

***Guidelines***  
***for the organization of the***  
***WUBOX IFH International Championship***  
***WUBOX IFH International Cup***  
***WUBOX IFH Beginner Cup***

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# WUBOX (WORLD UNION OF BOXERS)

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## Guidelines

### for the organization of the WUBOX IFH International Championship, the WUBOX IFH International Cup and the WUBOX IFH Beginner Cup

Insofar as gender-related terms are used in these specifications, they include women and men equally.

These specifications have been approved at the meeting of the WUBOX held in Aachen (Germany) on 15th September 2022.

#### 1. Application and award

1.1. The **WUBOX IFH International Championship**, the **WUBOX IFH International Cup** and the **WUBOX IFH Beginner Cup** are held together annually between the first and third weekend in November. If there are specific applications from FCI national canine organizations (FCI-NCO) in which the implementation in this time frame is not possible for climatic or agricultural reasons, exceptions can be made in agreement with the other FCI-NCO. FCI-NCO that would like to organize the championship must apply in writing to the chairman of the WUBOX utility dogs committee at least two years beforehand.

The application must contain:

- The name of the FCI-NCO
- The venue of the event and the binding date
- The name and address of the person in charge of organizing the event.

1.2. The WUBOX utility dogs committee reviews the received applications by the FCI-NCO; afterwards the applications will be given to the WUBOX Executive board with a recommendation of the WUBOX utility dogs committee. The WUBOX Executive board assigns the event to an FCI-NCO by majority vote.

1.3. The FCI-NCO, which is assigned to organize the WUBOX IFH international championship, shall bear full responsibility for the smooth and trouble-free running of the championship.

1.4. Not later than July of the year the FCI-NCO of WUBOX is to be invited by the organizing FCI-NCO. At that time, an internet presence should be online (website) with information about persons in charge, accommodation, registration form, map and directions, fields etc.

1.5. The amount of the registration fee is left to the organizing FCI-NCO but may not exceed 100.- EUR. The organizing FCI-NCO is subsidized by WUBOX. The grant currently is 1.000.- EUR.

#### 2. Organization

2.1. A catalogue, with information about participants and a schedule must be published. The

participating countries have to be listed in alphabetical order and in the language of the FCI-NCO. The participants receive a catalogue number or a start code. Participants must wear this identification visibly throughout the competition, including the award ceremony. Participants must wear uniform sports clothing during the opening ceremony and the award ceremony in accordance with their nationality. The most important parts of the catalogue must be written in the two WUBOX languages German and English.

- 2.2. Throughout the duration of the event, the base of the event will be decorated with the flags of the participating FCI-NCO and the WUBOX flag. The donated honorary prizes can be listed in the program.
- 2.3. All results must be regularly entered on a results board easily visible to the public respectively updated online on the organizer's website.

### 3. Trial Chairperson

- 3.1. The FCI-NCO running the event shall provide a qualified trial chairperson, whose work shall include, in particular:
  - Technical running of the trial
  - Provision, planning and equipment of a sufficiently large track area
  - Providing a sufficient number of qualified helpers ( stewards, tracklayers, guides, office staff, interpreters, etc.)
  - Preparing the evaluation sheets for the trial judges
  - Quick and reliable working out of the trial results to determine the winner and order of placing

### 4. Trial grounds and course of events

- 4.1. The **WUBOX IFH International Championship** is held at level FCI-IGP-FH, the **WUBOX IFH International Cup** at level FCI-IFH-3 and the **WUBOX IFH Beginner Cup** at level FCI-IFH-2.
- 4.2. For the **WUBOX IFH International Championship**, the **WUBOX IFH International Cup** and the **WUBOX IFH Beginner Cup**, a period of at least 3 competition days should be planned. Friday and Saturday the levels FCI-IFH-2 and FCI-IFH-3 and Sunday the 6 teams with the highest number of points (there can be more if there is a tie) in level FCI-IFH-3 as the second part of the level FCI-IGP-FH.
- 4.3. A central base as a starting point for participants, spectators and trial personal must be available. In this base, there should be a canteen for catering for the participants, spectators and helpers. It is also recommended to set up a moving canteen in the track area.
- 4.4. The organizing FCI-NCO ensures a guide service respectively a transport service to the track area for participants and spectators.
- 4.5. The tracking ground should enable all competitors to have the same conditions. The ground does not have to be of one uniform type; alternative grounds such as meadows, fields and

ground with low plants can also be used. Obstacles such as fences, ditches, etc. are permitted as long as overcoming them does not cause the dog or the handler any undue difficulties. The area that was used on Friday can be used again on Sunday. The track supervisor is to be given a sketch of the ground in a scale of 1:5000 showing the tracks. There must be at least four qualified track layers available.

