



EVENT REGULATIONS

IFCS World Agility Championships - 2026

1. GENERAL

1.1 The 17th IFCS World Agility Championships (WAC) will be held over six (6) competition days between 27th April and 3rd May, 2026, at the following location:

Partida Masia de Conxa s/n
16110 Godella, Valencia, Spain

Venue Website: <https://www.mouratours.com>

Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/NyTUuaiNuwDWVzV96>

IFCS Website: <https://www.ifcsdogsports.org>

1.2 The Championships are governed by the International Federation of Cynological Sports (IFCS) and are organised and hosted in cooperation with the Federation of Agility and Canine Education (FEAEC) in Spain, hereinafter referred to as "Host".

1.3 The Championships are held under the IFCS Agility Regulations that are in force at the date of commencement of these World Championships. The following to be noted in regards to equipment:

- The Tyre (Saloon style) will be used.
- The Soft Wall Jump will be used.
- The Weave Poles to be 600mm spacing.
- The Hurdles will be for IFCS jump heights of 250mm, 300mm, 400mm, 500mm, and 600mm.

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. Bitches in heat will be allowed to compete and will be managed appropriately to reduce disruption to the running order.

Dogs shall be entered in one of five (5) height categories that are split into two Groups, being the Small Dog Group (250, 300 and 400 Dogs) the Large Dog Group (500 and 600 Dogs), and will need to meet the cut-off at the wither height, measured in metric mm, as per the table below.

Height Class	Dog's Height at Withers	Eligible Hurdle Jump Height	Spread Hurdle Span (ascending)	Long Jump
250 Dogs	300mm or less	250mm	Up to 250mm	500mm
300 Dogs	350mm or less	300mm	Up to 300mm	600mm
400 Dogs	420mm or less	400mm	Up to 400mm	800mm
500 Dogs	500mm or less	500mm	Up to 500mm	1000mm
600 Dogs	Any height	600mm	Up to 600mm	1200mm



1.4.1 The measurement system of the IFCS World Agility Championships is metric.

1.4.2 At IFCS World Championships, a Dog may “jump-up” a height class, but may not “jump-down”. Also refer to Section 3.10.5 and 3.10.6. In relation to Triathlon, refer to Section 3.2.2 and its sub-sections.

1.4.3 There is no need to measure dogs at these championships that are entered in the 600 Dog height class at the time of entry form submission. All other dogs will be measured during check-in unless other provisions are approved by IFCS Council. Dogs that have previously competed at WAC24 or WAC25, that have a current and approved measurement within the IFCS WAC data base from 2024 and 2025, taken at a IFCS World Championship between 2024 and 2025, may be eligible for a waiver on being measured again. The Host will manage this, refer to Section 3.10.4.

1.5 The official language of the Championships is English. For entry forms, appeals and applications, English language shall be used. Where conflict may exist in interpretation of text of translated versions in other languages, the meaning in the official language shall prevail.

1.6 Travel to the place of competition and back, accommodation and food expenses of a team are paid by participating organisations and/or their competitors, as established within each organisation’s home country. Where a country has no organisation affiliation associated with IFCS, individuals may enter the event as “guests” pursuant to provisions listed in these Event Regulations.

1.7 Reference to “Handler” or “Athlete” within these Regulations relates to a single person (i.e., sports man or woman) who is to be enrolled in competition. Reference to a “Dog” within these regulations relates to the Dog used by a Handler/Athlete. Reference to a Competitor refers to the combination of both Handler and Dog.

1.8 In Spain there are no restrictions or specific requirements regarding dogs with cropped ears and/or tails participating in sporting competitions.

1.9 The Judges Panel will consist of all Judges that officiate at the event, and may include a Video Assisted Referee (VAR) Judge and will include a Chief Judge. The Chief Judge is responsible to manage the Judges Panel, including the VAR Judge and the VAR Technician. The Chief Judge may or may not be judging a class during the Championships. The appointment of the Chief Judge and VAR Judge shall be subject to the approval of the IFCS Council. The Chief Judge is responsible for managing any dispute process and systems in place, including the VAR system.



2. THE PROGRAM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.1 Program of Individual Championship Classes

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

All classes shall follow the methodology as set forth in the IFCS Agility Regulations in force at the start of these Championships, and as stated in para 1.3.

2.2 Program of National Team Competition (for the IFCS Member and Recognised Nations)

- Small Dog Division Team Triathlon (Agility-Standard + Jumping + 3 Dog Team Relay)
Composition of Team in each round:
 - Two Handlers both with Dogs from the Small Group (250, 300 or 400 Dogs), with the requirement that both the Small Group Dogs will jump the same Hurdle height over the same sequence in the 3 Dog Team Relay (T3) course.
 - One Handler with a Dog from the Large Group (500 or 600 Dog), which jumps its own separate sequence in the 3 Dog Team Relay (T3) course.
- Large Dog Division Team Triathlon (Agility-Standard + Jumping + 3 Dog Team Relay).
Composition of Team in each round:
 - Two Handlers both with Dogs from the Large Group (500 or 600 Dogs), with the requirement that both the Large Group Dogs will jump the same Hurdle height over the same sequence in the 3 Dog Team Relay (T3) course.
 - One Handler with a Dog from the Small Group (250, 300 or 400 Dog), which jumps its own sequence in the 3 Dog Team Relay (T3) course.

Note: See Section 3.2.2 and its sub-sections for regulations for the Team Triathlon and Team Composition.



2.3 Event Program & Daily Schedule

Monday – 27 April 2026

- Dog measure/check-in and ring/equipment familiarization 1200 – 2000

Tuesday – 28 April 2026

- Team Manager General Brief with Judges and Chief Judge & Gamblers Brief 0800 – 0900
- Opening Ceremony 0930 – 1030
- Host Working Crew and Judge - Course Build for Gamblers 1045 – 1145
- Walk through for Gamblers 1145 – 1245
- Competition: Gamblers 1300 – 1900
- Venue Crew - Water and roll and preparation of ring surface 1900 – 1945
- Cocktail (welcome competitors) on Site at Venue 2000 – 2115

Wednesday – 29 April 2026

- Host Working Crew and Judge - Course Build for Snooker (Individual & All Around) 0700 – 0800
- Team Manager/Coach & Judge's Briefing – Snooker (Individual & All Around) 0800 – 0830
- Team Managers Brief their Team for Snooker 0830 – 0900
- Walk-through for Snooker (Individual & All Around) 0900 – 1000
- Competition: Snooker (Individual & All Around) 1015 – 1700
- Host Working Crew – Set up for Podium 1700 – 1730
- Podium – Medal Presentation for Gamblers (Individual) 1730 – 1800
- Venue Crew - Water and roll and preparation of ring surface 1830 – 1900

Thursday – 30 April 2026

- Host Working Crew and Judge - Course Build for Jumping (Individual & All Around) 0700 – 0745
- Walk-through for Jumping (Individual & All Around) 0745 – 0845
- Competition: Jumping (Individual & All Around) 0900 – 1300
- Host Working Crew and Judge - Course Build for Triathlon - Agility-Standard (T1) 1300 – 1345
- Walk-through - Triathlon - Agility-Standard (T1) 1345 – 1445
- Competition: Triathlon - Agility-Standard (T1) 1500 – 1945
- Host Working Crew – Set up for Podium 1945 – 2015
- Podium – Medal Presentation for Snooker (Individual) 2015 – 2045
- Venue Crew - Water and roll and preparation of ring surface 2100 – 2130



Friday – 1 May 2026

● Host Working Crew and Judge - Course Build for Agility (Individual & All Around)	0700 – 0745
● Walk-through for Agility-Standard (Individual & All Around)	0745 – 0845
● Competition: Agility-Standard (Individual & All Around)	0900 – 1415
● Host Working Crew and Judge - Course Build for Team Triathlon – Jumping (T2)	1415 – 1500
● Walk-through for Team Triathlon – Jumping (T2)	1515 – 1615
● Competition: Team Triathlon - Jumping (T2)	1630 – 2000
● Venue Crew - Water and roll and preparation of ring surface	2015 – 2100

Saturday – 2 May 2026

● Host Working Crew and Judge - Course Build for Biathlon - Jumping (B1)	0700 – 0745
● Walk-through for Biathlon - Jumping (B1)	0745 – 0845
● Competition: Biathlon - Jumping (B1)	0900 – 1300
● Host Working Crew and Judge - Course Build for Team Triathlon Relay (T3)	1300 – 1400
● Team Manager/Coach & Judge's Briefing – Triathlon relay (T3)	1400 – 1415
● Team Managers Brief their Team for Triathlon Relay (T3)	1415 – 1430
● Walk-through for Team Triathlon Relay (T3)	1430 – 1530
● Competition: Team Triathlon Relay (T3)	1545 – 1830
● Host Working Crew – Set up for Podium	1830 – 1900
● Podium – Medal Presentation for Agility-Standard & Jumping (Individual)	1900 – 1945
● Venue Crew - Water and roll and preparation of ring surface	2000 – 2045

Sunday – 3 May 2026

● Host Working Crew and Judge - Course Build for Biathlon – Agility-Standard (B2)	0700 – 0800
● Walk-through for Agility-Standard (B2)	0800 – 0900
● Competition: Agility-Standard (B2)	0915 – 1430
● Host Working Crew - Clear the ring and set up for Podium and Closing Ceremony	1430 – 1530
● Podium – Medal Presentation for All Around, Biathlon and Triathlon	1600 – 1730
● Closing Ceremony	1800 – 1830

Note 1: Times may vary depending on unforeseen circumstances, final number of entries, and delays during the day.

Note 2: Team Managers meeting for Snooker, Gamblers and T3 will be a closed meeting, limited to three Team Managers and Coaches (plus Translator) per Nation – refer to Section 3.12.4.



