

**EVENT REGULATIONS  
for IFCS World Agility Championships 2008**

**1. GENERAL**

**1.1.** The 5th IFCS World Agility Championships is to be held 9-11 of May 2008, in Ingelmunster, Belgium, at Sportstadium Ingelmunster, Bollwerpstraat 92A, at Ingelmunster, with check-in and warm-up sessions scheduled for 8 May, 2008.

**1.2.** The Championships are governed by the International Federation of Cynological Sports (IFCS) and are organized and hosted in cooperation with the Kynologische Maatschappij V.O.E. (Cynological Society V.O.E.), hereinafter referred to as "Host".

**1.3.** The Championships are held under the current IFCS Agility Regulations and these Event Regulations.

**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.

**1.5.** The official languages of the Championships are English, Russian (official languages of the IFCS) and Dutch (primary language of Host's country). The official information of the Championships is announced and published in any of the official IFCS languages and may also be duplicated in the language of Host's country. For entry forms, appeals and applications, any of these languages can be used. Where conflict may exist in interpretation of text, the meaning of the official IFCS languages shall prevail.

**1.6.** Travel to the place of competition and back, accommodation and food expenses of a team are paid by directing (participating) organizations and/or its competitors, as established within each organization's home country.

**1.7.** Reference to "Handler" within these Regulations relate to a single person (i.e., sportsman or woman) who is or is to be enrolled in competition. Reference to a "Dog" within these regulations relate to the enrolled dog of a Handler. Reference to a "Competitor" within these Regulations relate to a single Handler with a Dog.

**2. THE PROGRAM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**2.1. Program of individual championship classes:**

Agility-Standard;  
Jumping;  
Snooker;  
Gamblers;  
Biathlon (Agility-Standard + Jumping);  
All around (Agility-Standard + Jumping + Snooker + Gamblers).

All classes shall follow the methodology as set forth in the IFCS Agility Regulations

**2.2. Program of national team competition (for the IFCS members only):**

- Triathlon (Agility-Standard + Jumping + Team Relay).

### **2.3. Program of non-championship classes:**

- Power & Speed.

**2.3.1.** Power and Speed is a Game that requires control and accuracy during the first section (the “Power” section) of the course, utilizing contact obstacles, weave poles and a spread hurdle, and speed with accuracy during the second section (the “Speed” section) of the course. The Power section is to be performed without error (i.e., fault) within the allotted time established by the judge. If the “Power” section is completed without fault, the Competitor then performs the Speed section of the course, which is comprised of only hurdles and tunnels (at discretion of the judge). If a fault occurs in the Power section, then the round is terminated and no score is earned. The Competitor who advances to the Speed round and achieves the lowest score on the Speed portion (performance time in the Speed section plus any fault penalties incurred for knocking poles from the hurdles) is the winner. Refusals are not penalized and a wrong course is elimination.

## **3. PARTICIPANTS, ENTRIES**

**3.1.** Every nation can enter the “Individual” Classes (Championship and Non Championship) with the following maximum number of Competitors, which may be referred to collectively as the “National Delegation”:

IFCS Member Nations (Full, Associate & Provisional) – three (3) Competitors in each height class (i.e. no more than twelve (12) Competitors, being no more than twelve (12) Handlers and twelve (12) Dogs from a country overall).

IFCS recognized Nations (have signed and submitted declaration of support) – two (2) Competitors in each height class (i.e. no more than eight (8) Competitors, being eight (8) Handlers and eight (8) Dogs from a country overall).

Other Nations – one (1) Competitor in each height class (i.e. no more than four (4) Competitors, being four (4) Handlers and four (4) Dogs from a country overall).

**3.1.1.** Each IFCS Member Nation must be in good standing, which includes having paid current membership dues in the amount of \$200 USD for “Full Members” and \$100 USD for Associate and Provisional Members. Nations who have not remitted these dues shall not be permitted to compete. To facilitate payment, IFCS has granted authority to Host to collect these dues on its behalf along with entry fees for the event. If paid with entry fees, the amounts shall be paid in Euros in the amount of 140.00€ for Full Members and 70.00€ for Associate and Provisional Members.

It is permissible that a Handler compete with two (or more) Dogs, but the total number of Competitors (i.e., Handlers with dogs) shall not exceed the maximum limits set forth above.