- 4.6. The competitors are to be allocated a corresponding training ground for tracking training.
- 4.7. A schedule must be drawn up from which each participant can see his start time.
- 4.8. A veterinary check is to be carried out before commencement of the trials. Animal welfare-related specifications of the FCI-NCO must be strictly observed. Dogs that appear sick and are suspected of being infectious are not admissible. Bitches in season are admissible on condition that they are kept separate from the other competitors. The veterinary check must be completed before the draw. Both nominated trial judges have to be present and are responsible for the temperament check. At the same time, the identity has to be checked by the chip. Without veterinary control, the start at the event is not possible.
- 4.9. Before the start of the competition, a trial judge carries out a line inspection. Lines in the correct nature and length must be marked.
- 4.10. The ownership and/or the use of E-devices, prong collars, devices for electro shocks and any other means of coercion during the course of the entire event shall lead to disqualification, regardless of the legal situation in the organizing country. The handler of the dog is liable for any caused damage. Written evidence and witnesses must accompany any accusation.
- 4.11. Before commencement of the championship, the chairman of the WUBOX utility dogs commission or a member of the WUBOX utility dogs committee shall convene a trial judge meeting to be attended by the track supervisor, the trial judges and the person in charge of organization. For a good communication, the organizer has to provide interpreters.
- 4.12. Before commencement of the championship, the chairman of the WUBOX utility dogs commission or a member of the WUBOX utility dogs committee shall convene a team leader meeting to be attended by the track supervisor, the trial judges, the person in charge of organization, the trial chairpersons and the team leaders. At the team leader meeting, the order in which the countries are drawn is determined by drawing lots. The competitors from the organizing country shall get the final lot. For a good communication, the organizer has to provide interpreters.
- 4.13. The draw for the starting order (groups) is to be conducted in public on the evening before the event. The catalogue number with the lot number (tracking group) assigned by the draw must be made visible to all the competitors. The competitors from the FCI-NCO body shall be the last to take part in the draw for the group numbers. The starting order within the groups will be determined by drawing lots in the field on both days, immediately before the first start in the particular group.
- 4.14. The length of the tracks can be shortened in consultation of the person in charge for

organization with both of the trial judges and the track supervisor. The final decision is made by the majority of the two trial judges and the track supervisor. The length determined for the tracks and information about the ground is to be made known to the competitors. Samples of the articles used have to be published on the official homepage of the organizer before the championship.

- 4.15. All participants are obliged, regardless of the result, to attend the award ceremony. Staying away will result in disqualification due to unsporting behavior. The event ends with the award ceremony or the handover of the scorebooks to the participants. At the closing ceremony, WUBOX IFH Beginner Cup will be announced first, then the WUBOX International Cup and at the end, as the highlight, the WUBOX IFH International Championship (starting from the back: place 3 - 2 - 1. For the first place in each level, the respective played the national anthem.

## **5. Trial judges and track supervisor**

- 5.1. One trial judge for the level FCI-IFH-1 + the 6 teams with the highest number of points (there can be more if there is a tie) in level FCI-IFH-2 on Sunday as the second part of the level FCI-IGP-FH and one trial judge for all FCI-IFH-2, are selected and determined by the WUBOX utility dogs committee from the pool of WUBOX utility dogs judges. The cynological curriculum vitae (CV) of the chosen judges has to be published on the official website of the organizer and in the catalogue. Judges from the organizing FCI-NCO are not used. In the selection of the judges these FCI-NCO of WUBOX, which are attending with national teams at the WUBOX IFH international championship, should be considered on a rotation basis. On the evening before the WUBOX IFH international championship, it will be determined by drawing lots, which of the judges will evaluate the competitions and the champion class.
- 5.2. The WUBOX utility dogs committee shall confirm one of the judges as chief judge. The chief judge is responsible, that the FCI Guidelines set down in the “International Utility Dogs Regulations (IGP) for international Tracking dog trials” in the currently valid version” of the FCI, as well as these specifications of the WUBOX are observed. The organizing FCI-NCO and all participants have to follow the instructions of the chief judge.
- 5.3. The chief judge may also be appointed by a member of the WUBOX utility dogs committee. The chief judge must not come from the organizing FCI-NCO.
- 5.4. The WUBOX utility dogs committee in agreement with the organizing FCI-NCO shall confirm a trial judge as track supervisor. The CV of this chosen judge has to be published on the official website of the organizer and in the catalogue. The duties of the track supervisor, in cooperation with the organizer, shall include:
- cooperation in the selection of the tracking ground
  - cooperation in drawing up the tracking time schedule
  - guiding and possibly instructing the track layers
  - determining the objects and order of laying them out
  - arranging the numbering of the articles and tracking boards
  - checking the weathering of the articles and due and proper laying of the individual tracks and confirming the same for the acting trial judges
  - having a track re-laid if it has been made unusable through external, third-party

