



EVENT REGULATIONS

IFCS World Agility Championships 2024

1. GENERAL

1.1 The 16th IFCS World Agility Championships (WAC) will be held between 30th April and 5th May 2024, at the following location:

Ecurie de la Vayrie
Brittany near Rennes
35230 Bourgbarre, France

Venue Website: <http://2018.lavayrie.com>

Event Website: <https://worldagilitychampionship.com>

1.2 The Championships are governed by the International Federation of Cynological Sports (IFCS) and are organised and hosted in cooperation with the Fédération Française de Activités du Chien de Sport (FFACS) in France, hereinafter referred to as “Host”.

1.3 The Championships are held under the current IFCS Agility Regulations (dated Feb 2017) and these Event Regulations, with the following changes for WAC 2024 approved by the IFCS:

- The Tyre and Chute (Cloth Tunnel) will not be used.
- The Weave Poles to be 600mm spacing.
- The Hurdles are required to cater for IFCS jump heights of 250mm, 300mm, 400mm, 500mm, and 600mm.
- Ascending Spread Hurdle for Toy Dogs: first bar at 150mm and the rear bar at 250mm.
- The up-ramp contact zone for the Dog Walk and See-Saw shall not be penalized unless the dog accesses the ramp above the zone from the side of the ascending ramp; the up-ramp contact zone for the A-frame shall not be penalized.

1.4 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.

Dogs shall be entered in one of five (5) height categories of Toy, Mini (small), Midi (medium), Large, and Maxi (extra-large) dogs and will need to meet the cut-off at the wither height as per the table below.

Class	Dog's Height at Withers	Eligible Hurdle Jump Height	Spread Hurdle Span (ascending)	Long Jump
Toy	300mm or less	250mm	Up to 250mm	500mm
Mini	350mm or less	300mm	Up to 300mm	600mm
Midi	420mm or less	400mm	Up to 400mm	900mm
Large	500mm or less	500mm	Up to 500mm	1200mm
Maxi	Any height	600mm	Up to 600mm	1500mm

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, Midi, and Large) will be measured during check-in unless other provisions are approved by IFCS Council prior to the event.*

Note 3: *It is the responsibility of the National Organisation 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 letter from their member organisation 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 an official letter.*

1.5 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.

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

1.7 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 used by a Handler/Competitor.

2. THE PROGRAM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.1 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 as modified in Section 1.3.

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

- Small Dog Division Team Triathlon* (Agility-Standard + Jumping + 3 Dog Team Relay)
Composition of Team in each round:
 - Two competitors with Toy, Mini, or Midi size dogs (limited to one size in Relay)
 - One competitor with a Large or Maxi size dog
- Large Dog Division Team Triathlon* (Agility-Standard + Jumping + 3 Dog Team Relay).
Composition of Team in each round:
 - Two competitors with Large or Maxi size dogs
 - One competitor with a Toy, Mini, or Midi size dog

See Section 3.2.1 for regulations for the Team Triathlon and Team Composition.



2.3 Event Program & Daily Schedule

Monday

- Ring/equipment familiarization (only upon request & additional paid training) 1200 – 1900

Tuesday

- Dog measure/check-in and ring/equipment familiarization 0800 – 1900

Wednesday

- Team Managers Meeting with Judges and Officials 0830 – 0930
- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception (at the venue) 1000 – 1200
- Course Build for Agility-Standard – Biathlon (B1) 1100 – 1200
- Walk through 1200 – 1300
- Championship Class: Agility-Standard – Biathlon (B1) 1300 – 1800

Thursday

- Course Build for Snooker 0800 – 0900
- Team Manager (s) and Judge's Briefing 0800 – 0830
- Walk-through 0900 – 1000
- Championship Classes – Snooker (Individual & All Around) 1000 – 1400
- Course Build for Team Triathlon (T1)* 1400 – 1445
**Course build may be delayed, subject to score resolution*
- Walk-through and Judge's Briefing 1445 – 1530
- Agility-Standard – Team Triathlon (T1) – Small & Large Dog Divisions 1530 – 1830
- Podium – Medal Presentation for all classes 1830 – 1930

Friday

- Course Build for Agility-Standard 0800 – 0830
- Walk-through & Judges' Briefing 0830 – 0930
- Championship Classes:
 - Agility-Standard (Individual & All Around) 0930 – 1300
 - Course Build for Jumping 1300 – 1400
 - Walk-through and Judges Brief 1400 – 1500
 - Jumping (Individual & All-Around) 1500 – 1830
- Podium – Medal Presentation for Agility-Standard & Jumping 1830 – 1930

