



# **Regulations**

## **WUSV World-Championship Agility**

### **1. General Provisions**

#### **Right to Participate**

Only members of the WUSV member clubs can participate with German Shepherd Dogs which are registered in a studbook or the respective appendix of the WUSV member club. The dogs' handlers must be members to the respective WUSV member clubs.

The teams must be registered by their respective national organizations.

Requirements for team members: the dog's owner and handler must have his or her primary residence within the WUSV member country for which he or she wishes to compete.

In case the member country of the dog's handler and owner differ, the country of the dog's handler is relevant.

Individual registrations are possible.

The registrations can only be filed by the national clubs.

#### **Teams**

Up to five (5) starters per country can be registered for the national team. A team must consist of at least three (3) participants. Only one (1) team per country is admitted. The team members are selected and registered by the national organization. No "mixed" teams from different nations can compete.

#### **Females in Heat**

Females in heat may start – however – they need to be reported before the event during the registration on site the competition.

The hosting organization decides whether the females may start in the same order as originally scheduled or whether the females affected must start at the end of their respective section.

### **Dogs excluded from participation**

Dogs who were voluntarily downgraded by their handlers (= voluntary descent, if the dog has not reached the original performance class again), and dogs belonging to the veteran classes.

### **Animal Welfare Regulations**

The local regulations apply.

The following kind of conduct is **NOT** permitted:

- Excessively harsh handling
- Usage of electronic shocking devices which may also not be worn by the dog
- Usage and wearing of spiked collars, prong collars, etc.
- Other means of coercion (Halti, harness with towing functions, etc.)
- The usage of doping substances entails a disqualification from the competition

The above-mentioned requirements apply for the entire surroundings, the training area included.

Apart from that, the animal welfare regulations of the host country do apply.

A violation of the listed requirements can lead to a disqualification and possibly to public prosecution according to the animal welfare legislation of the host country.

### **Procedure of Event**

#### **Requirements for Participation:**

The event is subject to veterinary supervision.

To obtain a permission to start, every registered dog must be examined by a veterinary.

All females must be examined for heat.

During the veterinary examination all dogs are subjected to a fitness test. During this test the dog must jump on a table of approximately 80 centimeters height. The dog must be able to jump without physical support of any kind by the dog handler. Dogs who do fail this test are not admitted to the competition.

Therefore, no motivating objects or food are allowed during the examination. The verification of the identity chip is carried out with the dog on the long lead while sitting or standing. The dog's handler is allowed to move the dog's head slightly to the side with his hand. The dog's handler may not read out the chip.

A judge or a representative of the examination board must be present during the examination since the dog is to be disqualified if the necessary requirements are not met.

Animals who are not fit for participation for health-related reasons are excluded from the event. If it is obvious that the animal suffers from health-related problems or pain, the dog must be sent off and be excluded from the entire event. Reference is explicitly made to the fact that pain killing medication or medication for performance enhancement may not be administered. Should it become obvious that this requirement was violated, the animal is also excluded from the entire event by the head judge.

A veterinary is available during the entire event.

The host organization is at any given time entitled to order a veterinary examination in case that the dog shows signs of injuries or disease. The veterinary decision is to be complied with.

## **Schedule**

The schedule shall be defined by the national organization in charge.

## **Drawing**

On the evening before the beginning of the event, the drawing of the starting sequences takes place.

## **Team Captains' Meeting**

During the team captains' meeting the following issues shall be addressed:

- Organizational issues to be offered by the organization management
- Introduction of the judges
- Reference to particularities and technical information
- Verification of presence of the participants
- Notification of females in heat
- Sequence of the participating countries

During the registration on site, the team captains are provided with the complete documents for the starters such as starter vests, catalogues, notification of organizational particularities, parking permits.

If dogs/ handlers are reported sick or absent, the starter numbers allocated during the team captains 'meeting must be returned!

## **Veterinary Inspection**

A veterinary inspection must be carried out before the beginning of the competition. During the inspection the dog must jump on a table (approximately 0,8 meters) and the vaccination card of the dog is verified. A general veterinary medical checkup and the identity chip verification is carried out. The dog must unconditionally tolerate the before mentioned. A muzzle or other coercive measures are not permitted.

If the dog shows aggressive behavior, the animal is to be disqualified.

## **Training Possibilities**

A training schedule is to be issued. The time allocated to each nation depends on the number of registered dogs. Dog handlers may only wear regular sportswear – no training vests. However, the starter vests must be worn. If a team does not report in for training on time, the team can be scheduled for training at the end of the training session.

## **Identity Chip Verification**

The chip verification is carried out before and after every examination section.

The dog must unconditionally tolerate the chip verification procedure.

## **Equipment**

All equipment used must be in compliance with the current FCI Examination Regulations respectively with the FCI Equipment Guidelines.