3. NATIONAL TEAMS - ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 National Organising Committee (NOC) Categories and Entry Requirements

Competitors from every nation represented by a national governing organisation referred to herein as a National Organising Committee (“NOC”) can enter as a “National Team”, and all Competitors, with and without representation of a NOC are automatically entered in all “Individual” Classes. For purposes of eligibility, the following definitions of organisations and competitors shall apply:

- “Member Nation” (or “Member”) – a nation represented by a NOC or that has applied for and been accepted as a full, associate, or provisional member of IFCS.
- “Recognised Nation” – a nation represented by a NOC within a non-member country that has signed IFCS Official Declaration of Support as a first step to membership application process.
- “Guest Nation” – a nation represented by a NOC that is invited by IFCS but is neither a Member Nation nor Recognised Nation.
- “Guest Competitors” – an individual competitor from a country other than a Member, Recognised or Guest Nation.
- “Neutral Competitors” (or “Neutrals”) – a competitor from any country sanctioned by the IOC or IFCS (see Section 3.1.5).

Note: There are no Reserve Handlers and National Teams may only use Reserve Dogs as stated under Section 3.1.6.

3.1.1 National Team - IFCS Member Nations

3.1.1.1 To enter Championship Classes at the World Championships, IFCS “Member Nations” are limited to the following regulations:

- A maximum of thirty (30) Handlers that have qualified for entry through rules established by their Member Nation and meeting any qualitative standards and requirements that may be established and published by the IFCS.

3.1.2 National Team - IFCS Recognised Nations

3.1.2.1 To enter Championship Classes at the World Championships, IFCS “Recognised Nations” are limited to the following regulations:

- A maximum of twenty-four (24) Handlers that have qualified for entry through rules established by their Member Nation and meeting any qualitative standards and requirements that may be established and published by the IFCS.



3.1.3 National Team - IFCS Guest Nations

3.1.3.1 NOCs from Nations other than Member Nations and Recognised Nations are invited to participate as Guest Nations, if they host Agility competitions within their country, and request invitation from IFCS. A representative of the NOC should contact IFCS for formal invitation. To enter Championship Classes at the World Championships, IFCS “Guest Nations” are limited to the following regulations:

- A maximum of twenty-four (24) Handlers that have qualified for entry through rules established by their Member Nation and meeting any qualitative standards and requirements that may be established and published by the IFCS.

3.1.4 Eligibility – Guest Competitors

3.1.4.1 Individuals from a country not represented by an NOC are invited as Guest Competitors on the presumption that they are pursuing establishment of an NOC in their home country. IFCS Council has established qualification criteria for Guests that has qualified for national or international Agility competition in the past five years with one or more Dogs, or meet other qualitative standards and requirements that may be established and published by the IFCS. To enter Championship Classes at the World Championships, IFCS “Guests Competitors” are limited to the following regulations:

- A maximum of twelve (12) Handlers from a country that has no NOC representation.

3.1.5 Nations Sanctioned or Banned

3.1.5.1 Competitors from countries sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) or IFCS may participate at the discretion of the IFCS Council. Recommendations and decisions by the IOC shall be considered but shall not be the only considerations in determining whether competitors from sanctioned nations may participate.

At the time of printing of these regulations, Russia and Belarus have been sanctioned for the act of war with Ukraine, and will not participate at WAC26. The IFCS retains the right to change this decision in 2026, should the war between Russia and Ukraine end.

The following applies for nations that may have “sanctions” placed upon them:

3.1.5.1 IFCS approved competitors from Nations that are sanctioned but are permitted to compete, will do so as individual neutral competitors (“Neutrals”), the competitors may be subjected to the following conditions at the discretion of the IFCS Council:

3.1.5.2 Qualified competitors from a sanctioned country will be entered as and compete as Neutrals under the IFCS flag.

3.1.5.3 National Teams from a “sanctioned” nation may not be entered in the Nation Team Triathlon.

3.1.5.4 Competitors and support personnel from a “sanctioned” nation who actively support the specific war or reason for the sanction will not be eligible to be entered or to compete.

3.1.5.5 Competitors and support personnel contracted to a “sanctioned” Nations military or national security agencies will not be eligible to be entered or to compete.



3.1.5.6 Any Neutral competitor, like all other participating competitors, must meet all anti-doping requirements.

3.1.5.7 No flag, anthem, colours or any other identifications of a sanctioned country will be displayed in any official venue or function, and no sanctioned government or state officials will be invited or recognised.

3.1.5.8 Nations that are sanctioned are not permitted to participate in the parade of national flags. Notwithstanding, Individuals from a sanctioned nation may participate under the IFCS flag as Individual Neutral Athletes, with no national flag on display.

3.1.6 General Conditions of Entry and Competition

3.1.6.1 For Championship Classes, the following regulations apply:

- Handlers must be at least sixteen (16) years of Age on the day of the opening ceremony.
- 250, 300 and 400 Dogs are in the Small Dog Group, and for Triathlon in the Small Division.
- 500 and 600 Dogs are in the Large Dog Group, and for Triathlon in the Large Division.
- Handlers are restricted to competing with a maximum of one (1) Dog in any one height class for any one course in the individual classes.
- Handlers can only compete on one (1) National Triathlon Team within each Division, ie a Handler can be on a Triathlon team within the Small Division, and on team within the Large Division, using two separate Dogs (A Handler may never run the course twice in the same Division).
- No one Dog may ever run the same course twice (Individual, Biathlon or Triathlon); unless required by the Judge due to run-off or equipment failure, etc. The intent is that a Dog should never run the same course twice, and that as a basic tenet of sport, a Handler cannot compete against themselves.
- If a Dog is withdrawn from a class due to injury, it must have clearance from the IFCS before it is allowed to compete again in a Championship class, or a substitution may be made for medical purposes, as set forth in these regulations – refer Section 3.1.7.
- The following applies to IFCS Member Nations, Recognised Nations, and Guest Nations:
 - A Handler cannot compete over a course with more than one Dog in a height class. Notwithstanding, a Handler may compete over the same course more than once, with different Dogs in different height classes, other than the specific rules and requirements for Triathlon courses, as outlined in Section 3.2.
 - A National Team from an IFCS Member Nation, Recognised Nations, and Guest Nations is eligible for entry to all individual classes, and Biathlon, and entry to Triathlon classes, subject to limitations for Triathlon as outlined in Section 3.2 and its sub-sections of these Regulations.
- The follow applies for individual Guest Competitors:
 - A Handler cannot compete over a course with more than one Dog in a height class.



- Notwithstanding, a Handler may compete over the same course more than once, with different Dogs in different height classes, other than the specific rules and requirements for Triathlon courses, as outlined in Section 3.2.
- Guest Competitors are eligible for all individual classes and awards, including the awards for Biathlon, but will not be eligible to enter any of the Team Triathlon classes.

3.1.6.2 Additional eligibility rules in individual multiple round events

- Biathlon Awards—the Handler and Dog must be the same for both classes aggregated for the Biathlon award.
- All-Around Awards—the Handler and Dog be must the same for all classes aggregated for the All-Around award.

3.1.6.3 The overriding intent of these Event Regulations is that a Handler and/or Dog can only ever be at the podium for medal presentations for a specific award class once, and as such may not occupy more than one place on the podium for a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal.

3.1.6.4 All Handlers other than Neutral competitors are to compete and parade in team uniforms representing their sponsoring NOC and country. No political propaganda or other insignia that in the opinion of IFCS and the host nation are disrespectful or offensive to others shall be permitted to be worn or displayed. See Section 3.1.5 for Neutral Competitor requirements.

3.1.7 Reserve Dogs – All National Teams

3.1.7.1 Reserve Dogs are permitted in the event of a Dog being injured or becoming ill/sick at the WAC, or just before or during travel to WAC, and/or in the case of problems that may arise with nations who face strict quarantine-laws to enter the host country, or return their dog back to their own home country, and as such require the use of reserve or “loaner” Dogs.

3.1.7.2 These event regulations allow each National Team using their own Dogs (from their country) to make up to two (2) reserve substitutions of Dogs due to being ill/sick up until one hour prior to the scheduled Opening Ceremony.

3.1.7.3 A Reserve Dog does not have to be listed on the entry form submitted by the close of entry date but must be measured and inspected according to measurement and veterinary inspection requirements for the event, and before the start of the first Championship Class.

3.1.7.4 Any Reserve dog added as a substitution must be fit and healthy, and if it was not listed on the team entry form that was submitted by the close date for entries, the dog must have the approval of the Team Manager (or Team Captain or Coach) and must be presented for measurement and general health check to the host officials before it can compete.

3.1.7.5 Once substituted, the Reserve Dog is considered a “competing” Dog with no other distinction, and the original Dog being replaced is considered as an “inactive” Dog and may not be reinstated for any reason during the event.



3.2. Triathlon Classes (T1, T2 and T3)

The National Team Triathlon is a competition of versatility over three classes of Agility-Standard (T1), Jumping (T2), and 3 Dog Relay (T3).

3.2.1. Limitations on the Number of National Teams for the Triathlon

Nations may enter Triathlon Teams based upon their eligibility status, as follows:

- **Member and Recognised Nations:** Up to five (5) Triathlon teams overall as specified in section 3.2.2, but with:
 - No more than three (3) Teams classified as a Small Division Team
 - No more than three (3) Teams classified as a Large Division Team.
- **Guest Nations:** Up to three (3) Triathlon Teams overall as specified in section 3.2.2, but with:
 - No more than three (3) Teams classified as a Small Division Team
 - No more than three (3) Teams classified as a Large Division Team.
- **Individual Guest Competitors** that are not represented by a Member NOC, Recognised NOC, or Guest NOC are not eligible for National Team Triathlon classes.
- **Neutral Competitors** are not eligible for National Team Triathlon, subject to provisions of 3.1.5.

3.2.2 Triathlon Team Composition Requirements

A National team for competition in the Triathlon includes three Dogs and three Handlers, subject to the following rules:

There will be a separate award ceremony and medals for each of the two Divisions of Small and Large.

- Small Division = 2 Dogs on the team designated as 250, 300 or 400 Dogs, and 1 x Large Dog
- Large Division = 2 Dogs on the team designated as 500 or 600 Dogs, and 1 x Small Dog

Teams must be comprised of a mix of Dog sizes from each of the two Dogs Groups (Refer Section 1.4) of Small and Large, and must maintain the required mix of Dogs from each Dog Group on the team through all 3 classes of T1, T2 and T3 (ie. Once a Small Division Team – must always stay a Small Division Team):

- Small Division Team – Two Dogs measuring as Small Group Dogs and One Dog measuring as a Large Group Dog. And once designated a Small Division Team for T1, must remain so for T2 and T3.
- Large Division Team – Two Dogs measuring as Large Group Dogs and One Dog measuring as a Small Group Dog. And once designated a Large Division Team for T1, must remain so for T2 and T3.