Saturday

- Course Build for Gamblers 0800 – 0830
- Team Manager (s) and Judge's Gamblers Briefing 0800 – 0830
- Walk-through 0830 – 0930
- Championship Classes:
 - Gamblers (Individual & All Around) 0930 – 1400
 - Course Build for Jumping* 1400 – 1445
**Course build to begin no sooner than 15 minutes following end of Gamblers*
 - Walk-through and Judge's Briefing 1445 – 1545
 - Jumping – Team Triathlon (T2) – Small & Large Dog Divisions 1545 – 1830
- Podium – Medal Presentation for all classes for Gamblers & All-Around 1830 – 1930



Sunday

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| • Course Build for Jumping– Biathlon (B2) | 0800 - 0830 |
| • Walk-through & Judge’s Briefing | 0830 - 0930 |
| • Championship Classes: | |
| ○ Jumping – Biathlon (B2) | 0930 - 1230 |
| ○ Course Build for Team Triathlon (T3) | 1230 - 1330 |
| ○ Team Manager (s) and Judge’s T-3 Briefing | 1300 - 1330 |
| ○ Walk-through | 1330 - 1415 |
| ○ 3 Dog Team Relay – Team Triathlon (T3) – Small & Large Dog Divisions | 1415 - 1600 |
| • Podium – Medal Presentation for Biathlon and Triathlon Divisions | 1600 - 1700 |
| • Closing Ceremony* | 1700 - 1900 |

Note 1: Times may vary depending on the result of any team disputes and/or delays during the day.

Note 2: Team Managers meeting for Snooker, Gamblers and T3 will be a closed meeting, limited to 3 people per Member Nation – refer to paragraph 3.14.

3. NATIONAL TEAMS - ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 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 Teams that may enter, being:

- Member Nation
- Non-Member Nation (has signed IFCS declaration)
- Guest Nation

Note: There are no Reserve Handlers and teams may only use Reserve Dogs as stated under regulation 3.1.5.

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

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

3.1.1.1.1 A maximum of thirty (30) Handlers that have qualified for entry through rules established by their Member Nation and meeting any qualitative standards and requirements that may be established and published by the IFCS.

3.1.1.1.2 A Handler cannot compete with more than one dog in a height class or on a Triathlon team.

3.1.1.1.3 A National Team from an IFCS Member Nation is eligible for entry to all Individual (including Biathlon) and Triathlon classes.

3.1.1.1.4 A Handler is restricted in the number of Dogs they can compete with and height class of Dog as per Regulation 3.1.4.1.



3.1.2 National Team - IFCS Recognised Nations (non-member organisations who have signed and submitted a Declaration of Support and Approved by the IFCS Council)

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

3.1.2.1.1 A maximum of twenty-four (24) Handlers that have qualified for entry through rules established by their Member Nation and meeting any qualitative standards and requirements that may be established and published by the IFCS.

3.1.2.1.2 A Handler cannot compete with more than one dog in a height class or on a Triathlon team.

3.1.2.1.3 A National Team from an IFCS Recognised Nation is eligible for entry to all Individual (including Biathlon) and Triathlon classes.

3.1.2.1.4 A Handler is restricted in the number of Dogs they can compete with and height class of Dog as per Regulation 3.1.4.1.

3.1.3 National Team - IFCS Guest Nations (Competitors from Nations other than Member Nations and Recognised Nations are invited to participate if they have qualified for national or international competition in the past five years with one or more Dogs and have the approval of the IFCS Council)

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

3.1.3.1.1 A maximum of sixteen (16) Handlers that have qualified for entry through rules established by their Member Nation and meeting any qualitative standards and requirements that may be established and published by the IFCS, or

3.1.3.1.2 In the case of not having an existing organisation in your home country to organise qualification, then qualification requirements will be on a case-by-case agreement between the Guest Nation and the IFCS.

3.1.3.1.3 A Handler cannot compete with more than one dog in a height class.

3.1.3.1.4 A National Team from an IFCS Guest Nation is eligible for entry to all Individual (including Biathlon) classes, but is not eligible to enter Triathlon classes.

3.1.3.1.5 A Handler is restricted in the number of Dogs they can compete with and height class of Dog as per Regulation 3.1.4.1.



