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## REGULATIONS FOR FCI DOG SHOWS

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**NB: Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders and numbers**

These regulations supplement the Standing Orders of the FCI only in respect of those dog shows in which a "Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté de la FCI" (award for the title "International Beauty Champion"- CACIB) can be awarded.

For these events a fee is charged by the FCI, the amount of which is to be determined by the General Assembly of the FCI. This fee is due, on receipt of the catalogues and the CACIB/Res-CACIB lists of the show in question, for every dog appearing in the catalogue. It must also be paid even if no awards are granted.

## **1 BASICS**

The FCI members, federated and associated, must organise a minimum of 1 (one) CACIB show a year.

The members are solely responsible for determining in which dog shows the competitions for the CACIB can be held.

It is the task of the FCI General Secretariat to draw up and publish a CACIB show schedule.

The shows, which have been sanctioned by the FCI, must be indicated and designated as follows: "International Dog Show with attribution of the CACIB of the FCI"

The catalogue of these shows must be clearly marked with the FCI-logo and the following expression: "Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)".

## **2 APPLICATIONS**

Applications to get a CACIB International Dog Show sanctioned by the FCI must be sent to the General Secretariat of the FCI latest 12 months before the show or earliest four calendar years before the show.

## **3 RESTRICTIONS**

Only one CACIB can be awarded for each sex, breed and variety - in accordance with the FCI Breed Nomenclature for Dog Breeds - on the same day and at the same place.

No CACIB show can be held on the day of a World or Section show which takes place on that particular continent.

If a show has to be cancelled, the organiser must partly refund the entry fees which have been paid.

The FCI will only authorise shows to be held on the same day provided that these events are held at an air distance of at least 300 km. In case this distance is less than 300 km, the approval can be given provided that the organiser who first submitted an application gives his consent to the second applicant.

In this case, appropriate dividing up of the FCI groups according to the FCI Breed Nomenclature, taking the show venues and days into consideration, is recommended.

At CACIB shows, a breed must be judged, if possible, in one single day and the breeds of the same FCI group should also be judged in one day. However, it is possible to divide the groups over two days if needed for organisational reasons.

The decision regarding sanctioning CACIB shows is the responsibility of the Executive Director of the FCI.

#### **4 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS / ADMISSION OF DOGS**

The dogs' welfare must be of UTMOST PRIORITY at all dog shows.

The organisers must ensure that the only breeds that will be shown are those for which breed standards have been definitively or provisionally accepted by the FCI and which are registered with the studbook or with the appendix to the studbook (waiting list) of an FCI member country or of an FCI non-member country whose studbook is, however, recognised by the FCI, or those breeds that are not yet recognised (neither definitively nor provisionally) by the FCI. However, in this case, the breeds must be recognised at a national level and have been issued pedigrees by a national kennel club, member or contract partner of the FCI. These breeds have to appear in a special section ("breeds not recognised by the FCI") in the catalogue. The usual fee is due to the FCI for each dog of these breeds. In addition, they are not eligible for the CACIB, for the Best of Group competitions and for the various FCI titles.

At all shows in which the CACIB of the FCI is awarded, the division into groups in accordance with the current FCI Breed Nomenclature is absolutely obligatory. In case this ruling would not be observed, the FCI reserves the right to hold back future authorisations to award the CACIB at international shows.

These groups are as follows:

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| Group 1 | Sheepdogs and Cattle Dogs (except Swiss Cattle Dogs)                         |
| Group 2 | Pinschers and Schnauzers – Molossoid Breeds - Swiss Mountain and Cattle Dogs |
| Group 3 | Terriers   |
| Group 4 | Dachshunds   |
| Group 5 | Spitz and Primitive Types  |
| Group 6 | Scenthounds and Related Breeds   |
| Group 7 | Pointing Dogs  |
| Group 8 | Retrievers – Flushing Dogs – Water Dogs                                      |

Group 9      Companion and Toy Dogs

Group 10     Sighthounds

At all shows with few entries the organisers are allowed to have different Groups judged together in the ring of honour for “Best of Group” competitions; however this does not apply to World and Section Shows.

At all shows, in addition to the designation of the breed in the relevant language of the organising country, the schedule and the catalogue should also include the country of origin of the breed and should be in one of the FCI four working languages.

