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Rules for the European Championship for Retrievers (EC)



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Art. 1. CONSTITUTION

- A. In 2017 the Retriever Commission of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale created an international field trial for Retrievers, called the "EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP", open for representatives from all FCI-countries and members of the English Kennel Club.
- B. This field trial will take place every year alternately in the participating countries.
- C. Countries which are not able to organize the event on their own territory, may also organize it under the agreement of the relevant society in a host country.

Art. 2. - AIM

The aim of the European Championship (EC) is to select dogs which most efficiently and in the style appropriate to their breed, find and retrieve game on a practical shoot. The aim is also to show the differences between the member countries, in particular the great variation in field and game in the different countries and regions in Europe. People taking part in an event of this nature should have already proven their qualities by competing in international field trials (CACIT).

Art. 3. - TYPE OF COMPETITION

- A. The European Championship is a two days international field trial for all retriever breeds.
- B. The CACT and the CACIT will be offered through the organizing country.
- C. The field trial will be held according to the international FCI regulations for English-style field trials.
- D. Period of organisation: during the shooting season of the organizing country.
- E. The event is judged by four judges, among whom must be at least one FCI Field Trial Judge. All judges have to be selected from the official list of FCI International Retriever Field Trial Judges or the official list of the English Kennel Club A- and B-panel judges.
- F. "Fair play" and "fair treatment" should be of first priority in the competition. In questionable situations the judgement should always be to the dog's advantage.

Art. 4. - ORGANIZATION

- A. The Retriever Commission of the FCI will be responsible for:
 - 1) designating, at least two years in advance, the country which will be in charge of the organisation of European Championship.
 - 2) taking all the necessary steps for a successful organization of the European Championship.

- B. The host country is responsible for organising the competition and nominating the judges.
- C. The invitation has to be sent to the FCI, to the FCI delegates (Commission) and to the national Kennel Clubs.

Art. 5. - QUALIFICATIONS

- A. The host country will decide how many dogs per country may run.
- B. The minimum requirement for a dog representing each country is a CACIT or a Res-CACIT, a CACT or res-CACT or at least an "excellent" in an open field trial.
- C. Nationality:
 - 1) The OWNER must have the nationality of the country for which his/her dog will compete or must have his/her legal residence for a minimum of 12 months in the country for which his/her dog will compete.
 - 2) DOG must have been registered with the studbook or appendix to the studbook of the national organisation for which it will compete for a minimum of 12 months.

Art. 6. - ENTRIES

- A. Each country has to confirm to the organizing society at least 2 months before the date of the European Championship, how many dogs will represent it.
- B. All entries have to be confirmed by the national delegates and have to reach the organizing society at least 2 weeks before the date of the European Championship.

Art. 7. - PRIZES

The Winner will get the title "European Field Trial Champion *year*". The original Cup for the winning dog will be presented at each event and the name of the dog and the handler will be engraved in the Cup. Other prizes will be provided by the organizing country.

The English version of these regulations is the authentic text.

These Rules were approved by the FCI General Committee in Thuin, November 2018. They are valid from 01/07/2019.