**3.2.** Each IFCS Member may designate up to two (2) teams from among their delegation of entered competitors, subject to requirements set forth in this section. The first “Team” shall be comprised of three (3) Competitors, and the second “Team”, if there is one, shall be comprised of three (3) Competitors, who shall be different from the first Team., and who meet the composition requirements of Section 3.3.

**3.2.1.** Each IFCS Member may name up to six (6) designated Alternates from their remaining Delegation. Any Alternate may be named to replace a Team competitor on either of the Nation’s two Teams, but no Alternate or Team competitor may compete on both Teams at any time during the Team event. Further, not more than two Team members may be substituted on a Team prior to the start of any Team class.

That is, there is a limit of two substitutions per class per Team, and once a Competitor has run a course for one Team, they become ineligible to run for the Nation’s other Team in any other class.

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Example: Team A is comprised of competitors #1, #2 & #3. Team B is comprised of #4, #5 & #6. Alternates named for the Nation are competitors #7 through #12. The Agility class is run, and prior to the Jumping class, Team A substitutes #7 and #9 for competitors #2 & #3, and Competitor #4 on Team B is replaced by competitor #10 (Team B may not use competitors #2 & #3 because they have run for Team A). The Jumping Class is held. At this point, competitor #8 is eligible for either Team, while all other competitors are restricted to the Team for which they have run. Just before the Relay, Team A decides to pick-up Competitor #8 to replace #1, and Team B may only draw a Substitution from competitor #4.

**3.2.2.** At all times, the height composition requirements of Section 3.3 shall be maintained.

**3.2.3.** Each IFCS Member must submit the Handler and Dog names comprising each Team (including any alternates) no later than ten minutes prior to the scheduled start time of Judging of the first class. Substitutions in subsequent classes must be named no later than ten minutes prior to the announced starting time of each class, but in no event, shall team composition be required earlier than ten minutes following the conclusion of walk-through's of the course.

**3.2.4** The utilization of an alternate must be reported to IFCS officials upon completion of walking the course for each class and shall be before the start of judging of the affected class. A team may substitute no more than two designated replacement competitor before the start of any of the three rounds for any reason, whether it be for strategic reasons or for reasons necessary because of illness or injury; however, in each class a team must always meet the requirements of Section 3.4. Once Judging has begun for a specific class (i.e., agility, jumping or relay), then no replacement may be carried out. Thus, up to two competitors of a Team may be different in each of the three Team Competition classes; but requirements of sections 3.1 and 3.4 must be met in all cases.

**3.3.** A National team (see Section 3.2, and related subsections, above) shall be comprised of two of the four height classes that correspond with jump heights established by the IFCS rules. At the same time both the Small Dog Division (Toy dogs or Mini dogs) and the Large Dog Division (Midi dogs or Maxi dogs) must be represented in the National team for the Team Competition.

A Team must comprise of one of the following compositions:

- 2 Toy dogs and 1 Midi dog
- 2 Toy dogs and 1 Maxi dog
- 2 Mini dogs and 1 Midi dog
- 2 Mini dogs and 1 Maxi dog
- 2 Midi dogs and 1 Toy dog
- 2 Midi dogs and 1 Mini dog
- 2 Maxi dogs and 1 Toy dog
- 2 Maxi dogs and 1 Mini dog

Should a Nation name a second Team, if the Nation's first team includes two Midi or two Maxi dogs, then their second team must include two Toy or two Mini Dogs. Conversely, if their first team includes two Toy or two Mini Dogs, then their second team must include two Midi or two Maxi Dogs.

**3.4** Competitor entries are submitted by the cynological sporting organization of a corresponding country that is a member of the IFCS or has IFCS official recognition. Nations that don't meet these requirements may take part in the Championships through an IFCS representative in one of these countries. 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. No competitor may represent a different country for which they have competed in a WAC held in the previous five years.

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**3.5** Competitors to be entered in WAC 2008 shall be selected by their national IFCS Member organization on a competitive basis and without prejudice. Each affiliated IFCS organization (or an IFCS designated representative when such organization does not exist) determines regulations for selection of competitors to form their national delegation. Such selection process shall not in any way be discriminatory toward Handler or dog.