3.1.4 General Restrictions – All National Teams

3.1.4.1 For Championship Classes, the following regulations apply:

- Toy, Mini (small), and Midi (medium) dogs are considered Small Division Dogs.
- Large and Maxi (extra-large) 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 and dogs can only compete on one National Team.
- 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 Championship class.

3.1.4.2 Additional eligibility rules in individual multiple round events

- Biathlon Awards—the Handler and Dog must be the same for both classes aggregated for the Biathlon award.
- All-Around Awards—the Handler and Dog must be the same for all classes aggregated for the All-Around award.

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

3.1.4.4 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). Also see Section 3.1.5.

3.1.4.5 Handlers must be at least 16 years of age on the day of the opening ceremony.

3.1.5 Nations Sanctioned or Banned from Competition by the International Olympic Committee

3.1.5.1 Competitors from countries sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) may participate at the discretion of the IFCS Council. At the time of printing of these regulations, Russia and Belarus have been sanctioned for the act of war with Ukraine. Recommendations and decisions by the IOC shall be considered but shall not be the only considerations in determining whether competitors from sanctioned nations may participate. If competitors are permitted to compete as individual neutral competitors (“Neutrals”), the competitors may be subjected to the following conditions:

- Qualified competitors from a sanctioned country will be entered as individuals only and compete as Neutrals.
- Teams of competitors from a sanctioned country will not be considered.
- Competitors and support personnel who actively support the war between Russia and Ukraine will not be eligible to be entered or to compete. A statement of nonsupport may be required.
- Competitors and support personnel contracted to a sanctioned country military or national security agencies will not be eligible to be entered or to compete.
- Any Neutral, like all other participating competitors, must meet all anti-doping requirements.
- No flag, anthem, colours or any other identifications of a sanctioned country will be displayed in any official venue or function, and no sanctioned government or state officials will be invited or recognized.

IFCS Council will render decision no later than 31 January 2024, regarding sanctioned nations.



3.1.6 Reserve Dogs – All National Teams

3.1.6.1 There is no “Reserve Handler”, but “Reserve Dogs” are permitted in the event of a “Dog” being injured or becoming ill/sick just before or during travel to WAC, and/or in the case of problems that may arise with National Teams who face strict quarantine laws to return their dog back to their own home country, and as such they use “loaner” dogs. When the “loaner” dog is used by such Nations, they may arrive at the Championships and find they are short a “loaner” dog (various reasons) to match up to a Handler, and then there is a need for the use of Reserve Dog.

3.1.6.2 These event regulations allow each National Team using their own Dogs (from their country) to make up to two (2) reserve substitution of Dogs due to being ill/sick up until one hour prior to the schedule Opening Ceremony.

3.1.6.3 When a National Team is utilising “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.

3.1.6.4 A Reserve Dog does not have to be listed on the entry form submitted by the close of entries date.

3.1.6.5 Any Reserve Dog added as a substitution must be fit and healthy and if it was not listed on the team entry form that was submitted by the close date for entries, the dog must have the approval of the Team Manager (or Team Captain or Coach) and must be presented for measurement and general health check to the host officials during check-in, even if it is a Maxi dog measuring over 50cm (500mm).

3.1.6.6 Once substituted, the Reserve Dog is considered a “competing” Dog with no other distinction and the original Dog being replaced is considered as an “inactive” Dog and may not be reinstated for any reason during the event.

3.1.7. Entry Form and Fees

3.1.7.1 Each IFCS Member Nation must be in good standing, which includes being current in payment of “annual” membership dues. IFCS can be contacted directly for payment of Membership Dues: info@ifcsdogsports.org.

3.1.7.1.1 IFCS Membership dues are to be paid direct to the IFCS no later than 01 March and shall not be included with WAC Entry Fees.

3.1.7.1.2 Member Nations who are not current and financially paid-up members of the IFCS shall not be permitted to compete.

3.1.7.2 Recognised Nations and Guests (non-members) must be in good standing with the IFCS and pay the nonmember fee as stated in the Entry Form.

3.1.7.3 Any Member, Recognized or Guest nation, or individual who may have been sanctioned in international competition may be subject to provisions of 3.1.5. See Section 3.1.5 for competing as Neutrals.

3.1.7.4 Entry Fees (in Euro) are payable to the Host with the completed Entry Form on or before 01 March 2024.

3.1.7.5 Each team shall be permitted three noncompeting support personnel (i.e., manager, coach, assistant managers, medical technician, or groom) who will be issued credentials for access to competitor areas. Additional staff access credentials may be purchased for 10EUR per person.