In both the Small and Large Division, the two Dogs from the same size Dog Group may be from two different Dog jump heights within that Dog Group, meaning that both Dogs are considered Dogs from the Small Dog Group if it was a team in the Small Division, or both Dogs are considered to be Dogs from the Large Dog Group, if it was a Team in the Large Division. Refer to Section 3.2.4 for specific details relating to the 3 Dog Team Relay (T3).

The two competitions for the Small and Large Divisions will be completed in one ring, one Judge, one course, but are separate competitions, resulting in two separate awards (each with a set of medals and podium ceremony).



Once the competitors for a Triathlon Team have been submitted and locked in before the start of T1, if the Team is designated a Small Division Team, then it must always stay a Small Division Team for T2 and T3. The same applies for a Large Division team, if it is a Large Division Team for T1, it stays as Large Division Team for T2 and T3.

3.2.2.1 The following details for each Triathlon Team provide further clarity:

- Each team within a Division shall be comprised of three Competitors (i.e. 3 x Handler and 3 x Dog).
- No one Dog may run a Triathlon Team course (T1, T2 or T3) more than once.
- No Handler may run for a Team in the Small Division more than once.
- No Handler may run for a Team in the Large Division more than once.
- A Handler is allowed to run a Dog in the Small Division and another Dog in the Large Division Dog. In such case, both Dogs may be Small Dogs, or both Large Dogs, or one from each Dog Group, as defined at section 3.2.2.
- There is a limit for Handlers, of only being able to run a Triathlon (T1, T2 or T3) course twice;
 - Once in a Small Division Team and once in a Large Division Team.
- The intent of the restrictions, is that a Dog would not be allowed to run the same course twice, and as a basic tenet of the sport, a Handler cannot compete against themselves.

3.2.2.2 For the 3 Dog Relay (T3) course:

- If the 3 Dog Team is designated a Small Division Team:
 - The two (2) Small Dogs will both jump the “same” bar height, over the same sequence.
 - This may be achieved by both Dogs measured to be in the same Height Class from the Small Dog Group, or one or both Dogs may “jump-up”, but in all cases both Dogs that are designated to be Small Dog Group Dogs will jump the same bar height of 250mm, 300mm or 400mm, and run the same sequence.
 - No Dog from either the Small Dog Group or Large Dog Group may “jump-down” from their designated jump height for their measurement.
 - The Large Dog on the Small Division team will have their own sequence, and will jump their designated bar height of 500mm or 600mm (and may “jump-up” if they so desired).
- If the 3 Dog Team is designated a Large Division Team
 - The two (2) Large Dogs will both jump the “same” bar height, over the same sequence.
 - This may be achieved by both Dogs measured to be in the same Height Class from the Large Dog Group, or one or both Dogs may “jump-up”, but in all cases both Dogs that are designated to be Large Dog Group Dogs will jump the same bar height of 500mm or 600mm, and run the same sequence.
 - No Dog from either the Small Dog Group or Large Dog group may “jump-down” from their designated jump height for their measurement.
 - The Small Dog on the Large Division team will have their own sequence, and will jump their designed bar height of 250, 300 or 400mm (and may “jump-up” if they so desired).

Note: Refer to Section 1.4 for a definition of a Dog from the Small Dog Group or the Large Dog Group.



3.3. Triathlon Class (T1, T2 and T3) - Substitutions

3.3.1 Nations may have more than one Triathlon Team representing their NOC (refer 3.2.1). No Handler may be on more than one Triathlon Team and run in T1, T2 or T3 as an initial Triathlon Team member, or a substitute member in the “same” Division. Notwithstanding a Handler may be on a Triathlon Team in the Small Division and on another Team in the Large Division, as per the requirements of 3.2 and its sub-paragraphs.

3.3.2 No Dog shall be permitted to run in both the Small and Large Division, or in more than one Triathlon Team, with the same or different Handler (any one Dog can only ever run the course once).

3.3.3 No more than two Handlers can be substituted in any one team, meaning at least one original member of the Team must compete in the Team for T1, T2 and T3. Also refer to Section 3.3.5.

3.3.4. Each Triathlon Team must always meet the composition requirements of Section 3.2 and its sub-paragraphs.

3.3.5 The maximum number of Handlers for any one team through all three classes of T1, T2 and T3 is six (6).

3.3.6 Any substitutions made to a Team, must still ensure that a Triathlon Team shall remain in the same Division (Small or Large) for all three rounds T1, T2 and T3.

3.3.7 A Triathlon Team shall comply with composition requirements to remain in the same “Division” for all three rounds (T1, T2, and T3). A team that inadvertently transforms from one Division to the other Division when making substitutions or otherwise violates team composition rules shall be disqualified and be ineligible for awards.

3.3.8. Event organisers will publicly publish the Triathlon Team course for the day as early as practical (ideally before 8.30 am) in the morning of a Triathlon class.

- Noting that T1, T2 and T3 are second courses of the day.
- Nations have until 9.30 am to submit to the Event Secretary the names of the Handlers and Dogs for inclusion on their Triathlon Team (s) for that day, subject to the provisions of Section 3.2.

3.3.8.1 No changes or alternates/substitutes will be permissible following these times (above) other than due to a legitimate and confirmed medical injury to a nominated Handler or Dog that has occurred on the day of the Triathlon class in question.

3.3.9 With regards to Triathlon classes, if the injury is to a Handler, after confirmation of the injury by the event organisers and the IFCS Council, a substitute Handler in accordance with Reg 3.2 (all) and 3.3 may be nominated from remaining National Team members who have not participated on other Teams of the Triathlon (T1, T2 or T3) from within the Division in question (Small or Large) as limited by Reg 3.2.(all).

3.3.10 With regards to Triathlon Classes, if the injury is to a Dog, then after confirmation of the injury by the event organisers and/or the IFCS Council, and/or when present, the official veterinarian, a substitute Dog from the National Team may be called, taking into account that no one Dog may run a course more than once, and the Dog must have eligibility requirements for the event (ie, measurement and health check).



3.4. IFCS Recognition and Handler Citizenship

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 or policies.

No Handler may represent a different country for which they have competed in an IFCS Championship Event held in the previous three (3) years.

The NOC from IFCS Member Nation, IFCS Recognised Nation, and approved IFCS Guest Nations are responsible to ensure citizenship requirements are enforced.

Individual Guest Competitors and any “Neutrals” entered must provide information on their citizenship and country of residence to the IFCS.

3.5. National Team Selection Process

3.5.1 Competitors to be entered in these Championships shall be selected by qualitative and competitive standards set by their Member, Recognised, or Guest NOC. Standards for athletes shall consider performance, fitness, and international ranking. Further consideration by each NOC may include issues of sportsmanship, criminality, and other issues of character without discrimination. Standards for Dogs shall include compliance with internationally accepted anti-doping measures, be non-aggressive and free of antisocial behaviour, and in compliance with host nation animal welfare laws.

3.5.2 For any Guest Nations, Guest Competitors, and Neutrals, standards for participation and competition are included in these regulations and must be approved by the IFCS Council. Any special circumstances or questions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

3.6. Annual IFCS Membership Dues

3.6.1 Member Nations are required to pay their IFCS Membership Dues to attend the World Championships.

3.6.2 Each IFCS Member Nation must be in good standing, which includes being current in payment of annual membership dues.

3.6.3 Recognised Nations, Guest Nations and Guest Competitors compete at the IFCS World Championship level at the pleasure of IFCS.

3.6.4 Any NOC or individual who may have been sanctioned in international competition may be subject to provisions of 3.1.5.

3.6.5 IFCS Membership dues are to be paid direct to the IFCS no later than 01 March 2026 and shall not be included with WAC Entry Fees (that are paid to the Host).

3.6.6 IFCS can be contacted directly for payment of Membership Dues: info@ifcsdogsports.org

3.6.7 Each IFCS Member Nation who is deemed by the IFCS to not be a current financial member in good standing by the close of entry date, may not be eligible for participation in the World Championships.



3.7. WAC Entry Forms and General Entry Information

3.7.1 WAC26 entry forms will be available online at: www.ifcsdogsports.org

3.7.2 Only one entry form is required per IFCS Member Nation, IFCS Recognised Nation, and approved IFCS Guest Nations, listing all competitors who shall form their delegation.

3.7.3 Individual Guest Competitors from a Nation without an IFCS recognised NOC, and any “Neutrals” that have been approved by the IFCS to enter, must indicate their Nation of residence and their Nationality in the entry process. The Entry Form and entry process will be case by case for Guest Competitors, depending on individual circumstances and if more than one Guest Competitor from a Nation. It may be acceptable if more than one Guest Competitor from the same nation, for all to enter via the one entry form and one payment of fees, or multiple forms with separate payments may also be acceptable, on a case-by-case.

3.7.4 Each enrolled Competitor is automatically entered in all eligible individual and/or team classes based upon their eligibility set forth in these regulations.

3.7.5 A photograph of the competitor handler shall be submitted for all Competitors to be included in the official programme of record.

3.7.6 Entry forms must be submitted with payment (or proof of payment in progress) to the Host nation via email by the nominated close date. No refunds are possible after that date.

3.7.7 Any questions about entry forms, please contact the host as below:

- Contact Name: Ester Esteve Gabarda
- Email: feaecsecretaria@gmail.com

and/or

- Contact Name: Francisco Javier Alegre Sancho
- Email: pacoalegre-64@hotmail.com

3.7.8 Entry fees are as per table below (see Section 3.7.11) and are payable in Euros (€) to the Host nation. The Member Nation is responsible for all bank fees to cover the charges of the sending and receiving banks. If additional fees are charged to receiver by banks, please be prepared to pay deficit upon arrival at the venue.

3.7.9 The WAC Host will be in contact with each Team via email in regards to entry forms and numbers and will advise bank details to each team via email.

3.7.10 Please ensure to include team/nation name when transferring funds so it can be tracked back to confirm funds have been received against each specific nation.



