

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF PRACTICAL HUNTING FOR BRITISH AND CONTINENTAL POINTERS**

**Art. 1** In 1978 an Organizing Committee made up of the representatives of the countries participating in the contest created a World Championship of Practical Hunting for Pointers. In 1999 the name of the championship was modified. This championship has been organized yearly with great success. The World Championship of Practical Hunting for Pointers gained a prominent international reputation among dog-fanciers.

**Art. 2** From July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 the FCI recognizes this championship, named World Championship of Practical Hunting for Pointers. This trial, where teams representing the FCI member countries are entered, takes place every year in a different country among all participants.

**Art. 3** The goal of the World Championship of Practical Hunting for Pointers is to promote the rational use of the pointers by the hunters, emphasizing, in a high-level international competition, his usefulness for hunting, while allowing the hunters to meet together during a great competition.

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Art. 4** The general provisions provided for in the Official Regulations of the International Field Trials for British Pointers and the Official Regulations of the International Field Trials and Hunting Tests for Continental Pointers are fully applicable except special conditions foreseen in the present regulations.

### **CONTEST DESCRIPTION**

**Art. 5** The World Championship of Practical Hunting for Pointers consists of two Autumn International Hunting Quest Shooting Game Field Trials. The tests are run in pairs (braces).

**Art. 6** The field trials include ground work as well as water work. The work must reflect an exact image of hunting (rough shooting). If possible, a piece of game will be shot during the field work. The dog is judged by his behaviour before and after the shot. Before the shot, the dog must hunt and point. After the shot, he must find the dead or injured game and retrieve it.

**Art. 7** The terms and conditions of the Autumn International Hunting Quest Shooting Game Field Trial, provided for in the Official Regulations of the International Field Trials for British Pointers and in the Official Regulations of the International Field Trials and Hunting Tests for Continental Pointers, are fully applicable, except the particular conditions foreseen in these regulations.

### **ORGANIZATION**

**Art. 8** An Organizing Committee was created and is charged of supervising the championship arrangements. This committee takes all necessary initiatives to the good completion of the championship. It is allowed to propose any authorized modifications provided that they are not contradictory with the present regulations.

**Art. 9** The Organizing Committee is made up of official representatives appointed one by each country participating in the Championship. This Committee will elect a president and a secretary and will meet at least once per year on invitation of the president.

Every official representative, appointed by his/her country, has only one vote and the decisions are taken by simple majority. The travelling and lodging expenses of the Committee members will be in charge of the countries they represent.

**Art. 10** The Organizing Committee designates, at least one year in advance, the country which will be entrusted with the organization of the World Championship of Practical Hunting for Pointers.

**Art. 11** The Organizing Committee will assign the organization of the World Championship of Practical Hunting for Pointers either to a national canine society member of the FCI or to a purebred specialized association recognized by the national cynological organisation (NCO) of its country or to a national federation of hunters.

In any case, the patronage of the FCI and the CACIT must be requested by the national cynological organisation (NCO) of the organizing country.

## **COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL TEAMS**

**Art. 12** Every country will be allowed to enter a team of British Pointers and/or a team of Continental Pointers. Every team should be composed by a minimum of two and a maximum of four dogs. A substitute dog can be appointed for each team, provided that it has been previously notified according to the terms of the present regulations.

**Art. 13** The only dogs allowed to compete are those registered with the studbooks or the appendix to the studbooks of an FCI member organisation or contract partner as well as those registered with the studbooks or appendix to the studbooks of a non FCI member organisation with which the FCI has entered into a cooperation agreement of mutual recognition of studbooks (AKC, KC, CKC).

### 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.

If the owner has a double nationality, he/she can choose either country without any restriction. If difficulties arise, they must be referred to the FCI General Committee for final settlement.

### Dog

Must have been registered with the studbook or the appendix to the studbook of the country for which it will compete for a minimum of 12 months.

### Handler

No matter his/her nationality, the handler will not be allowed to compete for more than one country and will be authorized to handle a maximum of 4 dogs.

**Art. 14** This contest is open to all competitors.

**Art. 15** Each team will be represented by a team leader appointed by the national organisation of the country in question.

## **ENTRIES**

**Art.IX.16** The organizing association must receive the application with the exact composition of each team (including the substitute dog) at least three days before the Championship date.