3.2.1 Triathlon Classes (T1, T2 and T3)

3.2.1.1 National Teams may submit Triathlon Teams as follow:

- Member and Recognised Nations: Up to five (5) Triathlon teams overall as specified in section 3.2.6, but
 - No more than three (3) Teams classified as a Small Division Team
 - No more than three (3) Teams classified as a Large Division Team.
- Guest Nation & Neutral Competitors: No entry to Triathlon classes

3.2.1.2 There will be a separate award ceremony and medals for each of the Divisions of Small and Large.

- Small Division = Toy, Mini, and Midi Dogs
- Large Division = Large and Maxi Dogs

Note: The above two competitions will be completed in one ring, one Judge, one course, but are separate competitions and will result in two separate awards (each with a set of medals and podium ceremony).

3.2.1.3 Each Triathlon Team shall be comprised of three (3) Competitors (i.e., 3 x Handler and 3 x Dog).

- No one Dog may run a Triathlon Team course (T1, T2 or T3) more than once.
- No Handler may run for a Team in the Small Division more than once.
- No Handler may run for a Team in the Large Division more than once.
- A Handler is allowed to run a dog in the Small Dog Division and another dog in the Large Dog Division Dog. In this case, one of the dogs must be a small division dog as defined in section 3.2.1.2, and the other dog must be a large division dog as defined in section 3.2.1.2.

3.2.2. Triathlon Class (T1, T2 and T3) - Substitutions

3.2.2.1 No Handler or Dog may be on more than one Triathlon Team (T1 or T2 or 3 Dog Team Relay) as an initial triathlon team member or a substitute member in the same Division.

3.2.2.2 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).

3.2.3. Each Team must always meet the composition requirements of regulation 3.2.2 and 3.2.6.

3.2.4 A Triathlon team submitted for the Triathlon shall remain the same “Division” (small or large) for all three rounds T1, T2 and T3).

- A “Small” Division Triathlon team for T1 will always stay a “Small” Division Triathlon team.
- A “Large” Division Triathlon team for T1 will always stay a “Large” Division Triathlon team.
- As long as the Triathlon Team stays in the same Division, Small or Large, the composition of the Triathlon Team within that Division may change from Class to Class (T1 to T2 to T3) provided—
 - the requirements of Regulation 3.2.3 and 3.2.6 are followed, and
 - no more than two competitors on a Team are substituted for any one class;
 - maximum number of competitors for any one Team is seven (7).



3.2.5. Event organisers will publicly publish the Triathlon Team course for the day no later than 9.00 am on the day of the Triathlon class (noting that T1, T2 and T3 are the second event on the day they are each held). Nations have until 10:00 am to submit to the Event Secretary the names of the Handlers and Dogs for inclusion on their Triathlon team (s) for that day, subject to the provisions of Section.

3.2.5.1 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.

3.2.5.2 Notwithstanding any change to the Triathlon team (3 person team) for medical reasons, the Triathlon Team (3 person team) must still compete with a team that complies with Reg 3.2 (all) and 3.3.

3.2.5.3 With regards to Triathlon classes, if the injury is to a Handler, after confirmation of the injury by the event organisers and the IFCS Council, a substitute Handler in accordance with Reg 3.2 (all) and 3.3 may be nominated from remaining National Team members who have not participated on other teams of the Triathlon class in question (T1, T2 or T3) for the Division in question (Small or Large) as limited by Reg 3.2.2 and 3.2.3.

3.2.5.4 With regards to Triathlon Classes, if the injury is to a Dog, then after confirmation of the injury by the event organisers and/or the IFCS Council, and/or when present, the official veterinarian, a substitute dog from the National Team may be called, taking into account that no one dog may run a course more than once.

3.2.6 All Triathlon teams must have one of the following compositions of three Handlers with:

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

3.4. IFCS Recognition and Handler Citizenship

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

3.4.2 National Organisations that do not meet these requirements and have signed a declaration of support may take part in the Championships as a Recognised Nation through the permissions of the IFCS (and may enter Team Triathlon).

3.4.3 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.

3.4.4 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.



3.5. National Team Selection Process

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

3.5.2 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.

3.6. Entry Forms

3.6.1 Entry forms are available online on 15 January 2024, at worldagilitychampionship.com, Entry Form WAC 2024.

3.6.2 Only one entry form is required per Nation, listing all competitors who shall form their delegation.

3.6.3 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.