**3.6** Entry forms are found at Annex A. Only one entry form is required per Nation. Entry forms must be submitted to Host via email or posted by no later than 01 April 2008. No changes or refunds are possible after that date. Please mail entry forms to:

If by post:

Name: Niko De Smet  
Address: Kruiskerkestraat 19  
City: B-8755 Ruiselede  
Country: Belgium

If sending by email: Agility.VOE@pandora.be

**3.8.** Entry fee is shown below and must be wired to:

Bank: KBC  
Bank Address: Ingelmunster  
Account in Name of: V.O.E. International  
Bank Routing No: 733-0189522-14  
Account No: BE94 7330 1895 2214  
SWIFT Code: KREDBEBB

<b>Class of Competition</b>	<b>Full, Associate &amp; Provisional IFCS Member Nations</b>	<b>All other Competitors</b>
WAC Individual Program	40 Euros (for each competitor)	50 Euros (each competitor)
WAC Team Program	No Charge/Auto Entry	No Entry Permitted
Non-Championship Program – Power and Speed	No Charge/Auto Entry	No Charge/Auto Entry

Each enrolled competitor is automatically entered in all classes of the Individual Program, and Non-Championship Program.

**3.8.1.** Each IFCS Member who has not remitted dues to IFCS must include their annual dues along with their entry form, in the amounts of 70 Euros for Associate and Provisional Members, or 140 Euros for Full Members. Note: Dues may be paid directly to IFCS in U.S. dollars as set forth within the IFCS Regulations, but must do so prior to acceptance of entries to this event.

**3.8.2.** A Competitor Welcome Dinner will be held on Thursday evening, 8 May, 2008. Competitors will be notified of costs and specific schedule of the dinner through separate notification. Fees may be paid with the entry fees above, or separately. The running order for the first event will be drawn Thursday evening.

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3.9. 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. Attempting to impugn the decision of the Judge may also merit disqualified from any further participation in any Class or remainder of the Event.

**3.10.** Every dog should have required vaccinations for transport of dogs to and from Belgium as specified by Embassy or Consulate of Belgium and by local law.

**3.11.** Every dog entered for competition shall be certified as to its height at the withers (top of the shoulder blade) by an official of the sponsoring IFCS Member organization, which shall be evidenced by a letter or height card indicating the declared height from the organization.

Notwithstanding, all Toy, Mini and Midi dogs may also be measured by two IFCS officials/Judges on the practice day of 8 May, 2008. Measurements must be within agreeable tolerances to be established by the Panel of Judges for the event. If unforeseen circumstances prevent a dog from being measured on this date, then the dog in question must be measured at some time prior to start of Judging (by two IFCS officials/Judges) 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 organization, then a re-measure may be requested with the Chief Judge and an IFCS Council Member. The decision of the Chief Judge and an IFCS Council Member will be final. Maxi dogs entered in Maxi Class are not required to present written proof of height at the withers nor are they required to be measured by two IFCS officials.

**Note:** Height at the withers is measured on the top of the shoulder blade with the dog standing square with legs perpendicular to the ground line.

**3.12.** Every team should check-in at the facility between 1000 hrs and 1300 hrs on Thursday, 8 May, 2008 for dog measurement (Toy, Mini and Midi dogs only), practice and briefings.

### 4. WINNERS DETERMINATION

**4.1.** Winners in 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 – Standard Agility, Jumping and Team Relay combined (i.e., cumulative time plus faults scoring).

**4.1.1.** In case of equality between two or more teams, advantage has a team with the best result on the relay course; if there is then equality between team on the relay course, then advantage goes to a team with the best result on the standard agility course.

**4.2.** For Standard Agility and Jumping classes, winners in individual kinds of program 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, except in the case where height classes are combined due to insufficient entry in any class as set forth in IFCS Agility Regulations.

**4.2.1.** In case of equality between two or more Competitors advantage goes to a participant with the best result for time.

**4.3.** For Snooker and Gamblers classes, winners in individual programs are determined by the greatest sum of points earned.

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**4.3.1.** In case of equality between two or more Competitors advantage goes to a participant with the best result for time.

**4.4.** For Power & Speed and Biathlon, winners in individual kinds of program are determined by the least sum of time and penalties (i.e., time plus faults), with scores combined from both courses in Biathlon (Agility-Standard + Jumping).

**4.4.1.** In case of equality between two or more Competitors in the Biathlon, advantage goes to a participant with the best result on the Agility course.

