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FCI REGULATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

I. FCI INTERNATIONAL BEAUTY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR ALL BREEDS TOGETHER

A. Breeds not subject to working trials

To be eligible for the title of International Beauty Champion, these dogs must have obtained :

- a) in three different countries, under three different judges, four Certificats d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté (CACIB) no matter the number of dogs;
- b) between the first and last CACIB, a minimum period of one year and one day must have elapsed. This period is to be understood as follows : for example, from January 1st, 1996 to January 1st, 1997.

For a) and b), exceptions may be granted provided they are approved by the FCI General Committee.

B. Breeds subject to working trials.

To be eligible for the title International Beauty Champion, these dogs must have obtained :

- a) in two different countries, under two different judges, two certificats d'aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté (CACIB), no matter the number of dogs;
- b) between the first and last CACIB, a minimum period of one year and one day must have elapsed. This period is to be understood as follows : for example, from January 1st, 1996 to January 1st, 1997.

In addition to a) and b), the hunting dog must have passed a hunting test/trial specific to its breed in which the Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat National de Travail (CACT) is competed for. The date of the test/trial is not taken into account.

For a) and b), exceptions may be granted provided they are approved by the FCI General Committee

- Utility dogs : The International Tests for Rescue Dogs or the national Schutzhund Tests or the IPO (RCI) are the only tests which make a dog eligible for the title of Beauty Champion. As far as IPO (RCI) is concerned, the dog must have obtained, in Class 1, a minimum of 70% of the points in each discipline, i.e. tracking, obedience and defense.

In Shutzhund tests, the requirements are as follows : no matter the class where the dog is entered, it must have obtained a minimum of 70% in discipline A (tracking) and B (obedience) and 80% in discipline C (defense).

C. RULES COMMON TO A AND B

When a breed includes several varieties which differ as to weight, colour, type of coat, etc., the FCI General Assembly will decide whether all the varieties should compete for one single CACIB or whether there should be more than one award.

In case of disagreement or uncertainty, the FCI Committee will make the final decision after consultation with the country of origin of the breed and the Standard Commission.

II. F.C.I. INTERNATIONAL WORKING CHAMPIONSHIP

This title is available only for dog breeds for which trials are organized under the patronage of the FCI.

To be eligible for the title of International Working Champion, a dog must have obtained :

- at any age, two CACITs awarded under two different judges in two different countries or under the organization of two clubs of a different nationality. These CACIT have to be linked to two 1st prizes in working trials won at international competitions under the patronage of the F.C.I.
- At the minimum age of fifteen months, in an international show under the patronage of the FCI, whatever the number of dogs shown, at least the grade "Very Good" or, in countries where this grade does not exist, a 2nd prize in the working, intermediate or open class.
- Utility dogs : it is only allowed to award the CACIT in an International Test for Rescue Dogs or a national Schutzhund Test or the IPO (RCI).
- Continental Pointers : For continental pointers are instituted an International Working Championship "field trial" and an International Working Championship "hunting test".

To obtain the title International Working Champion "field trial", ChIT(ft) a dog shall:

- a. at the minimum age of 15 months, have obtained two CACIT or one CACIT and two RCACIT in field trials, organized under responsibility of two different governing national canine organizations and under different judges;
- b. if **all** awards were obtained in field trials where retrieving was not required, have **in addition** obtained at least the qualification "Very Good" or, in countries where this qualification is unknown, have obtained at least a second prize in a field trial under FCI patronage where retrieval is required;
- c. at the minimum age of 15 months, have obtained at least the qualification "Very Good" or, in countries where this qualification is unknown, have obtained at least a second prize in the open class, intermediate or working-dog class at an international show under F.C.I. patronage, independent of the number of dogs shown.

To obtain the title International Working Champion “hunting test”, ChIT(ec) a dog shall:

- a. at the minimum age of 15 months, have obtained two CACIT or one CACIT and two RCACIT in hunting tests, organized under responsibility of two different governing national canine organizations and under different judges;
- b. if **all** awards were obtained in hunting tests field and water, have **in addition** obtained at least the qualification “Very Good” or, in countries where this qualification is unknown, have obtained at least a second prize in a multiple hunting test under FCI patronage;
- c. at the minimum age of 15 months, have obtained at least the qualification “Very Good” or, in countries where this qualification is unknown, have obtained at least a second prize in the open class, intermediate or working dog class at an international show under F.C.I. patronage, independent of the number of dogs shown.