3.6.4 Any questions about entry forms, please contact the host as below:

Contact Name: Carole Ferri

Contact Email: wac2024contact@gmail.com

3.7 Entry Fees & Bank Payments

3.7.1 Entry fees are as per table below and are payable in Euros (€) to the Host nation. The Member Nation is responsible for all bank fees to cover the charges of the sending and receiving banks. If additional fees are charged to receiver by banks, please be prepared to pay deficit upon arrival at the venue.

3.7.1.1 The WAC Host will be in contact with each Team via email regarding entry forms and numbers and will advise bank details to each team via email.

3.7.1.2 Please ensure to include team/nation name when transferring funds so it can be tracked back to confirm funds have been received against each specific nation.

3.7.2 Entry Fee Breakdown Structure

Class of Competition	IFCS Member Nations	Recognised Nations, Guest Nations & Neutrals*
WAC Program – Championship Classes	€10/competitor*	€25/competitor*
Team Support Personnel Credentials in excess of 3 persons	€ 10/person**	€ 10/person**

** Each enrolled competitor is automatically entered in all eligible classes, subject to the eligibility requirements set forth in these regulations).*

***May be paid at check-in.*



3.7.4 Annual IFCS Membership Dues

3.7.4.1 Member Nations are required to pay their IFCS Membership Dues to attend.

3.7.4.2 IFCS Membership Dues must be **paid to IFCS directly and separate from WAC Entry Fees.**
Note: Do not include IFCS Membership fees with WAC Entry fees.

3.7.4.3 IFCS can be contacted directly for payment of Membership Dues: info@ifcsdogsports.org

3.7.4.4 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 WAC.

3.8. Good Sportsmanship

3.8.1 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.

3.8.2 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.

3.8.3 In the event of Elimination, it is recommended that Handlers continue to run the course in the normal manner to the end, following the numbers set by the judge, unless otherwise dismissed by the judge.

- This is usually the quickest way to the finish line and out of the ring to allow the next dog to start – saving time.
- This method is the best way to reduce any perception by the Judge of training in the ring.
- This allows the run to be fully recorded by video for future use during any dispute process.

3.9. Vaccination of Dogs and Bitches in Heat

3.9.1 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 or by contacting the Event Secretary.

3.9.2 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.

3.10. Dog Measurement and Check-In

3.10.1 Every dog entered for competition shall be certified as to its height at the withers by an official letter of the sponsoring IFCS Member organisation, 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 organisation, with at least one sign-off being from the President or Secretary.

3.10.2 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.

3.10.3 Any National Team using 1/3 or more “loaner” Dog will be exempt from the requirement to present a letter from their Member Organisation.

3.10.4 The Member Organisation may just state within the letter “Maxi” for Maxi dogs in lieu of a metric measurement. For Toy, Mini (small), Midi, Large, and Maxi (extra-large) dogs, they must all have a metric measurement in mm or cm stated.

3.10.5 Last minute substitution of a Dog as per Regulation 3.1.6.5 of these Event Regulations will be exempt from the requirement for a letter from the Member Nation.

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

3.10.7 Any Dog that is registered after the Close of Entry Date (see regulation 3.1.5.4 and 3.1.5.5) will need to be checked-in and measured – regardless of height.

3.10.8 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 Organising 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).

3.10.9 Measurement of Dogs height at the wither will be in metric as per below:

Class	Dog’s Height at Withers
Toy	300mm or less
Mini	350mm or less
Midi	420mm or less
Large	500mm or less
Maxi	Any height

3.10.10 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 organisation, 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.

3.10.11 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 organisation, 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 organisations should take all care to ensure each dog is placed in the appropriate height class for the Dogs height as will be measured (in metric) at the event.

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

3.11 Running Order

3.11.1 The running order for the event shall be randomly established. The host nation may randomise 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.

3.11.2 For the Biathlon Final (B2), the running order shall be in Reverse Order of placings from the first Biathlon round (B1).

3.11.3 For the Triathlon Final (T3), the running order shall be in Reverse Order from cumulative placings from T1 and T2.

3.12 Accommodation

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

3.13 Walking the Course and Judges Briefing

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

3.13.2 For Agility-Standard, Jumping, the Biathlon courses and the first two Triathlon courses (T1 and T2), the Judge will give any Judges Briefing required at the ring for all Handlers to hear.