3.7.11 Entry Fee Breakdown Structure

Class of Competition	Member Nations Recognised Nations Guest Nations	Guest Competitors & Neutrals
Guest Nations		
WAC Program – Championship Classes	€280/competitor*	€300/competitor*
Team Support Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry and Parking is Free to Support Personnel and Competitors. All Team Members and their Support Personnel will be issued with passes that will be required to access the competition and crating area. Support Personnel include the Team Leader, Coach and 1 x Groom/Support Personnel per 5 Competitors. 	

* Each enrolled competitor is automatically entered in all eligible individual and/or team classes (subject to eligibility requirements).

** A Competitor is a Handler and Dog. If a Handler is entering with two Dogs, they are deemed to be two Competitors, and will pay two entry fees.

*** Only Team Coach/Managers and official Grooms/Support Members that make up the delegation and have passes will have access to the Team areas and Dog Crating area.

**** Teams should try to restrict the requirement for more than 1 x Support Personnel/Groom Pass per every 5 Competitors on the National Team to prevent overcrowding in the crating and competition areas, and for better control of security. Notwithstanding, that the Host on a case-by-case basis will be flexible to accommodate the needs of each National Team, should an extra one or two team passes be required.

***** Entry and parking will be free for competitors, support personnel, team member families and friends. Noting that team member family and friends will be restricted to the spectator areas (ie, will not be provided with team passes that allow access to the crating and competitors areas).

3.7.12 Entry Fee – Payment and Due Date

Entry Fees are due for payment no later than 01 March 2026.

The Member NOC is responsible for all bank fees to cover the charges of the sending and receiving banks. If additional fees not included in the payment are charged to the receiver by banks, team representatives shall be prepared to pay the additional amount upon arrival at the venue.

Details on payment and banking account information will be shared with each team by email from the Host.

Receipt of payment should be attached with the Entry Form and sent to Ester Esteve Gabarda at the following email address:

- Email: feaecsecretaria@gmail.com



3.8. Good Sportsmanship and Dog Behavior

3.8.1 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.

3.8.2 Any Dog that may exhibit non-social behaviour may be disqualified and removed from the venue of the Championships.

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

3.8.4 National Team members found to be competing in the team uniform of another Nation may be subject to disciplinary action by the IFCS.

3.8.5 In the event of Elimination during the running of a class, it is recommended that Handlers continue to run the course in the normal manner to the end, following the numbers set by the judge, unless otherwise dismissed by the judge.

- This method is the best way to reduce any perception by the Judge of training in the ring.
- This allows the run to be fully recorded by video for future use during any dispute process.

3.9. Vaccination of Dogs and Bitches in Heat

3.9.1 Every dog should have required vaccinations for transport of dogs to and from the host nation in accordance with current requirements of the host nation. Information relating to traveling with dogs to the host nation can be found on the official WAC website or by contacting the Event Secretary. Regulations may also be obtainable from the Embassy or Consulate General's office of the Host Nation in your home country.

3.9.2 Bitches in Heat will be allowed to compete and will run at the end of each height class. The Host will provide a mat (or similar) and instructions at the event.

- All Handlers with a bitch in heat are to use the mat supplied and follow instructions provided by ring stewards.
- If required, a Handler may advise ring stewards at the warm-up area of the need for a mat due to the dog being in heat and remind them of the need to run last in the height class.

3.10. Dog Measurement and Check-In

3.10.1 Every dog entered for competition shall be certified as to its height at the withers by an official letter of the sponsoring IFCS Member organisation, or from the owner for Guest Competitors and "Neutrals", which shall:

- List the name and breed of all the dogs entered,
- State the height at the withers in metric (cm or mm) for 250, 300, 400 and 500 Dogs,
- State the height of a 600 Dog, or just state 600 Dog (as no measurement is required), and
- As applicable to Member, Recognised and Guest Nations, shall be signed by two (2) members of the Governing Council or Board of Directors of the Member organisation, neither of whom shall be a Handler or owner of a Dog competing on the team, and



- The letter should be submitted at the time of entry for the team, or in any case, be presented by the team manager/coach at scheduled check-in at the Championships.

3.10.2 The height at the withers is measured on the top of the shoulder blade with the dog standing erect with legs perpendicular to the ground line. Other new and emerging technologies may be approved by the IFCS.

3.10.3 Dogs registered after close of entries, but before the start of the Championships, and any National Team who must use “loaner” Dogs will be exempt from the requirement for a letter from the Member Nation, but will require veterinary inspection and measurement at check-in (regardless of size/height class).

3.10.4 The IFCS will allow a Dog that has competed at an IFCS World Agility Championship (WAC) in the last two years, to have their official measurement carry-over, voiding the need for measurement and saving time during check-in. Member Nations are free to share the list of names of Dogs in their delegation that competed in either of the last two WAC events, for verification with the Host Event Secretary.

3.10.5 The purpose of the measuring check is to ensure the Dog is on or under the height cut-off for the height class it has entered. Any Dogs found over the cut-off for their nominated height class will be brought to the attention of the Host Organising Committee and IFCS Council.

- A Dog that has been measure above the required measurement for their entered height would be informed to the Chief Judge, and the Dog will need to be moved up to the next height class.
 - Also noting that IFCS permits a Dog to be entered in a higher height class than the minimum height for its measured size as listed in 3.10.6.

3.10.6 Measurement of Dogs height at the wither will be in metric as per below:

Class	Dog's Height at Withers
250 Dogs	300mm or less
300 Dogs	350mm or less
400 Dogs	420mm or less
500 Dogs	500mm or less
600 Dogs	Any height

3.10.7 If unforeseen circumstances prevent a Dog from being measured at the approved times, then the Dog in question must be measured at some time prior to start of judging by officials 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 organisation, and as such places the dog in a different height class, then a re-measure may be requested with the Chief Judge and an IFCS Council Member. The decision of the Chief Judge and a Council Member will be final.



3.10.8 The IFCS and Event Organisers do not wish to see a Handler travel to the WAC ready to compete in a specific height class, as stated in the official letter from their own member organisation, only to find the IFCS and Host Nation have deemed the Dog is too tall for the class it has entered, and must enter the next height class and jump a higher jump height. This should be avoided at all cost and organisations should take all care to ensure each Dog is placed in the appropriate height class for the Dogs height as will be measured (in metric) at the event.

3.10.9 Every National Team is required to “check-in” during the time instructed for Dog measurement and event administration.

3.11 Running Order

3.11.1 The running order for the event shall be randomly established. The host nation may randomise the running order electronically after compiling entries, with a copy posted for inspection on the first day. The host nation must carry out the work of random and fair running orders in a fair and transparent manner. Any grievance regarding the running order must be filed in writing with the Chief Judge prior to the Opening Ceremony for the event.

3.11.2 For the Biathlon Final (B2), the running order shall be in Reverse Order of placings from the first Biathlon round (B1).

3.11.3 For the Triathlon Final (T3), the running order shall be in Reverse Order from cumulative placings from T1 and T2.

3.12 Walking the Course and Judges Briefing

3.12.1 All Handlers will be given the opportunity to walk the course prior to the start of each class, and will be advised of the Judges Briefing and course times relevant to the course/class in question.

3.12.2 When two classes in two rings are held on the same day, walk-throughs may be offered only at the start of the day, with each group of competitors given the same amount of time on each course in a group rotation.

- After a group completes their walk-through on one course, they would then move to the second course to walk, while another group begins their walk-through on the first course.
- Once all groups have walked each course, each ring shall be cleared of Handlers and the first class of competition shall begin.

3.12.3 For Agility-Standard, Jumping, the Biathlon courses (B1 and B2) and two Triathlon courses (T1 and T2), there is no specific Judges brief just prior to the running of the class, but general rules and protocol will be discussed and information provided by the Judges and Chief Judge at a General Brief to Team Managers/Coaches/Captains (plus a translator if required) before the Opening Ceremony, to cover each day of the Championships.



3.12.4 For Snooker, Gamblers and the Triathlon Relay (T3), due to the amount of information the Judge needs to share, and the questions that are normally asked, these Judges Briefings will be given by the Judge and/or Chief Judge to Team Managers/Coach/Captains (plus a translator if required) on each day of the class in question, and will normally be given in private room or area away from the noise of all the Handlers and the main arena.

- A National Team is allowed a maximum of three (3) people to attend the briefing for Snooker, Gamblers, and the Team Triathlon Relay (T3), plus a translator for non-English speaking teams.
- The controlled briefing concept is to reduce the number of people asking questions to the Judge and to reduce the noise and disruption that can occur when a Judges Briefing is given ring-side to over 200 Handlers from many different countries with many different languages.
- The daily schedule allows time for Team Managers/Coach/Captains to share and flow down information to their team members.
- There will also be written Judges Briefs for Gamblers, Snooker and Triathlon Relay (T3) provided.



4. WINNERS DETERMINATION

4.1 Team Triathlon

4.1.1 Winners in the 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: Agility-Standard, Jumping and 3 Dog Team Relay combined (i.e., cumulative time plus faults scoring; five faults = five seconds on the clock). Penalties for disqualification shall be according to following schedule:

Exercise	Penalty for disqualification
Agility	100
Jumping	100
Relay	100 x number of disqualified team members

4.1.2 In case of equality in the Team Triathlon between two or more teams, advantage goes to the team with the best result on the 3 Dog Team Relay course; if there is then equality between team on the 3 Dog Team Relay course, then advantage goes to a team with the best result on the Agility-Standard course.

4.2 Individual Competition

4.2.1 For Individual Agility-Standard and Individual Jumping classes, winners 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.

4.2.1.1 In case of equality between two or more Competitors in Individual Agility-Standard or Individual Jumping the advantage goes to the competitor with the best result for time.

4.2.1.2 In the unusual case of equal Faults and equal Time for a podium position, then the Time and Faults are kept and the Competitors in question (same Handler and Dog) are to "run-off" to determine who will place higher.

4.2.1.3 Should a competitor decline or be unable to "run-off" then they will place lower.

4.2.1.4 It would be normal practice to re-run the same course to determine who places higher. However, circumstances may require a new course to be built, and in such a case, it may be the same or a different course.

4.2.2 For Snooker and Gamblers classes, winners in Individual programs are determined by the greatest sum of points earned.

4.2.2.1 In case of equality between two or more Competitors for a Gamblers or Snooker class, advantage goes to the competitor with the best result for time.