***The confirmed*** titles of International and National Champion and the official titles obtained at FCI World and Section Shows (World Winner, Junior World Winner, Section Winner and Junior Section Winner) can be published in the catalogue. ***The publication of other titles in the catalogue is left to the discretion of the country organizing the show.***

Sick (temporarily ill or suffering from a contagious illness) or lame dogs or those males which show atrophy of the testicles and bitches which are lactating or which are accompanied by their puppies must be excluded from any dog show. Bitches on heat are allowed to participate subject to the show regulations of the organisers. Blind or deaf dogs are not allowed to take part in FCI CACIB shows. However, should this ruling not be observed and a judge discovers that a dog is deaf or blind, he has to take the dog out of the ring.

Dogs which are not in the catalogue cannot be judged unless problems occur for which the organising committee is responsible (problem in the printing process of the catalogue, etc.) and provided that the entry forms have been completely filled in and returned to the organisers not later than the entry deadline and that the entry fees are duly recorded on the bank account of the organising committee.

Dogs with docked tails or cropped ears are to be admitted in accordance with the legal regulations of their home countries and those of the country where the show takes place. The judging of docked and undocked or cropped and uncropped dogs must be done without any discrimination and solely in accordance with the valid breed standard.

It is forbidden to treat the coat, skin or nose with anything that alters the structure, colour or form. It is forbidden to prepare the dog in the show ground with any substances or equipment. Only combing and brushing are allowed. It is also forbidden to leave the dog tied up on the trimming table longer than necessary for the preparation.

Micro-chips (ISO-standard) and tattoos are accepted equally. If in the relevant country there are no scanners for reading, the exhibitor has to bring his own scanner.

The organising committee reserves the right not to accept the participation of any exhibitor at the show.

## 5 CLASSES

Double entries as well as late entries (after the closing date) are not permitted. Additional shows or competitions, when commonly held in the country where the CACIB show takes place, are permitted within the framework programme on the same showground, outside the official competition.

Only the following classes are recognised at CACIB shows sanctioned by the FCI:

a. Classes in which the CACIB can be awarded:

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|----------------------|------------------------|------------|
| - Intermediate class | (from 15 to 24 months) | compulsory |
| - Open Class         | (15 months and over)   | compulsory |
| - Working Class      | (15 months and over)   | compulsory |
| - Champion Class     | (15 months and over)   | compulsory |

### **Working Class**

To enter a dog in working class, the entry form must be accompanied by a copy of the FCI compulsory certificate containing the confirmation -by the member country in which the holder and/or owner has his permanent place of residence- that the dog has passed the test as well as details about this test.

The only breeds eligible for the working class are those appearing as working breeds in the FCI Breed Nomenclature, taking into account the exceptions granted to some countries for some breeds.

### **Champion Class**

To enter a dog in Champion Class, one of the following titles must have been confirmed by the day of the official closing date of entries; proof of this, by copy, must be enclosed with the entry form.

- International Champion of the FCI
- National Champion (this title must have been earned in the same FCI member country with at least 2 awards).
- National Champion from countries which are not members of the FCI may be recognized.

Once the catalogue is printed, it is forbidden to transfer a dog from one class to the other unless the problem is due to a printing mistake.

**b. Classes in which the CACIB cannot be awarded:**

-Baby Class	(up to 6 months)	optional
-Puppy Class	(from 6 to 9 months)	optional
-Junior Class	(from 9 to 18 months)	compulsory
-Veteran Class	(from 8 years and over)	compulsory

The decisive date in respect of age is the day the dog is shown.

**c. Optional Collective Classes/Competitions**

To compete in these classes/competitions, the dogs must be registered individually in one of the compulsory classes.

- *Brace/Couple Class/Competition* : a dog and a bitch of the same breed and variety and belonging to the same owner.
- *Breeders Class/Competition* : consisting of minimum three and maximum five exhibits of the same breed and variety, without distinction of sex, bred by the same person (same kennel name), even if they are not his property.
- *Progeny Class/Competition* : a sire or dam with minimum three and maximum five of his progeny (first generation, sons/daughters).

These optional classes/competitions should preferably be judged in the breed-judging rings.