3.13.3 For Snooker, Gamblers and the Triathlon Final (T3), due to the amount of information the Judge needs to share, and the questions that are normally asked, these Judges Briefings 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 briefing for Snooker, Gamblers, and the Team Triathlon (T3) Final.
- 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 Briefing is given to over 100 Handlers from many different countries with many different languages.
 - Notwithstanding the 3 persons per nation rule, if required, the IFCS will be flexible in regards to allowing non-English speaking teams to have a fourth person acting as an interpreter when required.



4 WINNERS DETERMINATION

4.1 Team Triathlon

4.1.1 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

4.1.2 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.

4.2 Individual Competition

4.2.1 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.

4.2.1.1 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.

4.2.1.2 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.

4.2.1.3 Should a competitor decline or be unable to "run-off" then they will place lower.

4.2.1.4 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.

4.2.2 For Snooker and Gamblers classes, winners in Individual programs are determined by the greatest sum of points earned.

4.2.2.1 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.



4.3 Biathlon

4.3.1 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

4.3.2 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.

4.4 Individual All Around

4.4.1 Winners and placements for the All-Around competition are determined by the procedures set forth in paragraph 4.4 and its sub-paragraphs. Winners in individual classification in “All-Around” are determined by the greatest sum of points earned on Gamblers and Snooker courses and the calculated points from Individual Agility-Standard and Individual Jumping utilising the following course point values from the All-Around Points Table below and a formula in which the dogs total points (sum of time and course penalties) for each of the two classes of Individual Agility-Standard and Individual Jumping are deducted from the Course Point Value (listed in the Table below) to arrive at a score. 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).

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

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.)

4.4.2 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.



4.5 Requirement for a “Jump off”

4.5.1 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 course (same or similar course as previously run and approved by the Chief Judge) in order to establish ranking among Competitors for medals and other awards.

5 WINNERS AWARDS

5.1 Official Awards

5.1.1 Each member of a 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 and gold medal, for each of the two Divisions of Small and Large.

5.1.2 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.

5.1.3 Competitors who win first place in one of the five (5) height classes in the Individual classes, being Agility-Standard, Jumping, Gamblers and Snooker are awarded with the title “World Agility Champion 2024” for the specific class in question, and are awarded an IFCS diploma and a gold medal.

5.1.4 Competitors taking second place in one of the five (5) height classes of the Individual classes, being Agility-Standard, Jumping, Gamblers and Snooker are awarded an IFCS diploma and a silver medal.

5.1.5 Competitors taking third place in one of the five (5) height classes of the Individual classes, being Agility-Standard, Jumping, Gamblers and Snooker are awarded an IFCS diploma and a bronze medal.

5.1.6 Competitors who win first place in one of the five (5) height classes for Biathlon and All-Around are awarded with the title “World Agility Champion” for the specific Height Class in question and are awarded an IFCS diploma and a gold medal.

5.1.7 Competitors taking second place in one of the five (5) height classes of the Biathlon and All-Around events are awarded for the Height Class in question an IFCS diploma and a silver medal.

5.1.8 Competitors taking third place in one of the five (5) height classes of the Biathlon and All-Around events are awarded for the Height Class in question an IFCS diploma and a bronze medal.

5.2 Unofficial Awards

5.2.1 Unofficial awards in non-championship kinds of classes (if held):

5.2.2 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 five (5) height classes. Types of awards are to be determined by the host.

5.2.3 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.



6 PROCEDURES

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

6.2 The IFCS flag should always be presented in a visible place during the Championships.

6.3 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 organisation.

6.4 The solemn parades of all competitors of the Championships are carried out in the opening and closing ceremonies only. Handlers take part in solemn parades under the national flags of their countries, except those handlers who may be prohibited from doing so for being from a sanctioned nations (i.e., Neutrals) as set forth in Section 3.1.5.

6.5 Handlers are to be wearing their team uniforms when taking part in all official ceremonies with their Dogs.

6.6 In the opening ceremony, teams are formed in alphabetical order (alphabet of the host country). Neutrals, if any, shall enter after all other countries under the IFCS flag, other than the National Team of the host country, which shall bring up the rear.

6.7 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-recognised countries.

6.8 Order of Awarding Ceremonies

6.8.1 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.

6.8.2 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.

6.8.3 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.

6.8.4 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, the background of the podium should always 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.



