or nominated individual at least seven (7) days prior to the event. Any issues unable to be resolved shall be submitted to the IFCS Council for final resolution.

Dog Fitness and use of a Wrap

IFCS policy is to only allow fit and healthy dogs to compete at a WAC or other IFCS Events. Wraps (often called a vet-wrap) and/or Protective Boots are not to be used to mask an injury and/or to provide a competitive advantage.

If a Dog has recovered from a previous injury and wears a Wrap on a limb or Protective Boot over a paw to prevent any aggravation of a previous injury, the IFCS requires the Wrap or Protective Boot to be worn between competitions and to be removed for actual competition.

Notwithstanding, that on written advice from a licensed veterinarian that such a device be worn, and with express approval of the IFCS/Chief Judge, a dog may wear a Wrap on a limb or Protective Boot on a paw if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Dog to reduce or prevent the chance of aggravating a previous injury and will not provide any competitive advantage or put the Dog at risk.

Under no circumstance may a Dog wear a bandage that may come loose and cause a safety issue.

Grievance & Disputes

All matters related to scoring a performance on course shall be at the sole decision of the Judge. Notwithstanding, video replay from an officially designated video camera may be used to respond to a formal and registered dispute regarding the decision of the Judge. In any judging dispute the Judge in question should be involved in the subsequent decision to overturn the original decision.

Individual video cameras from a team member or spectator shall not be used to resolve a judging dispute. Under all circumstances, the only video replay that will be used for disputes is the official video camera.

The IFCS Council, in consultation with the Judges Panel and Host organizer, will be responsible for the set-up and use of an official video camera (if any). The IFCS Council, in consultation with the Judges Panel and the Host organizers may decide that due to specific circumstances, there will be no use and/or further use of an official video camera at the Championships for use in a judge's dispute.

The Judges Panel will consist of all judges that officiate at the WAC event and a Chief Judge (in accordance with IFCS Agility Rules). The Chief Judge may or may not be judging a class during the WAC event. The Chief Judge is the Chairman of the Judges Panel. The Chief Judge will be appointed by the IFCS Council prior to the event.

If a team wishes to dispute a judge's decision, the Team Representative (i.e., Team Captain, Manager or Coach) is to lodge an official dispute form with the Chief Judge or other duly nominated official within 15 minutes of the judges call or incident in dispute. The Chief Judge or other official nominated to accept dispute forms is not to be approached by multiple team members during a dispute, but rather by their Team Representative.

A Judge may require a re-run during the running of a class, at their discretion. However, there will be no re-runs due to the submission of a dispute form for Agility-Standard and Jumping Classes. At the end of the round of the last dog in the last height class for Agility-Standard and Jumping Classes, the course will be closed and the ring made available for building the next course.

The official dispute form shall be used to report and manage disputes regarding interpretation or application of regulations by the judge (regardless of whether an official video camera is in use).

The dispute form will include the following information:

- Course and Date
- Name of the Member Nation submitting the Dispute
- Handlers name
- Dog's name
- Dog's height class
- Details of the dispute
- Name and Signature of Team Representative

Each National Team may submit no more than one (1) dispute per height Class, no more than two (2) disputes per any one course (all height classes) and no more than three (3) disputes per day, unless such dispute is found in favor of the Member Nation. In this case, the Member Nation (National Team) retains their right to dispute under this provision. The Chief Judge is responsible to manage any dispute forms and the dispute process.

Once the official dispute form has been lodged and accepted, then the Chief Judge or a nominated Judge (from the Judges Panel) is to review the dispute and decide if it is a dispute that may be resolved by use of official video replay. If so, then they are to find out if there is a record of the dispute on the official video and view such record. Conflict of interest should be considered at this stage, and if the dispute involves the official's own country or there exists another potential conflict of interest, then the official should pass the matter to another authorized official for review.

If it is determined by the Chief Judge (or delegate) after watching the official video replay and considering the issues of the dispute, that the Judge made the right decision and the official video clearly and conclusively (100%) shows that the Judge made the correct call, the Team Representative is to be given the opportunity to view the official video replay. If the Team Representative agrees, then form can be signed off. In this instance no further action is required, and the completed dispute form is to be stored and managed by the Chief Judge.