## **6 QUALIFICATIONS AND PLACINGS**

The qualifications given by the judges must correspond to the following definitions:

**EXCELLENT** may only be awarded to a dog which comes very close to the ideal standard of the breed, which is presented in excellent condition, displays a harmonious, well-balanced temperament, is of high class and has excellent posture. Its superior characteristics in respect of its breed permit that minor imperfections can be ignored; it must however have the typical features of its sex.

**VERY GOOD** may only be awarded to a dog which possesses the typical features of its breed, which has well-balanced proportions and is in correct condition. A few minor faults may be tolerated but none of a morphological nature. This award can only be granted to a dog that shows class.

**GOOD** is to be awarded to a dog that possesses the main features of its breed however showing faults provided these are not concealed.

**SUFFICIENT** must be awarded to a dog which corresponds adequately to its breed, without possessing the generally accepted characteristics or whose physical condition leaves something to be desired.

**DISQUALIFIED** must be awarded to a dog which does not correspond to the type required by the breed standard; which shows a behaviour clearly not in line with its standard or which behaves aggressively; which has testicular abnormalities; which has dental flaw or a jaw anomaly; which shows a colour and/or coat imperfection or clearly shows signs of albinism. This qualification shall also be awarded to dogs that correspond so little to a single feature of the breed that their health is threatened. It should furthermore be awarded to dogs that show eliminating faults in regard to the breed standard.

Dogs that cannot be awarded one of the above qualifications shall be released from the ring with the rating :

**CANNOT BE JUDGED.** This rating is to be given to any dog which does not move, constantly jumps up and down on its handler or tries to get out of the ring, makes it impossible to assess the gait and the movement or avoids constantly to be examined by the judge and makes it impossible to inspect teeth, anatomy and structure, tail or testicles. This rating is also to be given if traces of operations or treatment can be observed which seem to indicate that the exhibitor wanted to deceive the judge.

The same applies if the judge has ample reason to suspect operations that were intended to correct the original condition or feature (e.g.: eyelid, ear or tail). The reason why the dog was rated CANNOT BE JUDGED has to be stated in the judge's report.

The four best dogs in each class are placed provided that they have been awarded at least the qualification "VERY GOOD".

## **7 TITLES, AWARDS AND MAIN RING COMPETITIONS**

### **CACIB – Certificat d’Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté de la FCI**

The only dogs which can be taken into consideration for the CACIB are those which have been awarded "EXCELLENT 1<sup>st</sup>". A CACIB can only be awarded if the dog in question has been assessed as being of superior quality. The CACIB is not automatically and compulsorily linked to the "EXCELLENT 1<sup>st</sup>".

The Reserve CACIB is awarded to the second best dog which was given the qualification "EXCELLENT". It is however not compulsory to award the Reserve CACIB.

The judge awards CACIB and RESERVE CACIB according to the quality of the dogs without checking whether they meet the conditions regarding age and/or registration with a studbook recognised by the FCI.

The CAC (Certificat d’Aptitude au Championnat) is a national grading. It is up to the national kennel clubs to decide in which classes and to which dogs this certificate can be awarded. The CAC counts towards a national champion title.

Only one judge for each sex and breed carries out the granting of all awards, including CACIB, and this judge shall be appointed in advance.

The dog and the bitch which were proposed for the CACIB, the best junior dog and the best junior bitch which have received the qualification "1<sup>st</sup> Excellent" in the Junior class, the best veteran dog and the best veteran bitch which have received the qualification "1<sup>st</sup> Excellent" in the Veteran class compete for the Best of Breed.

Dogs of FCI breeds which are not yet definitively recognised (have a provisional status), although not eligible for the CACIB, are allowed to compete for the Best of Breed, Best of Group and Best in Show competitions.

#### **Main ring competitions :**

Best of Group, Best in Show, Breeders' Group, Progeny Group, Couple Class (Brace), Best Veteran, Best Junior, Best Puppy, Best Baby and Junior Handling must be judged by only one judge, who must be appointed in advance.

The only judges who may be used to this end are those who were allowed to do so by their respective national canine organisation, which issued an appropriate written permission.

## **8 CONFIRMATION OF THE CACIB**

The CACIB proposals will be issued by the appropriate judges. The final confirmation will be made by the FCI.