If a CACIT candidate has already obtained the title of International Working Champion, the CACIT award will not be extended to the proposed reserve candidate.

To receive recognition of the title ChIT(ft) or ChIT(ec) the owner of the dog shall submit via the governing national canine organization of his country a request for recognition to the Secretariat-General of the F.C.I. The application shall include the relevant documents and be submitted no later than one year after the dog became eligible for the title.

- Dachshund (Teckel) : 3 options
 - 2 CACITs in artificial earth on fox (BhFK) in two different countries and at least a 3rd prize in a multiple trial (Vielseitigkeitsprüfung - Vp) or a trial with giving voice on hare (Sp).
 - or 2 CACITs in a multiple trial (Vp) or Brackier trial and also a 3rd prize in artificial earth on fox (BhFK) or a successful trial in natural earth on fox (BhFN) or on badger (BhDN) obtained in two different countries.
 - or 1 CACIT in artificial earth on fox (BhFK) and one CACIT in a multiple trial with giving voice on hare (Vp) in two different countries.
- Kaninchenteckels : on the same day, 1 CACIT in a KSchlH (Schleppe : taking the rabbit out of the earth) and another one in a KSpN (Sprengen) are necessary as well as a Spurlaut (trial on hare with giving voice - Sp).

A reserve CACIT may be awarded and turned into a CACIT at the request of the owner of the dog which was awarded the R-CACIT or at the request of his/her national kennel club under one of the following conditions:

1. the CACIT has been awarded to a dog which is already an International Working Champion (title confirmed by the FCI) or to a dog which has already gained 2 CACIT whether its title of International Working Champion is confirmed or not (exception for Continental Pointers)
2. the CACIT has been awarded to a dog which does not have a 3-generation pedigree recognized by the FCI
3. the CACIT has been awarded to a dog which is too young to be eligible for the CACIT in virtue of the various FCI Regulations for Working and Hunting Trials.

Only one CACIT may be awarded in each trial.

Exceptions :

- a) Ferretting dogs, teckels, fox-terriers, hunting terriers, Welsh terrier
The CACIT may be awarded to every dog that got the maximum of points in an underground trial
- b) Teckels
Teckels which got at least 267 points together with a first prize in each discipline of an international multiple trial may be awarded the CACIT

III. CUMULATIVE TITLE OF INTERNATIONAL WORKING AND BEAUTY CHAMPION

Dogs from breeds for which trials are organized under the patronage of the FCI will be entitled to get the double title "International Working and Beauty Champion" if they fulfil the conditions of both championships at the same time.

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- a) If the trial in which the CACIT is being competed for is judged on points and if several dogs obtain the same number of points, the method for choosing between them shall be the same as set down in the rules for the national championships in the country where the trial is taking place.
If these rules do not provide such a possibility, the dogs that tied will be submitted to one or more tests until one of them wins more points than the others. If possible, the tests shall consist of a combination of all the exercises making up the trials ; otherwise, they will go through each exercise in turn, in the order of the programme, until one dog has obtained more points than the others.
- b) The FCI General Committee will ensure that the conditions set down in the rules are fulfilled. If they are, the award proposed by the judge will be confirmed. If not, it will not be confirmed.
- c) The final title of International Champion will be awarded by the FCI General Committee. According to the agreements entered into with some member countries, the FCI Office may, at the owner's request and without consultation with the national canine organisation, issue the title of International Champion provided all the necessary documents have been sent to the FCI Office.
- d) A Reserve-CACIB can be turned into a CACIB, at the request of the owner of the dog which was awarded the R-CACIB or at the request of his/her national kennel club, provided that the dog which was awarded the CACIB meets one of the following criteria :
 - 1. is already an International Champion (the title being confirmed by the FCI)
 - 2. does not have a 3-complete-generation pedigree recognised by the FCI
 - 3. is too young to be eligible for the CACIB (entered in a wrong class)
 - 4. fulfills at the moment of the show the FCI requirements (in terms of number of CACIB earned) for the title of International Beauty Champion as described under I.A and B. This means for non-working breeds, 4 CACIB under 3 different judges in 3 different countries over a minimum period of one year and one day and for working breeds (utility and hunting), 2 CACIB, under two different judges, in two different countries over a minimum of one year and one day.

The exceptions granted to the countries and sections must be taken into consideration.

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