4.3 Biathlon

4.3.1 For Biathlon classes, winners in individual kinds of program are determined by the least sum of time and penalties (i.e., time plus faults; 5 faults = 5 seconds), with scores combined from both courses in Biathlon (Agility-Standard + Jumping). Penalties for disqualification shall be according to following schedule:

Event	Penalty for Disqualification
Individual Agility-Standard	100 points
Individual Jumping	100 points

4.3.2 In case of equality between two or more Competitors in the Biathlon, advantage goes to the competitor with the best result on the Agility-Standard course.

4.4 Individual All Around

4.4.1 Winners and placements for the All-Around competition are determined by the procedures set forth in paragraph 4.4 and its sub-paragraphs. Winners in individual classification in "All-Around" are determined by the greatest sum of points earned on Gamblers and Snooker courses and the calculated points from Individual Agility-Standard and Individual Jumping utilising the following course point values from the All-Around Points Table below and a formula in which the dogs total points (sum of time and course penalties) for each of the two classes of Individual Agility-Standard and Individual Jumping are deducted from the Course Point Value (listed in the Table below) to arrive at a score. The score shall not exceed the total point value for the course (i.e., no score for any individual class shall be less than zero).

Event	Course Point Value	Penalty for Disqualification
Individual Agility-Standard	100 points	100 points
Individual Jumping	100 points	100 points

Disqualification in Gamblers or Snooker shall result in a score of zero points for the class.

Example: A competitor earns a score of 62.43 (time plus penalties added) in the Individual Agility-Standard class and 41.00 (time plus penalties) in the Individual Jumping class. Their total score will be $(100 - 62.43) + (100 - 41.00) = 96.57$ points (final score). In a second example, if a handler has an actual score of 129.59 in Individual Agility-Standard and an actual score of 38.44 in Individual Jumping, their formula would be $100.00 - 129.59 = 0$ points for Individual Agility-Standard, plus $100 - 38.44 = 62.56$ points for Individual Jumping. Their final score would be $0 + 62.56 = 62.56$ as a final score. (Note that no score after conversion to points may be less than zero.)

4.4.2 In case of equality between two or more Competitors when working out Winners and Places for the All-Around competition, advantage goes to the competitor with the best result on the Individual Agility-Standard course. If there is still equality for Places, advantage will then go to the competitor with the best result on the Individual Jumping course.



4.5 Requirement for a “Jump off”

4.5.1 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 approved by the Chief Judge) in order to establish ranking among Competitors for medals and other awards.



5. WINNERS AWARDS

5.1. Official Awards

Official awards include World Agility Championship gold, silver, and bronze medals and an IFCS Diploma certifying each World Champion and medalist as set forth below:

5.1.1 Team Triathlon

- Each member of a Team winning first place in the Team Triathlon — Small Division and Large Division — is awarded a diploma evidencing the title “World Agility Champion” and a gold medal.
- Each member of a National Team taking second place in the Team Triathlon — Small Division and Large Division — is awarded an IFCS diploma and a silver medal.
- Each member of a National Team taking third place in the Team Triathlon — Small Division and Large Division — is awarded an IFCS diploma and a bronze medal.

5.1.2 Individual Classes

- Competitors who win first place in one of the five (5) height classes in the Individual classes — Agility-Standard, Jumping, Gamblers, and Snooker — are awarded the title “World Agility Champion” for the specific class in question and are awarded an IFCS diploma and a gold medal.
- Competitors taking second place in one of the five (5) height classes of the Individual classes — Agility-Standard, Jumping, Gamblers, and Snooker — are awarded an IFCS diploma and a silver medal.
- Competitors taking third place in one of the five (5) height classes of the Individual classes — Agility-Standard, Jumping, Gamblers, and Snooker — are awarded an IFCS diploma and a bronze medal.

5.1.3 Biathlon and All-Around Awards

- Competitors who win first place in one of the five (5) height classes for Biathlon and All-Around are awarded the title “World Agility Champion”, an IFCS diploma, and a gold medal.
- Competitors taking second place in one of the five (5) height classes of the Biathlon and All-Around events are awarded an IFCS diploma and a silver medal.
- Competitors taking third place in one of the five (5) height classes of the Biathlon and All-Around events are awarded an IFCS diploma and a bronze medal.

5.2 Unofficial Awards

5.2.1 Unofficial awards in non-championship kinds of classes (if held):

5.2.2 Awards for Non-Championships Classes (if held) will be awarded for the winners of first, second and third places in each Agility-Standard and Jumping class in each of the five (5) height classes. Types of awards are to be determined by the host, with approval from the IFCS.

5.2.3 State bodies, local authorities, sponsors of the Championships and others can establish special or additional prizes and awards with the prior approval of the IFCS. Handing of unofficial awards is the responsibility of the provider, which will be coordinated by the IFCS.



6. PROCEDURES

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

6.2 The IFCS flag should always be presented in a visible place during the Championships.

6.3 Details of all ceremonies should be coordinated by the IFCS Council. One of the 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 organisation.

6.4 The solemn parades of all competitors of the Championships are carried out in the opening and closing ceremonies only. Handlers take part in solemn parades under the national flags of their countries and must wear their nation's team uniforms, except those handlers who may be prohibited from doing so for being from sanctioned nations (i.e., Neutrals) as outlined in Section 3.1.5.

6.5 Handlers must wear their team uniforms when taking part in all official ceremonies with their Dogs.

6.6 In the opening ceremony, teams are formed in alphabetical order (alphabet of the host country). Neutrals, if any, shall enter after all other countries under the IFCS flag, other than the National Team of the host country, which shall bring up the rear.

6.7 In the closing ceremony, teams are formed in order of places from first to last in the results of the Triathlon Final, followed in alphabetical order by other nations, with Neutrals under the IFCS flag being last.

6.8 Order of Awarding Ceremonies

6.8.1 The timetable of events will schedule the holding of podiums and the awarding of medals, which should consider time constraints in regards to not ending the day to late, and provide time for the Event Secretary to collate, confirm, and publish results.

6.8.2 In the awards ceremony, the announcer shall introduce the presenters of the awards, which shall only include IFCS council members, Judges, and sponsor representatives (if any), along with assistants for handling the awards and any officially invited guests. All officials and any invited guest speakers involved in the presentation of awards and medals shall be appropriately dressed, showing dignity and respect.

6.8.3 Only Competitors and their official delegation (including managers, coaches, etc) shall enter the perimeter of the ring, leaving the arena space (or field) in front of the podium unoccupied. All persons shall be appropriately dressed showing dignity and respect, with competitors and flag bearers if any, wearing their official team uniforms.

6.8.3.1 During the presentation of awards and medals, all but the Competitors receiving their awards and medals shall remain in place throughout the ceremony, except that:

- In the absence of a flag being hoisted behind the competitor, the competitor's delegation may designate a flag bearer to accompany the competitor to the podium to present their flag behind the competitor. No other persons are permitted on the podium.
- A designated photographer for each competitor may enter the area in front of the podium for photographs but shall not advance within 10 meters of the podium so as not to block other photographers. All such persons must be dressed appropriately in a dignified manner.



6.8.3.2 Competitors who are to receive awards and medals shall come to the podium area together, each taking the pedestal of honor as announced, with each being given their medal and certificate and any ribbon at the podium, with the announcer calling awards beginning with bronze, then silver and finally gold. The host may choose to award any Diplomas and ribbons (if any) as they exit the podium.

6.8.4 The pedestal of honor should be put in place beforehand with flags of winning nations to be raised/hoisted or otherwise presented behind or upon the appropriate pedestal. Sponsorship marketing, flags and banners maybe used. However, the background of the podium should always be reserved for IFCS banner and flags and that of host nation and/or member nations competing. Any key placement of a sponsor flag being placed in the dominate position behind the podium would have to be approved on a case-by-case basis and have specific and written approval from the IFCS Council.

6.8.5 When a competitor who has taken the first place (gold medal) has received official awards, the national anthem of his/her country sounds. In this time, the national flags of countries in first, second and third are presented with prominence. The flag of a country of first place (gold) is placed in the center, the flag of a country of second place (silver) is placed is the positioned to the left and slightly lower (when possible) of the flag of first place. The flag of a country for third place (bronze) is positioned to the right of the flag of first place and slightly lower (when possible) of the flag of second place (silver).

6.8.6 National Flags and Anthems

6.8.6.1 Proper protocol requires respectful etiquette to be followed when handling a flag or playing a country's national anthem:

- All flags should be treated with respect and dignity and not be altered in any way
- Flags should be raised briskly and lowered ceremoniously
- No flag should be smaller than any other in the same display
- Flags should be securely fastened, so as not to fall
- Flags should never touch the ground
- A flag should always be flown aloft and free as close as possible to the top of the mast, with the rope tightly secured
- When a flag visibly deteriorates, it should be replaced with a new one
- Each nation's flag shall be presented horizontally or vertically, as shown in the Olympic World Library manuals for the presentation of flags. This can be found at the following website address:

<https://library.olympics.com/network/homepage.aspx>

- Only respectful versions of national anthems may be played as a sign of respect for each nation and its culture.
- National anthems of all nations may be played in their short form, not to exceed 90 seconds in duration.



6.8.7 When a national anthem of a winner's country has finished sounding, winner and prize winners may be presented unofficial rewards established by state bodies, local authorities, sponsors, and other interested organisations.

6.8.8 If a winner or prize winner is absent from the official awarding ceremony without advance approval of the Council, this competitor forfeits their ranking and official awards, and the Handler (team) with the next result is awarded the forfeited place and awards.

6.9 Diploma and Medals

6.9.1 Sketches of diplomas and medals and final approval are to be coordinated with the IFCS. There should be emblems of the IFCS, these Championships, or both, on official rewards (diplomas, medals etc.). IFCS will in all cases have final approval of medals and diploma to ensure high standard and quality.

6.10 Emblem/Logo

6.10.1 Emblem/Logo of the Championships and final approval is to 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.

6.10.1 The IFCS logo and the World Agility Championship logo are the exclusive property of IFCS. Entry to WAC includes a limited use license for inclusion of the logos on Team uniforms. No other apparel or merchandise shall be branded and sold without a written license agreement with IFCS.