6.8.5 When a competitor who has taken the first place (gold medal) has received official awards, the national anthem of his/her country sounds. In this time, the national flags of countries in first, second and third are presented with prominence. The flag of a country of first place (gold) is placed in the center, the flag of a country of second place (silver) is placed to the left and slightly lower (when possible) of the flag of first place. The flag of a country for third place (bronze) is positioned to the right of the flag of first place and slightly lower (when possible) of the flag of second place (silver).

6.8.6 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 organisations.

6.8.7 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.

6.9 Diploma and Medals

6.9.1 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.

6.10 Emblem/Logo

6.10.1 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.

6.10.1 The IFCS logo and the World Agility Championship logo are the exclusive property of IFCS. Entry to WAC includes a limited use license for inclusion of the logos on Team uniforms. No other apparel or merchandise shall be branded and sold without a written license agreement with IFCS.

6.10.2 The IFCS logo and the World Agility Championship logo shall not be used in such a manner that will distort the logo. Any use of the logo other than as authorized for print or embroidery on Team uniforms shall be presented to IFCS for written approval.

6.11 National Flags

6.11.1 An Organisation 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.

6.12 Uniform of National Team

6.12.1 National insignia on the uniform of competitors, coaches and team leaders is not regulated. Handlers may only compete in their own national team colours/uniform, except for Neutral Competitors, who shall not bear the colours or national flag as may be established pursuant to Section 3.1.5.

6.12.2 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 organisation, but must be subordinate to insignia of country and National organisation insignia (no more than 75% of size).



6.13 Judges Briefing

6.13.1 Judges shall provide detailed briefings in writing for Gamblers and Snooker and the Triathlon Final (T3) as they relate to rules of competition for the given class. There is no requirement to provide a written Judge's Briefing for Agility-Standard and Jumping classes or either of the two Biathlon Classes.

6.13.2 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).

6.13.3 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.

6.13.4 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 (ie, 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.

6.13.5 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.

6.14 Course Design Review

6.14.1 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.

6.14.2 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.

6.15 Dog Fitness and use of a Wrap

6.15.1 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.

6.15.2 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.

6.15.3 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.

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



7. GRIEVANCES & DISPUTES

7.1 All matters related to scoring a performance on course shall be at the sole decision of the Judge.

7.1.1 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 of a judge's call is the official video camera, if one has been designated.

7.1.2 The IFCS Council, in consultation with the Judges Panel and Host organiser will be responsible for the set-up and use of one or more official video cameras (if any are to be used).

7.1.2.1 If official video cameras are to be used, IFCS Council shall establish specific procedures and conditions for which the official video camera may be used, by either,

- following a Grievance Resolution Process by teams as outlined in section 7.1.7 through section 7.1.11, or
- following an Automatic Judge Review Process where each run is reviewed by video while the class is running as outlined in section 7.1.12 through 7.1.14.

7.1.2.2 IFCS Council may establish that there will be no use of an official video camera at the Championships for use in a dispute of a judge's call.

7.1.2.3 IFCS Council may establish at any time that the use of one or more previously designated official video cameras shall no longer be used. Any unresolved disputes shall be resolved in favor of the judge's call in the ring.

7.1.3 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 is the Chairman of the Judges Panel and is a required official judge for the event. The Chief Judge may or may not be judging a class during the WAC event. The appointment of the Chief Judge shall be subject to the approval of the IFCS Council. The Chief Judge is responsible for managing any dispute forms and the video replay and dispute process when an official video system is used.

7.1.4 If a team wishes to dispute a recording of the score that may arise due to a scribing or arithmetic error, the Team Representative (i.e., Team Captain, Manager or Coach) is to file an official dispute form with the Chief Judge or other duly nominated official within 15 minutes of the posting of score. 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.

7.1.4.1 A Judge may require a re-run during the running of a class as a result of an interruption in the performance beyond the control of the competitor. There will be no other re-runs other than highly irregular circumstances that may otherwise prevent assigning a score to a performance without first collaborating with and concurrence of the Chief Judge. At the end of the round of the last dog in the last height class, the Chief Judge shall declare as appropriate to the circumstances that the course is finished and that the ring is available for building the next course.

7.1.4.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Judge may encounter a circumstance that requires a re-run as a result of inadvertent interruption of a performance beyond the control of the competitor (e.g., unavoidable collision with a judge or steward due to a judge or a steward's sudden action or interference from outside factors, such



as another dog entering the ring out of control). Where a judge or steward's position is consistent for all competitors, a rerun may not be warranted if it is reasonable to believe that the competitor could have avoided the collision. A judge has a right to be in position to be able to judge the performance. A competitor has the obligation to respect a judge's position for judging when reasonably and consistently applied for other competitors.