It is up to the FCI General Secretariat to check whether the dogs proposed comply with the conditions laid down for confirmation of the CACIB.

The cards handed to the exhibitors at the shows duly indicate that the relevant dog has been proposed for a CACIB. They must read: "Subject to confirmation by the FCI".

The General Secretariat must make sure that the CACIB was correctly awarded. Latest three months after the show, two copies of the catalogue and the lists of the dogs proposed for the CACIB and the Reserve CACIB must be forwarded by the show organiser.

These lists must contain the following information:

Catalogue number, name of the dog, studbook and studbook number, sex, breed and variety, date of birth, name of the owner, name of the judge and class in which the CACIB was awarded.

The breeds will be listed according to the name used in their country of origin, followed by the name normally used in the country in which the show takes place.

Dogs and bitches must be entered separately. Numbering must start at no.1 and shall not be interrupted. Within the same breed, the numbering cannot be interrupted.

If a dog is not included in the CACIB list (if for example the organisers failed to mention it), the proposal card can be accepted as a proof provided that no other dog of the same breed and sex already appears on the list.

## **9 JUDGES**

Only the officiating judge is authorised to make decisions regarding the awarding of qualifications, placing and CACIB. In this respect, he is obliged to do this without outside help and/or interference by anybody else.

Only judges who are authorised by their national organisation to judge said breeds may carry out judging and evaluation of dogs. While on assignment, they are obliged to judge strictly and exclusively in accordance with the FCI breed standard that is currently valid.

With regard to judging of breed(s) and/or final competitions in the main ring, a judge can only officiate in another country after he has been authorised to do so in writing, by the national canine organisation of his country of residence, prior to the event.

Judges from countries that are not members of the FCI can only officiate at FCI shows if the national organisation to which they belong is related to the FCI by contractual arrangement or gentleman's agreement. These judges can officiate at FCI shows provided that their name is included in the official list of the national canine association.

The following also applies:

- a. If invited to judge at an FCI show, all judges from countries that are not members of the FCI must fill in the standardised questionnaire issued by the FCI. It shall be sent to them in due time and must be returned signed for approval.
- b. It is up to the national organisation of the country where a judge from a non member country of the FCI is scheduled to judge to check the validity of the information contained in the questionnaire.
- c. All the judges, including those from countries that are not members of the FCI, must under all circumstances follow the FCI breed standards when they are officiating at shows which have been sanctioned by the FCI. The FCI standards for the breeds which will be judged by judges who do not come from FCI members must be sent to them (in due time before the event) by the organiser who has invited them.
- d. Judges from non-FCI member countries and from associated member countries are only licensed to judge the breeds recognised by their national canine organisations when officiating at FCI shows.
- e. Judges from countries that are not members of the FCI must be fully informed in advance and in detail of the FCI show regulations, as well as other important procedural matters and regulations. It is the responsibility of the national organisation of the country where the show is held to provide these judges with this information beforehand.

## 10. DUTIES OF THE SHOW ORGANISATION COMMITTEE

The show organisation committees should have knowledge of the contents of the FCI regulations for show judges and should respect these regulations.

The FCI cannot be held responsible for any incident happening in the frame of an FCI international dog show.

Liability insurance must be provided by the show organisation.

### INVITING JUDGES

- a. The organisers of shows shall send a written invitation to the judge. The judge is obliged to advise the organisers, in writing, about his accepting or refusing the invitation. He should always carry out his obligations to act as a judge unless prevented for an important reason.
- b. If the judge is unable to meet his obligations for any important reason, the organiser of the show must be informed immediately by telephone, fax, e-mail or telegram. The cancellation must be confirmed by letter.
- c. Equally, the organiser of a show is also bound to keep to his invitation. Cancellation is only permitted for reasons of force majeure or by mutual agreement with the judge.
- d. Should the organisers of a show be forced to cancel the event, they are obliged to refund to the judge the costs that have already been incurred. If a judge, for any reason other than "force majeure", is not able to meet his obligations to officiate as a judge, he is obliged to pay for any extra costs that may have already been incurred.
- e. The judges should sign up a travel insurance contract (flight cancellation, accidents etc.) whenever they are invited to judge abroad.
- f. If judges are asked to judge breeds that are recognized at a national level, they must be allowed to do so, following the FCI-NO judges regulations and must be provided with the breed standard by the show organiser in due time before the show
- g. At all International FCI Shows at least 2/3 of the invited judges in the panel (breed judges – group judges – all breed judges) have to be judges approved by a FCI-NO.
- h. FCI Group Judges from federated FCI-NO are allowed to judge, without any official authorisation from their national canine organisation, all the breeds of the groups for which they are qualified as well as Best of Group for the groups for which they are qualified. They can judge the Best in Show competitions provided that the national canine organisation and the inviting country approve it and he is approved as a FCI Group Judge for at least two of the FCI groups.
- i. FCI All Breed International Judges from federated FCI-NO are allowed to judge without any authorisation from their national canine organisation, any breed, any competition, including Best of Group and Best in Show.