6.10.2 The IFCS logo and the World Agility Championship logo shall not be used in such a manner that will distort the logo. Any use of the logo other than as authorised for print or embroidery on Team uniforms shall be presented to IFCS for written approval. The IFCS Council will have final say and approval on any Host country modification of the IFC World Agility Championship logo, to incorporate the county and year of the Championships.

6.11 National Flags

6.11.1 An Organisation sending a Team to the Championship must provide a National flag and their National Anthem on CD or in digital form acceptable to Host, as required/requested by the Host.

6.11.2 Neutrals may with IFCS prior approval use an Individual Neutral Athletes (AIN) flag rather than an IFCS flag.

6.12 Uniform of National Team

6.12.1 National insignia on the uniform of competitors, coaches and team leaders is not regulated. Handlers may only compete in their own national team colours/uniform, except for Neutral Competitors, who shall not bear the colours or national flag as may be established pursuant to Section 3.1.5.

6.12.2 Insignia of sponsors of competitors can be placed only on the clothes of Handlers, Team Managers/Coaches, and other persons of sports delegations if so approved by a National organisation, but must be subordinate to insignia of country and National organisation insignia (no more than 75% of size).



6.13 Judges Briefing

6.13.1 Judges shall in partnership with the Chief Judge prior to the Championships, produce detailed briefings in writing for Gamblers, Snooker, and the Triathlon 3 Dog Relay (T3) as they relate to rules of competition for the given class. These Judges Briefs will be made available to each National Team. There is no requirement to provide a written Judge's Briefing for Agility-Standard and Jumping classes, or either of the two Biathlon Classes.

6.13.2 Briefings for Gamblers, Snooker and Triathlon 3 Dog Relay (T3) shall be publicly posted no later than on the morning of the day of the class, in the English language (allowing time for non-English speaking teams to translate).

6.14 Course Design Review

6.14.1 Judges shall provide to an IFCS-designated course review committee or nominated individual and/or Chief Judge all detailed diagrams (course design) and briefings for Snooker, Gamblers, and 3 Dog Relay (T3) to be used for the event at least 30 days prior to the event. Such review is to assure compliance with regulations and that such courses are not biased.

6.14.2 The integrity of a course shall be maintained to the extent possible in resolution of any issues found, which shall be resolved between the Judge and committee or nominated individual at least seven (7) days prior to the event. Any issues unable to be resolved shall be submitted to the IFCS Council for final resolution.

6.15 Dog Fitness and use of a Wrap

6.15.1 IFCS policy is to only allow fit and healthy dogs to compete at a WAC or other IFCS Events. Wraps (often called a vet-wrap) and/or Protective Boots are not to be used to mask an injury and/or to provide a competitive advantage.

6.15.2 If a Dog has recovered from a previous injury and wears a Wrap on a limb or Protective Boot over a paw to prevent any aggravation of a previous injury, the IFCS requires the Wrap or Protective Boot to be worn between competitions and to be removed for actual competition.

6.15.3 Notwithstanding, that on written advice from a licensed veterinarian that such a device be worn, and with express approval of the IFCS/Chief Judge, a dog may wear a Wrap on a limb or Protective Boot on a paw if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Dog to reduce or prevent the chance of aggravating a previous injury and will not provide any competitive advantage or put the Dog at risk.

6.15.4 Under no circumstance may a Dog wear a bandage that may come loose and cause a safety issue.



7. GRIEVANCES & DISPUTES

7.1 All matters related to scoring a performance on course shall be at the sole decision of the Judge.

7.1.1 Individual video cameras from a team member or spectator shall not be used to resolve a judging dispute when the Video Assisted Referee (VAR) system is in use, and/or if the IFCS has official cameras in place, that can be used to review and resolve disputes and check a Judges Call.

In exceptional circumstances, when no VAR and/or official IFCS camera systems are not available, and/or not working due to technical malfunction, the Chief Judge will allow National Teams to submit video footage in conjunction with an official submission of a Grievance and Dispute Form, but only in respect of their own National Team, and not to dispute a Judge's call for another National Team. For details, refer to Section 7.3.

7.1.2 The IFCS Council, in consultation with the Chief Judge and the Judges Panel will be responsible for the set-up and use of one or more official video cameras (if any are to be used). The preferred and usual manner at the World Championship level, that IFCS will choose to ensure the Judges Call is correct, is using the Video Assisted Referee (VAR) system.

7.2 Video Assisted Referee (VAR) - VAR is a system in place using multiple cameras and software that allow a VAR Technician and a VAR Judge to review in real-time every run, and be able to zoom in and out, and rock the video back and forward in slow motion for every contact, every weave pole performance, or Long Jump performance to ensure that every Judges Call is correct. The VAR system is a friend and tool of the Judge in the ring, and the Competitors, to help ensure the right call for every Dog is made in a fair and consistent way.

7.2.1 Overview and Rules of the VAR System:

- Ultimate responsibility of the VAR System will fall to the Chief Judge.
- The VAR system will be operated and managed by a VAR Technician and a VAR Judge, with the support and assistance of the Chief Judge.
- When VAR is in use, Grievance & Disputes Forms are not used for a Judges Call in regards to performance of equipment, including the Long Jump or for contact zones. Every Dogs performance and Judges Call is reviewed by the VAR System, and any error with a Judges Call will be rectified using the VAR system – Refer Section 7.2.2 and 7.2.3.
- After every run, the Judge in the ring has the responsibility to check-in with the VAR Judge to see if any VAR review of the last dog is required, with the intent being to communicate, and resolve a VAR review in real-time, while fresh in the Judges mind, and to prevent delays later in the day.
- The VAR Technician or VAR Judge may not alone over-turn a Judges Call, but may call a Judge over to review the VAR screen and a Judges Call.
- During the review of each run, and specifically the review for the Dog touching the contact zones, the following ethos and principle should apply:
 - The VAR capability can in some instances (camera placement and angle) provide so much detail in high-zoom, as to show microscopic view on if a Dogs toe nail was just in, or just out of a contact zone.
 - It is not the intent of the VAR system to use high-zoom to override a Judges Call in such instance when the Judge is in the right position to make the right call, and to the human eye and normal to medium zoom, the right call was made.



- The VAR system is provided to assist the Judge and highlight to the Judge that an error was made on a Judges call, and not to place an unfair or unreasonable microscope on every Judges Call. Further, and ultimately, it is there to assist in ensuring the correct results and podium positions are achieved.
- The VAR system can also be used to review a Dogs sequence in Gamblers and Snooker, to double check the correct points allocation, and can be used to provide a Dogs time.

If the Judge in the ring looks at a VAR review on screen and “wants to reverse their call”, then that is their choice to reverse their call or judging decision, and it is then their responsibility to communicate with the Scribe Table, and ensure the scribe-sheet has the correct Judges Call recorded.

- If the Course Judge in the ring looks at a VAR review on screen and “does not want to reverse their call”, then a VAR Review Form is raised, the Competitor is to be marked for further review, and the Judge in the ring continues to judge the next Dog.
 - In this case the Chief Judge becomes involved in the review process to overturn a Judges call.
 - A Judges Review Board of between two (2) and three (3) Judges is to be formed.
 - The Judges Review Board can be formed and a decision made while the class is still ongoing. This would normally be done during a height change or break.
 - The two (2) or three (3) Judges on the Review Board can be any combination of VAR Judge, Chief Judge, and a Judge from the Events Judges Panel, that is not the Judge for the class in question.
 - Conflict of interest should be considered at this stage, and if the review involves the Judge’s own country, or there exists another potential conflict of interest, then when possible (based on Judges availability) the Judge in conflict should pass the matter to another Judge for review.
 - The VAR Technician would normally be involved in the discussion and VAR review, to provide expert advice to the Judges Review Board, but does not vote or decide on the outcome.
 - It takes the vote and agreement of two (2) Judges on the Judges Review Board to overturn a Judges Call. This vote and the details about Competitor, Class and Judges involved in the Review is to be stated on an official VAR Review Form.
 - If two (2) Judges both agree and support the VAR evidence that must in every instance be fair and reasonable (ie not high zoom – microscopic detail used) to the Judge and the Judges Call, and the acceptable VAR evidence clearly show that the Judge made the wrong call, then the original Judges call is officially over-turned.
 - In this case, the VAR Judge should keep their own record of the Competitor, Class, and Time, via the VAR Review Form; and
 - The VAR Judge is to ensure the scribe-sheet is amended, and must clearly show that it was a VAR change and place VAR and a name beside it on the Scribe-sheet.
 - In the case that two (2) Judges from the Judges Review Board agree that the VAR system does not provide enough evidence to overturn a Judges Call, then in this instance, nothing further is required, the Judges Call stands and there is no need to amend a scribe-sheet. The VAR Review Form is to be completed on who voted and reasons why the original Judges call is to stand.



7.2.2 VAR - Agility-Standard and Jumping Tests - The preferred World Agility Championship system to manage any Grievance or Disputes, and to ensure the Judges Call is correct for Agility-Standard Test and Jumping Tests (including Biathlon and Triathlon) will be via the use of the Video Assisted Referee (VAR) system.

- Grievance & Disputes Forms are not used, every Dogs performance and Judges Call is reviewed by the VAR System, and any error with a Judges Call will be rectified using the VAR system.
- National Teams may not dispute against another National Team, Notwithstanding, there is a “Dispute Exception Clause”, refer Section 7.7.

7.2.3 VAR - Gamblers and Snooker - The preferred World Agility Championship system to manage any Grievance or Disputes, and to ensure the Judges Call and final scoring is correct for Gamblers and Snooker, will be via a “hybrid” system, and the use of the Video Assisted Referee (VAR) system for the Judges Call, and the use of a Grievance & Dispute Form, which shall only be used to dispute the scribe-sheet points recorded for Gamblers and Snooker.