influences, e.g. changes in the ground though agricultural work, large groups of people, etc.

The track supervisor shall have the following rights:

- rejecting a section of the ground that differs greatly from the other tracks because of unforeseen changes in the nature of the soil
- rejecting a track layer if he/she repeatedly does not follow instruction

5.5. If the trial judges or supervisor only has a command of one language, an interpreter is to be provided by the FCI-NCO running the event. The interpreter must be familiar with the course of the trials, display a knowledge of cynology and observe discretion.

5.6. The decision of the trial judges shall be final and incontestable.

5.7. The costs of board and lodging for the track supervisor and the trial judges are borne by the organizing FCI-NCO. The expenses and travel expenses for the track supervisor and the trial judges are borne by the WUBOX.

## **6. Admission and registration of competitors**

6.1. The total number of competitors taking part in the WUBOX IFH international championship shall not be limited. If the situation requires it, the organizer can limit the numbers in consultation with the WUBOX utility dogs committee.

6.2. Each competitor must be a member of a national organization that is affiliated to the FCI. The right of a FCI-NCO to start in the WUBOX IFH international championship can be given according to the following principles, the application of which is left up to the FCI-NCO:

- Nationality
- legal residence (in accordance with the FCI Statutes)
- the dog owner must have the nationality of the country for which his/her dog will compete or must have his/her legal residence for a minimum of 12 months in the country for which he/she will compete. If the dog owner has a double nationality, he/she can choose either country without any restriction. If difficulties arise, they must be referred to the WUBOX Executive board for final settlement.
- No matter his/her nationality, the dog handler will not be allowed to compete for more than one country and will be authorized to handle maximally two dogs.
- The dog must have been registered with the studbook or appendix to the studbook of the country for which it will compete for a minimum of 6 months.

6.3. Members of the organizing committee and the WUBOX working commission with official duties are not allowed to handle a dog in the WUBOX IFH international championship.

6.4. Only dogs that have passed at least one trial according to FCI-IFH-3 or equivalent (in the period after the last to the following **WUBOX IFH International Championship**) may be admitted to the **WUBOX IFH International Championship** and the **WUBOX IFH International Cup**. A dog must always be guided in the highest, achieved examination level. In the **WUBOX IFH Beginner Cup** (FCI-IFH-2) only dogs with a minimum age of 18 months and which have

passed the training degree FCI-IFH-2 at most may be admitted. The FCI-NCO are free to require more stringent qualification for team nomination within its competence.

- 6.5. All dogs that have an FCI-IFH-3 training degree (AKZ) must be registered at the FCI-IGP-FH level (2 x FCI-IFH-3 on 2 days, at two different locations, 2 different track layers) if they want to win the title "**WUBOX IFH International Master 20xx**". The only exceptions are teams that only want to start in the "**WUBOX IFH International Cup**" (1 x FCI-IFH-3). After the first FCI-IFH-3 track, however, only the 6 teams with the highest number of points (there can be more if there is a tie) can compete for the second FCI-IFH-3 track on Sunday with the second judge to determine the winner. All qualified teams that start the second track on Sunday to determine the winner in the FCI-IGP-FH level can no longer be counted in the "**WUBOX IFH International Cup**" (1 x FCI-IFH-3). If the case occurs that no team passes the trial in the second part of the FCI-IGP-FH level, the title cannot be awarded. All other teams at the FCI-IFH-3 level are ranked according to their number of points in the "**WUBOX IFH International Cup**" and the winners are determined.

The only dogs allowed to compete are those registered with the studbooks or the appendix to the studbooks of a FCI member organization. Castrated bitches and male dogs are admitted. White, Monorchide and Kryptorchide dogs are allowed to compete. Docked dogs are generally not permitted. The majority of the two trial judges and the tracking supervisor decide on veterinary certificates.