## **BREED ASSIGNMENT**

A judge must be informed well beforehand about the breeds and numbers of dogs he is scheduled to judge, as well as his duties in the main ring. It is the responsibility of the show organiser to send this information in advance and in writing to the judge.

A judge should not be expected to judge more than approximately 20 dogs per hour and up to 80 dogs per day if the national organisation requests an individual written report for each dog. He should not have to judge more than 150 dogs per day if such a written report is not required. Following previous agreement between the judge and the national organisation, these figures can be slightly reduced or increased. If a judge is expected to judge 80 dogs (with a report) or 150 dogs or more (without a report) then he must be informed accordingly and his agreement stating that he is prepared to judge this number of dogs is necessary.

## **RIGHTS OF THE JUDGES**

Judges' rights when travelling to FCI International Shows outside the country of residence are as follows:

- a. The show organisation or the inviting club must look after the judge, according to previous agreement, from the time of his arrival in the country where he is judging until the time of his departure; this normally includes the day before and the day after the show where he is officiating as a judge.
- b. A judge has to be provided with reasonable accommodation during his appointment, which may also include the night before and the night after the show, according to the judge's travel arrangements.
- c. Judges are free to make private arrangements with show organisations, which may differ from those stated in the "Appendix to the Dog Shows and Show Judges Regulations of the Fédération Cynologique internationale". However, when such personal arrangements have not been made, they should expect to be provided with the benefits mentioned in the appendix.
- d. It is advisable that financial arrangements should be laid out in advance in the form of a contract or written agreement between the judge and the show organisation and has to be honoured by both parties

## **HOSPITALITY RESTRICTIONS FOR JUDGES**

- a. A judge cannot travel to a show where he is judging with an exhibitor who will be showing or handling under him and cannot socialize with any exhibitor who is showing dogs at that show or stay at his home before the show.
- b. The organizers are not allowed to entrust any person who is showing a dog with the task of looking after a judge prior to the judging appointment and cannot arrange accommodation during the show at the home of any exhibitor who has entered dogs for this particular judge.

## **CATALOGUE**

A judge cannot consult the catalogue of the show before or during his judging. Consequently, the organiser shall not make any catalogue available to a judge before the end of the show.

## **RING MANAGEMENT AND ASSISTANTS**

Toy breeds and some other small breeds have to be examined on a table provided by the organisation.

A judge is in charge of the ring. However, in matters of organisation the chief steward is responsible but all activities can only take place with the agreement of the judge;

For organisational support, a ring writer and/or a ring assistant should be made available to the judge. The above assistants and the chief steward have to speak one of the FCI working languages, as requested by the judge.

The stewards and/or ring secretaries must be provided by the organiser of the show.

An assistant must have a good knowledge of the FCI show regulations as well as of the show rules of the country where the show is held.

A steward should provide the following service to the judge:

- collect the classes;
- check the absentees in each class;
- notify the judge of any change of handler or any irregular entry;
- write the judge's critique when required in the language chosen by the judge (as above);
- organise all the necessary paperwork and distribution of awards;
- follow all the judge's instructions.