- In Gamblers and Snooker, the Grievance & Disputes Form is not used for a Judges Call in regards to performance of equipment, including the Long Jump or for contact zones. Every Dogs performance and Judges Call is reviewed by the VAR System, and any error with a Judges Call will be rectified using the VAR system.
- IFCS recognises that there can be irregularities due to the speed of the Dog and the rapid calling of points by the Judge, that can cause points to be missed or error made by the Scribe, that may result in the incorrect total points being recorded on the scribe-sheet for Gamblers and Snooker.
- As such and specifically for Gamblers and Snooker, the following will apply:
 - For Gamblers and Snooker, an independent Scribe, and/or Judge or IFCS Official will work alongside the appointed Scribe and Scorekeeper at the Score Table, to provide further oversight and provide another set of eyes and ears to assist in ensuring the points allocated to each Dog are correct.
 - Further for each National Team, they may submit a Grievance & Dispute Form in regards to allocation of total points against what was called by the Judge or recorded by the Scribe:
 - The request to review points in the submitted Grievance & Dispute Form must be submitted to the Chief Judge or the VAR Judge within 30 minutes of the release of preliminary results for the Competitor in question. After this time, it will not be accepted.
 - The request to check the tally of Total Points can only be made for your own National Team.
 - In regards to dispute of points for Snooker and Gamblers, a National Team may submit no more than one (1) dispute per height Class, no more than two (2) disputes per any one course (all height classes), unless such dispute is found in favor of the Member Nation. In this case, the Member Nation (National Team) retains their right to dispute under this provision.
 - A Judges Review Board consisting of two (2) to three (3) Judges will review the request to review total points on the scribe-sheet.
 - The Judges Review Board can be formed and reviews can begin while the class is still ongoing.



- The two (2) or three (3) Judges on the Review Board can be any combination of VAR Judge (if any), Chief Judge, and a Judge from the Events Judges Panel, that is not the Course Judge for the class in question. Notwithstanding, the Course Judge for Gamblers or Snooker maybe involved in the review process, time and circumstance permitting, but is not required.
 - Conflict of interest should be considered at this stage, and if the dispute for points review involves the Judge's own country, or there exists another potential conflict of interest, then when possible (based on Judges availability) the Judge in conflict should pass the matter to another Judge for review.
 - If required, an IFCS Council Member with no conflict of interest may replace a reviewing Judge.
- The VAR Technician (if any) should normally be involved in the discussion and VAR review, to provide expert advice to the Judges Review Board, but may not vote or decide on the outcome.
- The requested points in the submitted Grievance & Dispute Form will be compared to the actual points recorded on the scribe-sheet, and against a VAR system review.
- After watching the VAR review, it takes the vote and agreement of two (2) Judges on the Judges Review Board to overturn a scribe-sheet and adjust the official points on the scribe-sheet for Gamblers or Snooker. This vote and the details, including the amended total points is to be recoded on the submitted Grievance & Dispute Form.
 - One of the Judges involved in the review is to ensure the scribe-sheet is amended, to show revised points, and must clearly show that it was a VAR change, and place VAR and a name beside it on the scribe-sheet.
 - The Team Manager/Coach is to be advised of the outcome of the review and that results have been amended.
- After review, if there is no error or discrepancy found and no change to the points on the scribe-sheet, then the submitted Grievance & Dispute Form is to state such, and signed off, and the Team Manager/Coach advised.
- National Teams may not dispute against another National Team, Notwithstanding, there is a "Dispute Exception Clause", refer Section 7.7.

7.3 No VAR/Official Cameras (Overview) - In the case of technical failure of IFCS official cameras, or VAR software/hardware, or any other reason the VAR system cannot be used, including not having official IFCS cameras in place; then in such a situation, the IFCS will manage any Grievance or Disputes, and ensure the Judges Call is correct for all Classes, including Gamblers and Snooker, and that the scribe-sheet points results for Gamblers and Snooker is correct, with the use of a Grievance & Disputes Form, and National Team video footage (as per Section 7.3.1 and 7.3.2).

The Grievance & Dispute form will include the following information:

- Course and Date
- Name of the Member Nation submitting the Dispute
- Handlers name
- Dog's name
- Dog's height class
- Details of the dispute
- Video evidence provided – Yes/No
- Name and Signature of Team Representative



Should the VAR system and/or IFCS official cameras become operational again, then any Grievance or Disputes will revert to being managed using the VAR system as per Section 7.2, and National Team video footage will no longer be accepted to resolve any dispute or grievance.

7.3.1 No VAR/Official Cameras for Agility-Standard and Jumping Tests – In the case when VAR and/or IFCS official cameras have failed or not available, then to manage any Grievance or Disputes, and to ensure the Judges Call is correct for Agility-Standard Test and Jumping Tests (including Biathlon and Triathlon), the following will apply:

- The Grievance & Disputes Form will be used, noting that National Teams may not dispute against another National Team.
- If a National Team wishes to dispute a Judge's decision, the Team Representative (i.e., Team Captain, Manager or Coach) is to lodge an official dispute form with the Chief Judge or other duly nominated official within 30 minutes of the judges call or incident in dispute. The Chief Judge or other officials nominated to accept dispute forms are not to be approached by multiple team members during a dispute, but rather by their Team Representative.
- Each National Team may submit no more than one (1) dispute per height Class, no more than two (2) disputes per any one course (all height classes) and no more than three (3) disputes per day, unless such dispute is found in favour of the Member Nation. In this case, the Member Nation (National Team) retains their right to dispute under this provision. The Chief Judge is responsible to manage any dispute forms and the dispute process.
- Once the official dispute form has been lodged and accepted, then at least two official Judges (may include the Chief Judge) from the Judges Review Board are to review the dispute and decide if it a dispute that may be resolved by use of video replay, and if the video evidence tick box on the form indicates the National Team has a video to support their claim.
 - Conflict of interest should be taken into account at this stage and if the dispute involves the official's own country or there exists another potential conflict of interest, then the official should pass the matter to another authorised official for review.
 - At this point at least two official Judge's (may include Chief Judge) are to decide if the video:
 - Shows clear evidence to support the dispute.
 - Does not show clear evidence to support the dispute.

7.3.1.1 Clear Video Evidence: If it is determined by at least two official Judges (may include Chief Judge or the officiating Judge who made the call) after watching the supplied video replay, and considering the issues of the dispute, that the video evidence does show 100% clear and conclusive evidence to either support the dispute or not support the dispute, then the following is to apply:

- In such case, if the officiating Judge who made the Call and one other Judge both agree that the video evidence is clear and conclusive, and shows an outcome in favour of the Judges Call, or against the Judges Call, then the two Judges (including the Judge that made the Call) are able to deal with the Dispute Form.
 - In this case, the Dispute Form is to record the finding and outcome, the officiating Judge is to sign the Dispute Form, and the National Team representative is to be made aware of the outcome, and if required, the scribe sheets, score sheets and results are to be amended.
- Further, if the officiating Judge (who made the Judges Call), is not available, then it requires at least two Judges on the Judges Review Board (may include Chief Judge) to review the video evidence and determine if the video is clear and conclusive, and shows an outcome in favour of the Judges Call or



against the Judges Call. It requires both Review Judges to decide an outcome, either in favour or against the dispute, and if split vote, a third Judge is required, and majority vote rules:

- In this case, the Dispute Form is to record the finding and outcome, and is to be signed by a member of the Judges Review Board, and the National Team representative is to be made aware of the outcome, and if required scribe sheets, score sheets and results are to be amended.

7.3.1.2 No Clear Video Evidence: If it is determined by at least two official Judges (may include Chief Judge) on the Judges Review Panel, that after watching the supplied video replay, and considering the issues of the dispute, that the video evidence does not show 100% clear and conclusive evidence to either support the dispute or not support the dispute, then the following is to apply:

- In such case, with no clear and conclusive video evidence, the Judge that made the Call in the ring is to be involved to get a majority vote decision either way.
 - Once the Judge in the ring who made the Call has been involved, and a majority vote decision made, the Dispute Form is to record the finding and outcome, and is to be signed by the officiating Judge and/or Chief Judge. The National Team representative is to be made aware of the outcome, and if required scribe sheets, score sheets and results are to be amended.

7.3.2 No VAR/Official Cameras for Gamblers and Snooker – In the case when VAR and/or IFCS official cameras have failed or not available, then to manage any Grievance or Disputes, and to ensure the Judges Call is correct, and that points achieved and recorded are correct for Gamblers and Snooker, the following will apply:

- The Grievance & Disputes Form will be used, noting that National Teams may not dispute against another National Team.
- For Snooker and Gamblers, any dispute regarding a Judge Call will be dealt with in the same way as a dispute for Judges Call for Agility and Jumping Tests – refer Section 7.3.1 and its sub-sections. And will have the same restrictions in regards to the number of disputes for Judges Call that can be submitted, this being as follows:
 - In the case of a dispute in regards to a “Judges Call” (ie called a missed contact and Video shows it was not missed), then each National Team may submit no more than one (1) dispute per height Class, and no more than two (2) disputes per any one course (all height classes), unless such dispute is found in favour of the Member Nation. In this case, the Member Nation (National Team) retains their right to dispute under this provision. The Chief Judge is responsible to manage any dispute forms and the dispute process.
- For Snooker and Gamblers, any dispute in regards to “points recorded and allocated”, and any error that might have been made between what points the Judge called out, and what the Scribe recorded, maybe disputed as follows:
 - If a National Team wishes to dispute pointes recoded and allocated for Gamblers or Snooker, the Team Representative (i.e., Team Captain, Manager or Coach) is to lodge an official Dispute Form with the Chief Judge or other duly nominated official within 30 minutes of the “preliminary” results being published. The Chief Judge or other official nominated to accept Dispute Forms is not to be approached by multiple team members during a dispute, but rather by their Team Representative.
 - For dispute on points allocation, each National Team may submit no more than two (2) disputes per height Class, and no more than four (4) disputes per any one course (all height classes), unless such dispute is found in favour of the Member Nation. In this case, the Member Nation (National Team) retains their right to dispute under this provision. The Chief Judge is responsible to manage any dispute forms and the dispute process.