**4.5.** Winners in individual classification in “All Around”(each height class separately, except combined classes in established order) are determined by the greatest sum of points earned on Gamblers and Snooker courses and the calculated points from Standard Agility and Jumping utilizing the following course point values:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Course Point Value</b>	<b>Penalty for Disqualification</b>
Standard Agility	120 points	120 points
Jumping	100 points	100 points

The sum of a Competitor’s time and penalties on course in each class shall be subtracted from the indicated Course Point Value above to determine the points earned on course for Standard Agility and Jumping, not to exceed the total point value for the course.

**4.5.1.** In case of equality between two or more Competitors advantage goes to a participant with the best result on the Agility course.

**4.6.** 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 creating the score tie) in order to establish priority among Competitors for medals and other awards.

## **5. WINNERS AWARD**

**5.1.** Official rewards:

**5.1.1.** A team winning first place is awarded with diploma, prize (cup) and title “World Agility Champion 2008”. Team members are awarded with gold medals.

**5.1.2.** Teams taking second and third places are awarded with diplomas and prizes (cups). Team members are awarded with silver or bronze medals coordinately.

**5.1.3.** Competitors who win first places in individual championship kinds of the program (each height class separately, except combined classes in established order) are awarded with diplomas, gold medals, red rosette, prize (cup) and title “World Agility Champion 2008”.

**5.1.4.** Competitors taking second places (each height class separately, except combined classes in established order) are awarded with diplomas, silver medals, prize (cup) and blue rosettes.

**5.1.5.** Competitors taking third places (each height class separately, except combined classes in established order) are awarded with diplomas, bronze medals, prize (cup) and green rosettes.

5.1.6. Competitors taking first, second, and third places in non-championship kinds of the program (each height class separately are awarded with diplomas and prize cups).

**5.2.** Unofficial awards: None.

**5.2.1.** State bodies, local authorities, sponsors of the Championships and other organizations can establish special and additional prizes, memorable and valuable presents, which are unofficial rewards. Handing in of unofficial rewards is coordinated by the IFCS.

## **6. PROCEDURES**

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

**6.2.** All time of holding of the Championships IFCS flag should flutter in a visible place.

**6.3.** Details of all ceremonies should be coordinated by the IFCS. One of 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 organization.

**6.4.** The solemn parades of all participants of the Championships are carried out on the opening and closing ceremonies only. Handlers take part in solemn parades under national flags of their countries.

**6.5.** Handlers take part in all solemn ceremonies with their dogs.

**6.6.** On the opening ceremony teams are formed in alphabetical order (alphabet of a host country). National team of a host country brings up the rear.

**6.7.** On the closing ceremony teams are formed in order of places taken in team classification.

**6.8.** Order of awarding ceremonies:

**6.8.1** If it is possible awarding in each kind of the program should be held right away after finishing of competitions in this kind of program.

**6.8.2.** Speaker announces about beginning of awarding ceremony in a kind of the program and introduces persons, who will reward in the kind of the program. The President, Vice-President or a Council member of the IFCS should be included into the list of persons, who will reward in the kind of program.

**6.8.3.** During announcement about beginning of awarding ceremony in a kind of the program competitors, who have taken from the first to the third places, come to the awarding area. They line up behind the pedestal of honor in accordance with taken places.

**6.8.4.** The pedestal of honor should be put beforehand and so that competitors would not stay a back to the main tribune and/or national flags, which will be hoisted in honor of winner and prizewinners.

**6.8.5.** Speaker begins to announce prizewinners and winner in a kind of program from the third place.

**6.8.6.** When speaker announces name of prizewinner (winner) in a kind of program and his/her country,

the competitor rises on the corresponding place on the pedestal of honor.

**6.8.7.** When a competitor rises to the corresponding place on the pedestal of honor, official persons present him corresponding official rewards of the Championships.

**6.8.8.** When a competitor who has taken the first place has received official awards, National anthem of his/her country sounds. In this time national flags of countries of winner and prizewinners are hoisted. Flag of a country of a winner – in the center. Flag of a country of a silver prizewinner – left and slightly lower of the flag of a winner’s country. Flag of a country of a bronze prizewinner – right of the flag of a winner’s country and slightly lower of the flag of a silver prizewinner’s country.

**6.8.9.** When a National anthem of a winner’s country has finished to sound, winner and prizewinners may be presented unofficial rewards established by state bodies, local authorities, sponsors and other interested organizations.

**6.9.** If a winner or prizewinner doesn’t come to official awarding ceremony this Handler (team) is deprived of taken place and official rewards. In this case a Handler (team) with the next result is awarded place and rewards.