- 6.6. Before the closing date, the FCI-NCO have to send the registration for the national team to the organizing WUBOX member. Registrations by teams with a wildcard (from FCI-NCO that do not belong to the WUBOX) are accepted without restriction. The registration has to include the following information:

- Name of the FCI-NCO
- Class, the dog will be handled in
- Name, address, phone, E-Mail of the team leader
- Name, address, phone, E-Mail of the handler
- Name, address, phone, E-Mail of the owner
- Name of the dog, date of birth, stood book number, identity mark (chip), training degree, sire, mother, breeder

The registration must be signed by the FCI-NCO (team leader, chairman for working or president). The signature of the handler is sufficient for teams with a wildcard.

- 6.7. All registrations by name must have reached the head of the organization (registration office) by the registration deadline specified in the invitation. The person in charge of organizing confirms the accepting of the registration in written form (E-Mail) or / and by publishing the names of participants on the official website for the event.
- 6.8. Registrations that cannot be taken into account must be immediately notified to the FCI-NCO concerned and the teams with a wildcard in writing (e-mail).
- 6.9. Handlers, who cannot present the scorebook or the pedigree or the vaccination card, will be excluded from participation.



- 6.10. The winner of the WUBOX IFH international championship is automatically entitled to enter the Championship the following year (only with the same dog) as defending champion if his country registers him.

## 7. Scorebook

- 7.1. The competitors must show a scorebook issued by their national organization. All scorebooks (collected at national organization) must be handed over to the organizer before the start of the championship.
- 7.2. The term "**WUBOX IFH international championship**" and the year must be clearly entered in each competitor's scorebook in addition to the results.

## 8. Classification and title

- 8.1. The participant with the highest total number of points in the FCI-IGP-FH level is the winner who is awarded the title "**WUBOX IFH International Master 20xx**" (year specification). In the FCI-IFH-2 level, the title "**WUBOX IFH Cup Winner 20xx**" (year) and in the FCI-IFH-1 level the title "**WUBOX IFH Beginner Winner 20xx**" (year) is awarded.
- 8.2. In the case of a tied score, the competitors shall be classified in the same position ex aequo. This applies at all levels.
- 8.3. The organizing national organization shall publish a result list with the names and countries of the competitors. When drawing up the result list, the handlers with their dogs that have achieved the training degree shall be listed first. The other competitors without a training degree shall then be listed according to their score, numbered consecutively. Only competitors, who passed the exam successfully, will be placed.

## 9. Prizes

- 9.1. The organizing national organization is responsible for prizes and a present as a memento of the event.
- 9.2. A memento prize should be provided for each competitor. All placed teams receive a certificate.
- 9.3. Prizes are to be provided for the first three places in the FCI-IGP-FH, FCI-IFH-3 and FCI-IFH-2 levels. The prizes in the FCI-IGP-FH level must differ significantly from the prizes in the other competitions in terms of appearance or size.

## 10. Protests

- 10.1. The judges' decision shall be final and incontestable. Objections or protests shall only be possible on account of non-compliance with the IGP rules. The team leader must lodge any protest with the chief judge. In such case, a guaranteed bond of € 300. - must be lodged at

the same time which shall be forfeited in favour time which shall be forfeited in favour of the organizing national association if the protest is rejected.

10.2. The proceedings shall be conducted by the chairman of the WUBOX utility dogs committee (or his deputy). The acting trial judges, the trial chairpersons and the track supervisor shall make the ruling on protests. The decision taken by these persons shall be final.

## **11. Insurance**

11.1. The organizer must have taken out an insurance policy with sufficient cover for personnel, supervisor, the trial judges and helpers.

11.2. Each competitor shall him/herself bear the cost of any damage caused by his/her dog. The national organizations are responsible, that only competitors holding a liability insurance policy for consequences resulting from being a dog owner are registered.

11.3. The local veterinary provisions must be observed.

## **12. General remarks**

12.1. In principle, the stipulated FCI Guidelines set down in the International Utility Dogs Regulations (IGP) for international Tracking dog trials in the currently valid version must be complied with accurately and precisely.

12.2. In cases of doubt and matters concerning the WUBOX IFH international championships, which are not provided for in these specifications, the majority of the two trial judges and the track supervisor shall make the final decision.

The German version is the authentic one.

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