## **11. RESTRICTIONS FOR JUDGES AT SHOWS**

A judge

- cannot smoke in the ring;
- cannot drink alcohol in the ring;

- cannot use a mobile phone in the ring while judging;
- can neither enter a dog nor handle a dog at a show where he is officiating as a judge ;
- a partner, any member of his immediate family or any person living with him in his household may enter and handle any dog (provided that the dog is not registered in the judge's name) of such breed(s), which this judge is not judging on that day of the show
- the dogs that the judge handles at a CACIB-show, where he is not acting as a judge must be either bred, owned or co-owned by him, a partner, a member of his immediate family or any person living with him in his household ;
- cannot judge any dog that he has either owned, co-owned, conditioned, kept or sold in the six months preceding the show where he is officiating. The same applies to dogs owned by a partner, a member of his immediate family or any person living with him in his household.

## **12. COMPLAINTS**

Any decision made by a judge regarding the qualifications, awards and placing is final and indisputable.

However, complaints about the organisation of the show and about the procedure followed to give the qualifications, awards and placing are admissible and have to be made immediately in writing and against the deposit of a sum of money as surety. If the complaint is found to be unjustified, this surety will be handed over to the organiser of the show.

## **13. PENALTIES**

Infringements against these regulations can be punished with disciplinary measures. The FCI can prevent the organiser concerned from awarding the CACIB at its international events for one or for several years. Such a decision depends on the FCI General Committee after an oral or written hearing of the organiser concerned has been conducted. Any appeal against the penalty imposed by the FCI General Committee shall be decided upon by the General Assembly of the FCI as a final instance.

## **14. BAN ON SHOWING**

Every member and contract partner of the FCI is obliged, in accordance with its national legislation, to publish a list of all dogs, exhibitors and/or handlers who are banned from shows.

All organisers are bound by this ban.

## **15. ENFORCEMENT DISPOSITIONS**

Each organizer of a CACIB show has to follow the rules and laws of the relevant country. Under specific complaints, the FCI General Committee can interfere and take final decisions (including cancellation of a CACIB) in case these regulations are not observed by the exhibitors, by the FCI judges and/or the show organisers. These decisions should help maintain the credibility of the FCI international shows and make sure that these regulations are observed.

# Complementary rules for World and Sections Shows of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI).

## PREAMBLE

Once a year, at an international show determined by the FCI General Assembly, the title of "World Winner" for all breeds recognised by the FCI can be awarded. Once a year, at an international show determined by each section of the FCI, the title of "Winner of the Section ..." can be awarded for all breeds recognised by the FCI. There is no "Reserve" for World Winner or Section Winner. These shows must be conducted in strict observance of the FCI regulations.

The World and Section Shows can only be organised by the FCI federated members. On the day a World or Section Show takes place it is forbidden to hold another show with CACIB awards on the same continent. Irrespective of the section in which these shows take place, there must be a period of at least 6 weeks between the World Show and the Section Show. Between a World and Section Show (when being held in the same section), there shall be an interval of three months. The date of the World Show prevails.

Entry fees in the World and Section Shows have to be the same for all the exhibitors. However, a possible discount is allowed for people who are members of the national organising club.

## 1 RULES

The title "World Winner" and " ...Section Winner" shall be awarded to the dog and the bitch that are proposed for the CACIB and to the best dog and best bitch in case of breeds provisionally recognised by the FCI (see section 7 "Titles, awards and main ring competitions" of the FCI Show Regulations). The awarding of this title is irrespective of the entry for this particular breed.

The title "World Junior Winner" or "... Section Junior Winner" shall be awarded to the best junior dog and bitch provided that they have received the qualification "1<sup>st</sup> EXCELLENT".

The title "World Veteran Winner" or "... Section Veteran Winner" shall be awarded to the best veteran dog and bitch provided that they have received the qualification "1<sup>st</sup> EXCELLENT".

The dog and the bitch proposed for the CACIB, the best junior dog and the best junior bitch, and the best veteran dog and the best veteran bitch which have received the qualification "1<sup>st</sup> EXCELLENT" in the Junior and Veteran classes compete for the Best of Breed.

One judge, who must be named in advance, awards the above titles as well as the Best of Breed.

All dogs must be judged according to the FCI Show Regulations. A judge's report is optional. This report should be written in the native language of the organising country or in one of the four FCI working languages. The organiser decides on the type of the report and is held responsible for its translation. The organiser must announce in the show schedule whether or not it is foreseen to give a report to the exhibitors.