**6.10.** Sketches of diplomas and medals should be coordinated with the IFCS. There should be emblems of the IFCS and Championships on official rewards (diplomas, medals etc.).

**6.11.** Emblem of the Championships should 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.

**6.12.** Organizations, sending teams on the Championship, should provide National flag and National Anthem on the tape or CD, though Host may provide these from other sources.

**6.13.** National insignia on the uniform of participants, coaches and team leaders is not regulated.

**6.14.** Insignia of sponsors of participants can be placed only on the clothes of Handlers, coaches and other persons of sports delegations if so approved by a National organization, but must be subordinate to insignia of country and National organization insignia (no more than 50% of size).

**6.15.** Judges shall provide detailed briefings in writing as they relate to rules of competition for a given class. Such briefings shall be submitted in English language to the Committee of Organizers and judges panel for review one day prior to the opening of the event. The briefings shall be reviewed for compliance with IFCS Agility Regulations and then shall be presented to representatives of the national delegations in attendance. The representative shall be appointed by each national delegation enrolled in the event, and shall be permitted to query the judge and be responsible for translating the briefings into their national language and communicating such briefings to their delegation of Handlers.

## **7. GRIEVANCES & DISPUTES**

**7.1.** All matters related to scoring a performance shall be at the sole decision of the Judge. Video replay is not to be used to dispute the decision of the Judge, unless a video is specifically made for that purpose under the direction of the judging committee. Should such a video be utilized, a video review committee



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shall be established for review of video relative to such grievances and disputes, to be composed of three persons who shall be IFCS council members, or their designates, as determined by the vote of council members present at the event.

**7.2.** In any dispute that may arise with regard to clarification of these Regulations and/or the Agility Regulations, a decision shall be rendered jointly by the Judge's Panel for the event and IFCS Council members in attendance, the latter of which shall be included on the "Committee of Organizers".

**7.3.** Any and all other matters related to discipline or other disputes and grievances shall be heard and resolved by a Grievance Committee, which shall be appointed without bias by the Committee of Organizers, and shall include a member of each National delegation to the extent possible, as well as from among the Panel of Judges and Committee of Organizers.

**7.4.** Through participation in this event, all Handlers and their delegation willingly and freely agree to abide by these Regulations and to respect the decisions of the Judges, Committee of Organizers and Grievance Committee, where one may be appointed, as final.

**ANNEX A - IFCS WAC 2008 ENTRY FORM**

**Nation Represented:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsoring Organization (IFCS MEMBER):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check membership status:**  Full Member  Associate Member  Provisional Member

**Sponsoring Organization (Recognized Nation):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee Wire Transfer Information:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation #: \_\_\_\_\_

Handler Name	Home City, Country	Dog Name	Breed	Height (in. or cm)
“Toy” / Jump Height = 30cm - Withers = 30 cm (11-13/16”) or less				
1.				
2				
3				
“Mini” / Jump Height = 40cm - Withers = 40 cm (15-3/4”) or less				
4				
5				
6				
“Midi” / Jump Height = 55cm - Withers = 50 cm (19-11/16”) or less				
7				
8				
9				
“Maxi” / Jump Height = 65cm – Withers = > than 50 cm (19-11/16 “)				
10				
11				
12				

**Total Number of Competitors** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ € **Total Entry Fees** (# of Competitors x 40 €for IFCS Members or 50 €for nonmembers)

\_\_\_\_\_ € **IFCS Dues** (140€for Full IFCS Member; .70€for Associate and Provisional Members)

           € **TOTAL REMITTANCE**

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Please indicate in the box (at left) how many additional persons you expect might attend other than those indicated above. Payment may be made at check-in.

**Note 1: Regulations 3. All dogs must be certified by its sponsoring organization as to jump height. Submission of this entry form represents that each dog list hereon has been certified to the height indicated above. Each dog shall be subjected to measurement prior to commencement of the event, and measurements found to be without tolerable limits shall not be permitted to compete. All measurement will be taken in metric units.**

**Note 2: Regulation 3.8 states entry fees per competitor/dog and provides wire transfer details for payment.**

**Note 3: Regulations 3.1 and 3.8 also states IFCS Members must pay their Bi-annual Membership Fee with entry fees in order to be eligible for entry. These fees may be included with entry fees for this event.**

Email form to: Agility.VOE@pandora.be