## **Rules & Specifications**

### **General**

The evaluations are based on the current FCI Regulations. Two (2) agility judges for trial officiate during the event (preferably FCI recognized). The judges are appointed by the WUSV Board of Directors.

The competition consists of three (3) agility examinations of the classes A 1 to A 3 as well as three (3) jumping examinations (JP 1 to JP 3).

On the last day of the competition the final run takes place in which the best 20% of each class compete against each other in a common parcourse.

### **Parcourse onsite inspection**

According to the regulations the team have sufficient time to make themselves familiar with the parcourse and for the preparation of the dogs before the start. Only participants are admitted to the parcourse inspection – no escorts are permitted (exception: the finals)

### **Toys/ Food/ Lead**

No food is permitted in the parcourse.

The dogs must be under control while going to the start. Once they have reached the goal and leave the parcourse, they must be put on the lead.

### **Starter Vests**

The starter vests are provided by the host organization. They become property of the dog handlers after the event.

The starter vests must be worn well visible during the training before the event, during the drawing, during all runs and examinations and during the awarding ceremony. The starter vests show the country codes (according to Olympic Rules) as well as the catalogue number of the dog handlers.

### **Results/ Objection Period**

After every examination, the time, mistakes and/ or refusals occurred are announced over the loudspeakers. After every examination level, the individual results are displayed in public. The objection period for possible mistakes is one (1) hour after the publication of the results.

## **Disqualification**

If a competitor shows unsportsmanlike conduct or treats his/ her dog in a fashion that is not in compliance with animal welfare and protections rules, the handler can be disqualified from the event. In addition to that, the respective regulations of the FCI Examination Regulations apply.

The before mentioned applies for the entire venue of the event (domiciliary right of the host organization).

## **Ranking**

### **Individual Ranking**

For the individual ranking applies that the worst results in the A-run and worst results in the jumping-run are not counted (*Streichergebnis*).

The best 20% of the starters of each class (A1, A2, A3) take part in the final run. The results are evaluated and added without the results that are not to be counted according to the *Streichergebnis* (please see above).

1. Ranking = 1 Point, 2. Ranking = 2 Points, 3. Ranking = 3 Points, etc. For a disqualification 50 points are granted.

### **Team Ranking – details registration**

Up to five (5) starters per country can be registered by the individual WUSV member organizations. A team must consist of at least three (3) starters. The best three (3) starters are evaluated.

The team members are registered by the sending WUSV member organization.

### **Team Ranking – details evaluation**

The starters of each team receive points for every run (all 6) for the ranking.

1. Ranking = 1 Point, 2. Ranking = 2 Points, 3. Ranking = 3 Points, etc. For a disqualification 50 points are granted.

In class A2 the points obtained are multiplied by the factor 1,2, in the class A1 by 1,4 (to reflect the different levels of difficulties).

For the team evaluation the three (3) best teams registered are considered.

For each national team the best three (3) teams with their points obtained in the six (6) individual runs are considered for the evaluation (no results that were not counted – please see *Streichergebnis*).

The final run is not considered for the team evaluation.

The country with the least points is the winner. In case that the same number of points were obtained, the better A runs are relevant. In case that the results of the A runs are also the same, the team with the higher trial classes are to be preferred for the team ranking.

## Prize Awarding Ceremony

The prize awarding ceremony starts 60 minutes after the presentation of the last dog. All participants take part with their dogs they presented at the event (no guest dogs)

**Awarded are as follows:**

- The three (3) best participants of the final run
- The three (3) best teams
- The three (3) best participants out of the individual runs in combination evaluation of the classes A1, A2 and A3. (2x A-Run & 2x Jumping)
- **If necessary, separate prize awarding before the main awarding ceremony**

## Programm WUSV-World Championship „Agility“

### Wednesday

#### **TIMES**

Opening of the Competition Office

Veterinary medical checkup and fitness test for the dogs

### Thursday

#### **TIMES**

Veterinary medical checkup and fitness test for the dogs

Official Training of the Teams at the Stadium

Judges Meeting

Team Captains' Meeting with drawing of the teams sequence for the subsequent drawing of the participants. Following this, **training possibilities at the stadium.**

Official Opening Ceremony of the World Championship and the drawing at a suitable location.

All participants must take part in the opening ceremony and drawing. It is obligatory to wear the starter vests.

### Friday

#### **TIMES**

Competition Beginning at the Stadium

### Saturday

#### **TIMES**

Competition Beginning at the Stadium

Welcoming Party at the tent (optional)

### Sunday

#### **TIMES**

Competition Beginning at the Stadium

Prize Awarding Ceremony and Closing Ceremony at the Stadium

Depending on the number of dogs registered, the program may be changed.