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REGULATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN CUP GRANDE QUÊTE FIELD TRIALS FOR BRITISH POINTERS

In 1950, FRANCE, BELGIUM, ITALY and SWITZERLAND created the International Grande Quête Field Trials called "European Cup Grande Quête" in which a team representing the founding countries and those having joined afterwards compete.

This competition is governed by the general provisions contained in the international regulations of field trials for British Pointers (individual and pairs) and by the international regulations of the Grande Quête field trials for British Pointers. The following specific rules apply to the European Cup:

The FCI Commission for British Pointers suggests that the event be organised by countries in turn and it will make sure that this is respected. The European Cup will not be organised more than twice in a row in the same country.

The organising country must inform the President of the FCI Commission for British Pointers, in writing **by December 15th at the latest**, about the date on which it intends to hold the event.

Each participating country shall endeavour not to hold a Grande Quête field trial on the day preceding the date set for the European Cup.

Should a country wish to join the European Cup, it must apply in writing to the President of the FCI commission for British Pointers.

The application will be approved only if the applicant country accepts all the regulations of the European Cup in force as of the date of its admission; the newly admitted country will only be allowed to compete in the European Cup on the following year.

No reason for refusal of the admission by the FCI Commission shall be required.

When a non-founding country wants to organise this competition, it will conduct, the preceding year, a Grande Quête trial on the grounds chosen to run such a proposed trial.

Two judges from the Cup founding countries will be members of the jury and they will report to the President of the FCI Commission on the quality of the grounds that were chosen and on the results of the trial.

COMPETITORS

Every country may only be represented by a single team consisting of ***a minimum of one and a maximum of four dogs plus two substitutes.***

Only the dogs registered with the studbooks (and not the “waiting list” or “appendix”) of the FCI member organisations and contract partners or registered with a non FCI member organisation whose studbook is, however, recognised by the FCI will be allowed to compete.

The dogs have to be entered at least 48 hours before the date of the competition.

Any dog of a team can be substituted prior to the start of the competition.

The entry fee is determined by the commission, one year beforehand. The payment of the entry fee is made together with the entry.

There is no entry fee for the substitute dogs.

The teams have to be made up taking the following requirements into consideration:

Owner

The owner has to have the nationality of the country for which his dog will compete or must have his usual residence for a minimum of 12 months in the country for which his dog will compete.

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

Dog

The dog's pedigree must have an export stamp, or a confirmation from the exporting country, dating from at least 6 months. The dog must have been registered in the studbook of the country for which it will compete.

Handler

The handler, no matter his nationality and with no restriction as to the number of dogs he is allowed to handle, is allowed to compete for more than one country ; the dogs composing his team represent the country of their owner.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

FORMATION OF THE PAIRS

The formation of the pairs will be made by drawing. However, dogs belonging to the same team may not run together.

Bitches in heat will be allowed to compete provided that they do not disturb their partner, who must be a female.

PRESENTATION

The judges must officiate in compliance with the provisions of the International regulations of Grande Quête field trials for British Pointers.

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

AIM

The European Cup aims at bringing the Elite dogs to the fore, that have distinguished themselves by extraordinary display of scenting ability, gait, endurance, style, ability and great hunting sense and that are likely to become the progenitors of other great trialers and numerous top-quality sporting dogs.

DURATION

The trial, even if held over two days, will have only one ranking and will be judged in compliance with the International regulations of Grande Quête field-trials for British Pointers.

All the dogs will complete the entire round ***in the same day***. However, the judges will be allowed to re-call dogs of great merit as many times as they find it necessary.

JUDGES

There will be three judges. The chief judge will be responsible for the successful outcome of the event. He will be appointed each year by the FCI Commission for British Pointers.

The nationality of the chief judge (head of jury) and the wing-judges will be indicated by the FCI Commission for British Pointers, in compliance with a fair rotation.

The judges will officially be approved at the meeting of the Commission celebrated the year before the European Cup.

The Commission will make sure that all the countries have the opportunity to be represented by a judge.

JUDGES ASSESSMENT

The judges will severely penalize dogs below the standard of the Grande Quête competitions or that have not displayed outstanding training. The aim of their judgement is primarily to bring to the fore the elite dogs. The judging is definitive and cannot be appealed.

CLASSIFICATION

The points awarded to each dog will determine the individual placing, thus determining the placing of the team according to the grading hereunder:

EXC.CAC and <i>FCI</i> -CACIT	12 Points
EXC.R-CAC and <i>FCI</i> -RCACIT	11 Points
EXC.1st	10 Points

EXC.2nd	9 Points
EXC.3rd	8 Points
EXC.after 3rd	7 Points
VERY GOOD, any classification	4 Points
GOOD	2 Points

To be placed, a team must have at least two dogs in the prizes and a minimum of 9 points.

PRIZES

A medal will be awarded by the organizing country to each dog of the winning team having taken part in the competition.

A souvenir will also be presented by the organizing country to every dog having taken part in the competition.

A non-compulsory special prize that cannot consist of money may be given by the organizing country.

Finally, a silver cup will be awarded by the participating countries. This trophy will remain a floating trophy.

It will only be awarded to winning teams that have a minimum of 9 points. Should the team have less than 9 points, it will not be awarded but will remain in possession of the preceding winner until another team has a minimum of 9 points.

The base of the trophy must be large enough for the names of the winning dogs to be inscribed on it, and it will be paid for by the competing countries in equal shares.

If and when necessary, a new base to this trophy will be donated and paid for in equal shares by the participating countries.

All the countries that apply to take part in the European Cup in the future will pay their share of this trophy.

All the countries of which the teams will have been placed three times "first" with a minimum of 9 points, consecutively or not, will be entitled to have the name of the country, the years of the victories and the name of the dogs of the winning teams written on the trophy.

The English text is the authentic document.

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