If it is determined by the Chief Judge (or delegate) after watching the official video replay and considering the issues of the dispute, that the official video does not show clearly and conclusively (100%) if the Judge made the correct call or not, then the dispute process is to be followed as per the steps below:

- Official video to be shown to the Team Representative.
- Notify the Judge (at the earliest appropriate time—usually at a height change, or end of Judging) and the Judge who made the call will have the right to review the official video and to determine if they will overturn their own decision or not.
- After watching the official video, if the Judge is willing to overturn their call, then the change is to be recorded on the dispute form and be signed by the Judge. The Team Representative is to be notified and the dispute form is to be given to the Competition Secretary so that results can be amended.
- After watching the official video, if the Judge is not willing to overturn their call, then in the absence of any official video to conclusively (100%) show the call should be overturned, the original call by the Judge is to stand. The Judge's decision not to change their call is to be recorded on the dispute form and be signed by the Judge. The Team Representative is to be notified and the dispute form is to be stored and managed by the official Competition Secretary and/or Chief Judge. In this case, with no clear video review either way, the Judges call is final and there is no further right to dispute.

If it is determined by the Chief Judge (or delegate) after watching the official video replay and considering the issues of the dispute, that the official video shows clearly and conclusively (100%) that the Judge made the incorrect call, then the dispute process is to be followed as per the steps below:

- Official video to be shown to the Team Representative.
- Notify the Judge (at the earliest appropriate time – usually at a height change, or end of Judging) and the Judge who made the call will have the right to review the official video and to determine if they will overturn their own decision or not.
- After watching the official video, if the Judge is willing to overturn their call, then the change is to be recorded on the dispute form and be signed by the Judge. The Team Representative is to be notified and the dispute form is to be given to the Competition Secretary so that results can be amended.
- After watching the official video, if the Judge is not willing to overturn their call, and with official video conclusively (100%) showing the call should be overturned, the Chief Judge is to call together the Judges Panel and/or IFCS Council members and form a Review Panel of five impartial officials (not including the Judge in dispute). The Review Panel selected should not have any conflict of interest and should not represent the country in question for the dispute.
- The Review Panel is to review all facts and the official video, and a vote is to be taken to either stay with the Judges call or overturn the call and agree with the dispute. It requires a majority vote to overturn the Judge. The result of the vote is final and is to be recorded on the dispute form, along with all names of the Review Panel. The Team Representative and the Judge are to be made aware of the result of the ruling by the Review Board. If the Judge's call is overturned, then the Judge that made the call has no right of reply. If the Judge's call is overturned, the dispute form must be taken to the Secretary as soon as possible so that results can be amended.

In any dispute or grievance that may arise with regards to clarification of these Event Regulations and/or the Agility Rules, or against an individual Official or a Team Member, a Dispute Form shall also be filed with the Chief Judge or nominated official. If the dispute involves the Chief Judge, the Dispute Form may be lodged directly with an IFCS Council Member. The decision regarding the dispute shall be rendered jointly by the

Judge's Panel for the event and IFCS Council members in attendance (any conflict of interest that may require absence from any vote). In an extreme or sensitive situation, the dispute or grievance may be passed directly to the IFCS Council and the Committee of Organizers and dealt with as specified above. The IFCS Council will (depending on sensitivity) decide if the completed Dispute Form will be stored with the Official Competition Secretary, Chief Judge or kept with the IFCS Council.

Any and all other matters related to discipline or grievances that falls outside these regulations shall be heard and resolved by a Grievance Committee, which shall be appointed without bias by the Committee of Organizers and shall include IFCS Council members in attendance and a member of each National delegation present at the event to the extent possible, as well as from among the Panel of Judges and Committee of Organizers.

Through participation in this event, all Handlers and their delegation willingly and freely agree to abide by these Event Regulations and the IFCS Agility Rules, to respect the decisions of the Judges, Disputes Committee, Committee of Organizers and the Grievance Committee as final.

WAIVERS, DISCLAIMERS AND ASSIGNMENTS

CONSIDERATION & WAIVER OF LIABILITY

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS ENTRY AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE AND/OR TO BE JUDGED IN THE EVENT ON THE DATES TO WHICH THIS ENTRY FORM APPLIES (THE "EVENT"), EACH COMPETITOR AND THE ORGANIZATION THEY REPRESENT AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE PARTIES LISTED BELOW (INCLUDING EACH OF THEIR MEMBERS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES), HEREINAFTER COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE "EVENT ORGANIZERS", FROM ANY CLAIM FOR LOSS OR INJURY THAT MAY BE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO ANY PERSON OR THING BY THE ACT OF MYSELF OR THE DOG LISTED ON THE ENTRY FORM WHILE IN OR UPON THE EVENT PREMISES OR GROUNDS OR NEAR ANY ENTRANCE THERETO -

- THE EVENT'S ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
- THE HOST COUNTRY ORGANIZATION
- INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CYNOLOGICAL SPORTS ("IFCS")
- SPONSORS
- PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE PREMISES UPON WHICH THE EVENT IS HELD

EACH COMPETITOR AND THE ORGANIZATION THEY REPRESENT FURTHER AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE EVENT ORGANIZERS FROM ANY CLAIM FOR LOSS OR INJURY OF THE DOG LISTED ON MY ENTRY FORM FOR THE EVENT AS A RESULT OF DISAPPEARANCE, THEFT, DEATH OR OTHER ACT, WHETHER SUCH LOSS OR INJURY IS CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED FOR ANY REASON, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE.