- Note that once “final” results are published, Nationals Teams may no longer dispute the scores.
- Once the official Dispute Form (in regards to allocation of points for Gamblers or Snooker) has been lodged and accepted, then at least two official Judges (may include the Chief Judge) from the Judges Review Board are to review the dispute and decide if it is a typing/mathematical error that can be resolved without the use of looking at a video supplied by the National Team.
 - If it is a typing/mathematical error in the process of doing the sums on the scribe sheet that did not correctly show the total points as recorded on the scribe sheet, then if the two review Judges agree, the scribe sheet maybe amended (with Judges name making the amendment shown on the scribe sheet) and then any score sheets and results subsequently amended to reflect the correct total allocation of points.
 - The Dispute Form is to be signed-off, and the National Team Representative made aware of the outcome.
- If the dispute regarding allocation of points for Gamblers or Snooker is such that it requires the review of video that has been supplied by the National Team, then this is acceptable and will be allowed to be used to resolve the dispute.
 - It requires at least two Judges from the Judges Review Board to review the video and then review the scribe sheets and score sheets.
 - It requires at least two Judges to agree to make any change or amendment to a score for Gamblers or Snooker after the review of the facts, scribe sheets, and any video evidence.
 - If the two review Judges agree, the scribe sheet maybe amended (with Judges name making the amendment shown on the scribe sheet) and then any score sheets and results subsequently amended to reflect the correct total allocation of points.
 - The Dispute Form is to be signed-off, and the National Team Representative made aware of the outcome.

7.4 Re-Runs

7.4.1 A Judge may require a re-run during the running of a class because of an interruption in the performance beyond the control of the competitor. There will be no other re-runs other than highly irregular circumstances that may otherwise prevent assigning a score or result to a performance without first collaborating with and concurrence of the Chief Judge. At the end of the round of the last dog in the last height class, the Chief Judge shall declare as appropriate to the circumstances that the course is finished and that the ring is available for building the next course.

7.4.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Judge may encounter a circumstance that requires a re-run because of inadvertent interruption of a performance beyond the control of the competitor (e.g., unavoidable collision with a Judge or Steward due to a Steward’s sudden action or interference from outside factors, such as another Dog entering the ring out of control).

- Where a Judge or Steward’s position is consistent for all Competitors, a rerun may not be warranted if it is reasonable to believe that the Competitor could have avoided the collision or mishap. A Judge has a right to be in position to be able to judge the performance. A Competitor has the obligation to respect a Judge’s position for judging when reasonably and consistently applied for other Competitors.

7.4.3 A re-run is permissible only when there is no other objective means by which a score and result can be reasonably determined. If it is only a lack of time on the clock, this can usually be gained from the VAR System and/or live video streaming, and does not normally require a re-run.



7.4.4 When a re-run is required, the following guideline should be followed:

- **Agility-Standard and Jumping Tests** (including Biathlon and Triathlon T1 and T2), the Competitor shall rerun the course, with any Course Faults, or a Clean Run carried over, up until the point of the interruption, and then the Judge shall begin judging the run for the second time, once the Competitor passes the point of the prior interruption.
- **Gamblers or Snooker** (points-based Games), the Competitor shall run the same sequence as the first attempt, to the point of the interruption, and the Competitor will keep the points previously earned up to the point of interruption, and once passed the point of interruption, the Judge is now scoring points in the usual manner.
- **3 Dog Team Relay (T3)** the Competitors in the 3 Dog Team who due to lack of their own team-work, cause interruption of an unforeseen nature, will not normally be reason for a re-run. The Judge, in consultation with the Chief Judge will have discretion in regards to re-run, and will normally treat a re-run in a similar manner to that applied above to an Agility-Standard and Jumping Test.
- **Timing Failure** should not normally be a need for re-run when the VAR System and live video streaming are in play, as a request to get time from one of the video systems can be placed, and the time recovered can be used as an official time.

7.5 VAR Review Form, are forms used by the VAR Judge to record and manage VAR Reviews. They are also used by any Judges Review Board, that maybe formed to look at overturning a Judges call using the VAR system. They are controlled and managed by the Chief Judge and the VAR Judge and are not for team use.

7.6 Grievance & Dispute Form are forms used by National Teams:

- Used if the VAR system and/or official IFCS cameras in use fail or are not available for whatever reason.
- Used when requesting a recount of Total Points on the scribe-sheet for Gamblers and Snooker – refer Section 7.1.2.2.
- Used to bring any sensitive matter relating to the conduct of an individual or a major breach in protocol that is against the IFCS Rule and Regulations and this Event Schedule to the attention of the Chief Judge or IFCS Council.
- Used when using the “Dispute Exception Clause” – refer Section 7.2.2, 7.2.3 and 7.7.



7.7 Dispute Exception Clause may be used to submit a Grievance & Dispute Form in regards to a specific performance/run by a Competitor, relating to Judges Call or points allocation for Gamblers/Snooker, as per the following:

7.7.1 VAR in Use - Agility-Standard and/or Jumping Tests - Each Member Nations may submit a Dispute or Grievance Form under the “Exception Clause” as per Section 7.2.2, as per the following:

- Maybe used one (1) time over the entire WAC week of courses (not including Snooker or Gamblers) to dispute a Judges Call for an Agility-Standard and/or Jumping Test – your own National Team only.
- May only be used within 30 minutes after the last Dog has finished the last height class for the course in question.
 - Noting that courses will normally be torn down within minutes after the last Dog in the last Height Class has competed their run, and the “Exception Clause” should not be used as a tool to request a re-run.
- Will be managed by the Chief Judge with support of the VAR Judge and the Judges Review Board.

7.7.2 VAR in Use - Gamblers and Snooker - Each Member Nations may submit a Dispute or Grievance Form under the “Exception Clause” as per Section 7.2.3.

- Maybe used one (1) time over the entire WAC week of courses to dispute a Judges Call for Gamblers or Snooker (not both) – your own National Team only.
- May only be used within 30 minutes after the last Dog has finished the last height class for the course in question.
 - Noting that courses will normally be torn down within minutes after the last Dog in the last Height Class has competed their run, and the “Exception Clause” should not be used as a tool to request a re-run.
- Will be managed by the Chief Judge with support of the VAR Judge and the Judges Review Board.

7.7.3 The “Exception Clause” is not required to be used for any “general” dispute or grievance that may arise with regards to clarification of these Event Regulations and/or the Agility Rules, or for poor behaviour against an individual Official, Judge, Chief Judge or a Team Member, and maybe submitted (without limit) on a Grievance & Dispute Form. If the dispute involves the Chief Judge, the Dispute Form should be lodged directly with an IFCS Council Member.

7.7.4 The decision regarding any dispute or grievance that is deemed to be sensitive in manner, and/or highly controversial in manner (may relate to individuals), shall be handled by the IFCS Council, and may at their request be shared with the Judge’s Review Board and/or Host Organising Committee (as required). Such sensitivity or conflict of interest may preclude an individual Judge and/or an IFCS Council member from being involved in deliberations. In each case, depending on who is involved and the issue, the matter should involve one or more member of the IFCS Council that are not involved or implicated.

- The IFCS Council will (depending on sensitivity and who is implicated) decide if the completed Dispute and Grievance Form in regards to matters of a sensitive nature, will be stored with the Official Competition Secretary, Chief Judge or kept with the IFCS Council.



7.8 As a final resource, any and all matters related to discipline or other serious matters that falls outside the guidelines of Section 7.7 shall be heard and resolved by a Grievance Committee, which shall be appointed without bias by the Committee of Organisers and shall include one or more IFCS Council members in attendance and a member of each National delegation present at the event to the extent possible, as well as from among the Panel of Judges and Committee of Organisers.

7.9 Through participation in this event, all Handlers and their delegation willingly and freely agree to abide by these Event Regulations and the IFCS Agility Rules, to respect the decisions of the Judges, Chief Judge, Disputes Committee, Committee of Organisers, and the Grievance Committee as final.



8. WAIVERS, DISCLAIMERS AND ASSIGNMENTS

8.1 Consideration & Waiver of Liability

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and the opportunity to participate and/or to be judged in the event on the dates to which this entry form applies (the "event"), each competitor and the organisation they represent agree to hold harmless each of the parties listed below (including each of their members, officers, directors, agents and employees), hereinafter collectively referred to as the "event organisers", from any claim for loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of myself or the dog listed on the entry form while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto -

- The event's organising committee
- The host country organisation
- International Federation of Cynological Sports ("IFCS") and the IFCS Council
- Sponsors
- Property owners of the premises upon which the event is held

Each competitor and the organisation they represent further agree to hold harmless the event organisers from any claim for loss or injury of the dog listed on my entry form for the event because of disappearance, theft, death, or other act, whether such loss or injury is caused or alleged to be caused for any reason, including negligence.

Each competitor and the organisation they represent assume all responsibility and liability for any claims referenced in this section 8, including legal fees.

8.2 Acknowledgment & Acceptance of Regulations

Each competitor and the organisation they represent acknowledge they have read and understand IFCS official rules and regulations and rules for competition that relate to the event, of which this section is a part.

Each competitor and the organisation they represent accept and agree to abide by any and all rulings of the organising committee (and its members), the event's grievance committee, and/or IFCS council relative to matters related to the event.

8.3 Acknowledgment & Representation of Accuracy

Each competitor and the organisations they represent acknowledge, represent, and warrant that the information supplied in the Entry Form is correct and complete. If any portion of this information is found to be invalid or insufficient to establish the validity of entry, such finding shall render the entry invalid in its entirety, for which there shall be no refund of fees paid or other recourse against the event organisers and other parties listed in section 8.1 herein. Any acceptance of additional information or corrections to information after the closing date shall be at the sole discretion of the host country organising committee and/or IFCS council.

8.4 Representation of Ownership or Agency

Each competitor and the organisation they represent hereby represent and warrant that they are the owner of the dog listed hereon, or that they have full authority from the dog's owner to enter the dog in competition and to assume their responsibilities for the care, custody and control of the dog for entry to the event, and each competitor and the organisation they represent agree to hold harmless the parties listed in paragraph 8.1 from any liability or claims, including legal fees, related to such ownership or authority.



8.5 Media Release, Grants & Waivers of Rights to Broadcast & Promote

Each competitor, judge, event organisers, and the organisation they represent hereby grant to IFCS and its representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future.

8.6 Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality

Further, each competitor, judge, event organisers, and the organisation they represent hereby release International Federation of Cynological Sports (IFCS) and its officers, council members, representatives, agents and assigns, and the host nation and its affiliates and their officers, directors, representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar right.

8.7 Submission & Execution

Through the act of submission of the official entry form for the event and through the act of participating in the event, each competitor, and the organisation they represent acknowledge, accept, and agree to abide by the provisions of this section, and all policies, rules, regulations, and conditions of entry to the event enumerated herein.