For World and Section Shows, the division into groups according to the current FCI Breed Nomenclature is absolutely obligatory. The individual groups are to be judged completely on the same day.

A competition for a "Winner of the day" may not be held. All Group Winners shall compete on the last day of the show for "Best in Show".

During each World Dog Show, the organiser should also hold a World Obedience competition.

## **2 SHOWGROUNDS AND RINGS**

The World and Section shows must be held on a show ground that is suitable for such a purpose.

Each individual ring must be large enough so that the dogs can be judged standing and are given ability to move around freely in the ring, according to the size and the quantity of the dogs.

The organisers of the World and Section Shows must provide an honorary ring which is sufficiently large to give room for all the dogs to be judged in accordance with the FCI groups.

The organisers must make sure that the exhibitors get easy access to the main ring.

If other activities are taking place during the show, these may not interfere with the smooth running of the show.

The organising committee must ensure sufficient protection in case of outdoor showing.

## **3 JUDGES**

Judges who officiate at World or Section shows must be especially experienced with the breed(s) they are to judge and should have great experience in large and important FCI-shows. Proof of this experience should be provided.

Best of Group (BOG) and Best in Show (BIS) competitions must be judged by only one judge who is authorised to do so.

At World and Section shows, only an FCI All Breed International Judge from a federated member of the FCI may judge the BIS competition.

Only an FCI group judge from a federated member of the FCI approved for this group, or an FCI All Breed International Judge from a federated member of the FCI, may judge the BOG competitions.

A balanced international panel of judges must be nominated for World and Section shows. The rules defined in Art. 10 INVITING JUDGES g) of the Regulations for FCI Dog Shows (at least 2/3 of the invited judges in the panel have to be judges approved by a FCI-NO) must be respected. In addition, qualified judges from countries that are not members of the FCI may be used especially for judging their native breeds.

For World dog shows, at least one judge from each section of the FCI should be invited.

Programmes for World and Section shows must clearly identify the assigned breeds to the relevant judges.

For World and Section shows, the national canine organisations of the countries must nominate and engage the judges.

#### **4 DELEGATE OF THE FCI**

A The FCI General Committee will nominate an official FCI Delegate for each World Show. The Executive Director of the FCI will assist the official FCI delegate.

For Section Shows the relevant section recommends the official representative to the FCI General Committee for approval.

B The FCI delegate has the following authority:

- a. to assist and advise the organising clubs during the preparations for the show;
- b. to ensure that the national canine organisation in the host country has followed all rules and special regulations of the FCI and that these rules and special regulations of the FCI are correctly applied during the shows;
- c. to write down details of all complaints, which are made during the show and which relate to infringements against FCI rules and special regulations;
- d. to inform the FCI General Committee by a comprehensive written report about the activities, to communicate the relevant complaints to this Committee and to help the FCI General Committee deal with these matters, if be necessary.

C If the FCI delegate is also a member of the FCI General Committee, he will represent the FCI at the show provided that none of the FCI General Committee members is present.

D All the FCI delegate's travelling, accommodation and meal expenses must be borne by the national canine organisation of the country.

**The English text is the authentic document.**

**These regulations were approved by the FCI General Committee at the meeting in Berlin, on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007. They become effective from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.**

***The changes in bold and italic characters were approved by the FCI General Committee in Bratislava, October 4 2009.***

**Appendix to the DOG SHOWS AND SHOW JUDGES REGULATIONS of the  
Fédération Cynologique Internationale**

**COMPLEMENTARY RULES FOR THE TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE JUDGES**

1.

All normal travel expenses to include real kilometrage (reimbursement to be decided by the FCI General Committee, a minimum of 0.35 €/km), parking, train, bus, taxi, flight (a reasonably priced economy ticket including a cancellation insurance – if possible - and an option for changeability), as well as meals during travel to the show, incurred by a judge have to be reimbursed immediately on arrival or following whatever previous arrangements made with the organiser.

2.

For judging at World, Section and International Shows a judge is allowed to charge, in addition to the above mentioned costs and to cover his small expenses, a “day-fee” of 35 euros (covering all insurance expenses) for each day of judging as well as for each travel day.

**The English text is the authentic document.**

***The Appendix was approved by the FCI General Committee in Zurich, November 4<sup>th</sup> 2008.***