**Art. 17** The entries will only be valid if they are accompanied by:

- a. the name, breed, sex, date of birth, stud book registration number, tattoo number as well as the number of the working record book of the dog; all should appear on the programme;
- b. the names and addresses of the breeder, the owner and the handler; all should appear on the programme.

## **ENTRY FEE**

**Art. 18** The amount of the entry fee per competitor is annually set fixed by the organizing committee, and the entry fee should be paid to the organizing association before the start of the Championship.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE DOGS**

**Art. 19** The drawing of lots to establish braces (pairs) and their running order will be done the eve of each trial in the evening. Drawing will be managed by the secretary of the organizing committee.

**Art. 20** A handler may present dogs in only one series of one of the two competitions.

## **JURY**

**Art. 21** The jury of each series, as well as the jury of each eventual barrage, will be made up of three judges of different nationality; of which one will act as president.

**Art. 22** The formation of the juries will be supervised by the organizing committee which will make sure the presidents of the different juries have different nationalities.

**Art. 23** The travelling expenses of the judges will be paid by their national canine organisation whereas the organizing association will take care of the accommodation expenses and meals.

## **GAME**

**Art. 24** The trials will be run on game birds that are usually hunted with pointers. However, for the classification, the good points, but not the faults, except pursuit, taken on all other game, can be taken into consideration. A dog cannot be classified if he has not at least a valid point on

game bird/s usually hunted with pointers. The valid game can be limited by decision of the organizing committee. This restriction must be announced by the organizing committee before the beginning of the contests.

## JUDGING/ CLASSIFICATION

**Art. 25** The judges should let every brace (pair) work fifteen minutes, even in case of an eliminating fault of one of the dogs in the brace. In this case, the rest of that round will be run “for the honour” by the eliminated dog but, previously, the president of the jury must inform the handler. However, all dogs proving to be insufficient in pace or in quest, or interfering with their brace mate by persistently following him or by false pointing or by refusal of backing (honouring) one point of his brace mate, will be stopped.

**Art. 26** A dog that has not made a point on bird/s of the species referred to in Article 24 and has not retrieved game will not get any award. If the dog didn't have the opportunity to retrieve game during his work, a cold retrieve of a game bird will be arranged, preferably immediately after the action, or at latest at the end of his round.

**Art. 27** The dog that has, once, consciously flushed game bird(s) of the species referred to in the article 24 or twice missed or stumbled upon (bumped into) game birds of the species referred to in Article 24, will be eliminated. A dog that has, once, without justification, missed behind or stumbled upon (bumped into) game bird(s) of the species mentioned in article 24, cannot get more than “Very Good”.

**Art. 28** A water retrieve test is mandatory for all awarded dogs. It will take place in deep water on a dead duck. In case of refusal the dog cannot be rated more than Very Good.

## PRIZES

**Art.IX.29** To establish an order for the titles, points will be assigned to the awarded dogs according to the results they achieved during the two days, and following the quotations below:

CACIT	12 points
RCACIT	11 points
CAC	10 points
RCAC	09 points
1st Excellent	08 points
Excellent (from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> place)	07 points
Very Good	04 points
Good	02 points

The notes are not cumulative.

**Art. 30** The classification for a team is determined by the total of points obtained by the team members over the two days of the contest, in accordance with the above quotation system. A team must have at least two dogs classified to appear in the list of the prizes.

**Art. 31** The team standing “first” is declared “World Champion Team of Practical Hunting” for the year in course. The team classified second gets the title of “World Vice-champion Team of Practical Hunting” for the year in course.

**Art. 32** In case of equality of points, the highest number of classified dogs in each team will be taken into consideration.

**Art. 33** The classification for the individual titles is determined by the total of points obtained by each dog over the two days of the contest, in accordance with the above quotation. A dog must have, at least, an “Excellent” to be eligible for a title. In addition, he must have run the two days of the contest and have passed the water retrieves he has been submitted to.

**Art. 34** The dog standing “first” is declared “World Champion of Practical Hunting” for the year in course. The dog standing “second” is declared “World Vice-champion of Practical Hunting” for the year in course.

**Art. 35** In case of equal points, a barrage will take place for the assignment of the title.

## **DISPUTES**

**Art. 36** The judging and the jury's appreciations are final and definitive.

**Art. 37** In case of possible disputes, they will be settled immediately by the members of the organizing committee present at the Championship.