7.1.4.3 A re-run is permissible only when there is no other objective means by which a score can be reasonably determined. The judge shall use their discretion to select a method of determining what the score would have been had the interruption not occurred, without granting advantage over other competitors. For agility, jumpers and relay classes, any faults incurred to the point of the interruption shall be retained, and judge shall begin scoring the run once the competitor passes the point of the prior interruption.

7.1.4.4 In point-based classes such as Gamblers or Snooker, the course shall be rerun in the same sequence as run to the point of the interruption, and any additional points earned beyond the point of interruption shall be added. Performance time may be adjusted by the judge to compensate for any notable changes in the performance on a re-run that may be inconsistent with the performance prior to the interruption that gave rise to the need for a re-run. In any case, there will be no re-runs due to the submission of an official dispute form where an induced interruption has not occurred.

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

7.1.6 The dispute form will include the following information:

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

7.1.7 When the Grievance Resolution Process is used, 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.

7.1.8 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 authorised official for review.

7.1.9 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 the 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.



7.1.10 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 the 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.

7.1.11 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 show clearly and conclusively (100%) that the Judge made the incorrect call, then the dispute process is to be followed as per the steps below:

7.1.11.1 Official video to be shown to the Team Representative.

7.1.11.2 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.

7.1.11.3 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.

7.1.11.4 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.

7.1.11.5 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.

7.1.11.6 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 the results can be amended.



7.1.12 Alternatively, an Automatic Judge Review Process may be established that shall provide for automatic video review of each performance. In this Automatic Review Process, the Chief Judge or a designated panel of judges shall review all performances in real-time, using instant replay of any questionable faults.

7.1.13 In the Automatic Judge Review Process, a performance shall be evaluated by a judges' panel for faults called by the officiating judge as well as any observed faults that may have occurred and were not called. Should a discrepancy be discovered, following the completion of the height class, the judge shall be consulted and a final ruling shall be made. Provisions of 7.1.11.2 through 7.1.11.5 shall apply.

7.1.14 No other grievances are possible on any judge calls when the Automatic Judge Review Process is used, though a dispute may be filed for improper point tally due to a possible scribe error or other errors in reporting or calculation.

7.1.15 The Secretary, after consultation with the Chief Judge and IFCS representatives, shall post a notice at the event that—

- The Grievances Resolution Process shall be used pursuant to published regulations in sections 7.1.7 through 7.1.11, or
- The Automatic Judge Review Process will be used and that no grievances for judge's calls may be made as set forth in sections 7.1.12 through 7.1.14.
- No grievances or other system of review shall be employed, and that the judges call in the ring shall be final.

7.2 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.

7.2.1 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 (considering 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 Organisers and dealt with as per section 7.3.

7.2.2 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.

7.3 Any and all matters related to discipline or other matters that falls outside the guidelines of 7.1 and 7.2 shall be heard and resolved by a Grievance Committee, which shall be appointed without bias by the Committee of Organisers and shall include one or more 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 Organisers.

7.4 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 Organisers, and the Grievance Committee as final.



8 WAIVERS, DISCLAIMERS AND ASSIGNMENTS

8.1 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 the WAC 2024 entry form applies (the "event"), each competitor and the organisation 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 organisers", 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 organising committee
- The host country organisation
- International Federation of Cynological Sports ("IFCS") and the IFCS Council
- Sponsors
- Property owners of the premises upon which the event is held

Each competitor and the organisation they represent further agree to hold harmless the event organisers from any claim for loss or injury of the dog listed on the 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 organisation they represent assume all responsibility and liability for any claims referenced in this section 8, including legal fees.

8.2 Acknowledgment & Acceptance of Regulations

Each competitor and the organisation 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 organisation they represent accept and agree to abide by any and all rulings of the organising committee (and its members), the event's grievance committee and/or IFCS council relative to matters related to the event.

8.3 Acknowledgment & Representation of Accuracy

Each competitor and the organisations 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 organisers 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 organising committee and/or IFCS council.

8.4 Representation of Ownership or Agency

Each competitor and the organisation 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 organisation 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.

8.5 Media Release, Grants & Waivers of Rights to Broadcast & Promote

Each competitor, judge, event organisers, and the organisation 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.

8.6 Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality

Further, each competitor, judge, event organisers, and the organisation 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.

8.7 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 organisation 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.