EACH COMPETITOR AND THE ORGANIZATION THEY REPRESENT ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR ANY CLAIMS REFERENCED IN THIS SECTION 8, INCLUDING LEGAL FEES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT & ACCEPTANCE OF REGULATIONS

EACH COMPETITOR AND THE ORGANIZATION THEY REPRESENT ACKNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND IFCS OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND RULES FOR COMPETITION THAT RELATE TO THE EVENT, OF WHICH THIS SECTION IS A PART.

EACH COMPETITOR AND THE ORGANIZATION THEY REPRESENT ACCEPT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ANY AND ALL RULINGS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (AND ITS MEMBERS), THE EVENT'S GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE AND/OR IFCS COUNCIL RELATIVE TO MATTERS RELATED TO THE EVENT.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT & REPRESENTATION OF ACCURACY

EACH COMPETITOR AND THE ORGANIZATION THEY REPRESENT ACKNOWLEDGE, REPRESENT AND WARRANT THAT THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN THE ENTRY FORM IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE. IF ANY PORTION OF THIS INFORMATION IS FOUND TO BE INVALID OR INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH THE VALIDITY OF ENTRY, SUCH FINDING SHALL RENDER THE ENTRY INVALID IN ITS ENTIRETY, FOR WHICH THERE SHALL BE NO REFUND OF FEES PAID OR OTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE EVENT ORGANIZERS AND OTHER PARTIES LISTED IN SECTION 8.1 HEREIN. ANY ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR CORRECTIONS TO INFORMATION AFTER THE CLOSING DATE SHALL BE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE HOST COUNTRY ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND/OR IFCS COUNCIL.

REPRESENTATION OF OWNERSHIP OR AGENCY

EACH COMPETITOR AND THE ORGANIZATION THEY REPRESENT HEREBY REPRESENT AND WARRANT THAT THEY ARE THE OWNER OF THE DOG LISTED HEREON, OR THAT THEY HAVE FULL AUTHORITY FROM THE DOG'S OWNER TO ENTER THE DOG IN COMPETITION AND TO ASSUME THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THE DOG FOR ENTRY TO THE EVENT, AND EACH COMPETITOR AND THE ORGANIZATION THEY REPRESENT AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE PARTIES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 8.1 FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS, INCLUDING LEGAL FEES, RELATED TO SUCH OWNERSHIP OR AUTHORITY.

MEDIA RELEASE, GRANTS & WAIVERS OF RIGHTS TO BROADCAST & PROMOTE

EACH COMPETITOR AND THE ORGANIZATION THEY REPRESENT HEREBY GRANT TO IFCS AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS AND ASSIGNS, ALL RIGHTS AND PERMISSION TO USE OR APPROPRIATE HIS/HER AND THEIR DOG'S NAME, BIOGRAPHY, LIKENESS, PHOTOGRAPH, VOICE, PERFORMING PERSONA, OR OTHER INDICIA OF IDENTITY FOR BROADCAST, TELECAST, CABLECAST, TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION IN ANY FORMAT OR MEDIA KNOWN NOW OR IN THE FUTURE.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS TO PRIVACY, PUBLICITY & PERSONALITY

FURTHER, EACH COMPETITOR AND THE ORGANIZATION THEY REPRESENT HEREBY RELEASE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CYNOLOGICAL SPORTS (IFCS) AND ITS OFFICERS, COUNCIL MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS AND ASSIGNS, AND THE HOST NATION AND ITS AFFILIATES AND THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS AND ASSIGNS FROM ANY CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION FOR INVASION OF THE RIGHTS OF PRIVACY, RIGHT OF PUBLICITY, RIGHT OF PERSONALITY, OR ANY SIMILAR RIGHT.

SUBMISSION & EXECUTION

THROUGH THE ACT OF SUBMISSION OF THE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM FOR THE EVENT AND THROUGH THE ACT OF PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT, EACH COMPETITOR AND THE ORGANIZATION THEY REPRESENT ACKNOWLEDGE, ACCEPT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND ALL POLICIES, RULES, REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO THE EVENT ENUMERATED HEREIN.