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## EUROPEAN CUP '93 competition regulations for packs of hounds

### EUROPEAN CUP PR 93/M

The organization, examination and judging rules for the running of the European Cup competition for hounds form the basis for these regulations.

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#### 1. General comments

- 1.1 The EUROPEAN CUP PR 93/M is binding on the participants, the judges and competition directors.
- 1.2 EUROPEAN CUP competitions are run by the member countries of the F.C.I. and take place once a year.
- 1.3 **The only dogs allowed to compete are those registered with the studbooks or the appendix to the studbooks of an FCI member organisation or contract partner as well as those registered with the studbooks or appendix to the studbooks of a non FCI member organisation with which the FCI has entered into a cooperation agreement of mutual recognition of studbooks (AKC, KC, CKC).**

Admitted to the competition are packs of 6 dogs of F.C.I Group 6 for hounds. They must be of the same breed and from the same country. The stipulated minimum age is 18 months, with no upper age limit. The pack must have passed a speed test for hare coursing, while show results have to be produced for the individual dogs. The packs are nominated for participation in this competition by their national association.

- 1.4 Registration together with copies of pedigree as well as competition and show results must be lodged with the competition director by the relevant national association at least 30 days prior to the competition.
- 1.5 On registering, the dog handlers undertake to pay the competition fee and recognize the 93/M EUROPEAN CUP regulations.

- 1.6 The fee is to be paid prior to the competition.  
Registration fee shall be forfeited in the case of non-participation.
- 1.7 The competition organizers and dog handlers are obliged to comply with the relevant police regulations regarding contagious diseases and epidemics.
- 1.8 The dog handlers shall be liable for any loss or damage caused by their dogs during the competition. The organizers shall not assume liability for any injury to or loss of participating dogs.

## **2. Competition**

- 2.1 Two dog handlers are permitted per pack.
- 2.2 The jury shall comprise 2 experienced judges plus two assistants familiar with the location and terrain per pack.
- 2.3 The time allowed for the search and hunt shall be a maximum of 90 minutes. Should the pack not find any hare in the hunting ground within this time, the terrain shall be changed. The pack shall then have a further 60 minutes for a second search and hunt. Should the pack still not find any hare by the end of this period, the pack will not be judged.
- 2.4 A pack can only be judged when it has hunted a hare, whereby this must be established with certainty by the judges or their assistants.
- 2.5 The organizer must provide yellow arm-bands for the judges and their assistants and red arm-bands for the dog handlers.
- 2.6 The individual dogs in the pack must wear easily visible, different coloured collars during the competition, with these provided by the organizer.
- 2.7 The competition director shall hold a judges' meeting at the end of each section of the competition, in the course of which each judge shall report on the observations he or she has made. The judges shall then draw up their assessment and report for the competition director. In their assessment, the judges shall take account of the characteristics of the pack specific to the breed in question, as well as the difficulties associated with the hunting terrain, the number and variety of the game found there, plus the climatic conditions.
- 2.8 Following the judges' meeting, the competition results and rankings shall be announced and the awards presented.
- 2.9 The judging are definitive and cannot be appealed.
- 2.10 The competition director shall draw up a report of the results awarded to the dogs examined within a period of 10 days to be submitted to the F.C.I. Commission for Hounds.
- 2.11 The dog handlers can withdraw their packs during the competition. Where this occurs, the pack shall not be assessed for the competition, nor will it be classified. In such cases, the registration fee shall be forfeited in favour of the organizer.

### 3. Scoring

3.1 Each dog in the pack shall be scored individually.

3.2 To establish the form score, the show result (Art. 1.4) is taken and assessed in accordance with Art. 4.1.

Form score	0 - 10 points x 3	max.	30 points
3.3 Sense of smell	0 - 10 points x 3	max.	30 points
3.4 Tracking	0 - 10 points x 2	max.	20 points
3.5 Searching and sniffing	0 - 10 points x 2	max.	20 points
3.6 Intensity of search, persistence	0 - 10 points x 3	max.	30 points
3.7 General style, suitability for hunting	0 - 10 points x 3	max.	30 points
3.8 Suitability in a pack	0 - 10 points x 1	max.	10 points
3.9 Following the scent, obedience, subordination	0 - 10 points x 2	max.	20 points
3.10 Posture, strength	0 - 10 points x 1	max.	10 points
<b>Total</b>		max.	200 points
3.11 Faults	./ . 1 - 30 points for:		

Interruptions in the hunt  
Not indicating the game  
Unwillingness to work  
Giving tongue prematurely or incorrectly  
Leaving the spoor  
Hunting in the opposite direction

#### **4. Assessment**

##### 4.1 Form score

4.1.1 CIB	10 points
CACIB	9 points
National Beauty Champion	8 points
CAC	6 points
Excellent	4 points
Very good	2 points

#### **5. Classification**

5.1 In order to be classified, the pack must have hunted a hare and been awarded at least 600 points.

5.2 Each individual dog in the pack is classified according to the number of points attained.

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> prize	150 - 200 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	125 - 149 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	100 - 124 points

5.3 The individual dog with the highest score from the packs shall be acclaimed the winner of the EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITION for the current year.

5.4 A dog in the pack which changes from one hare to the next during the hunt cannot be classified higher than the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize category. Any dog changing from a hare to another type of game during the hunt shall be disqualified.

5.5 Classification of the pack is calculated by adding together the individual point scores over 100 points.

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> prize	900 - 1200 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	750 - 894 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	600 - 744 points

5.6 The pack awarded the highest point score shall be acclaimed the winner of the EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITION for the current year.

#### **6. Record in working book / pedigree**

6.1 The performance of the classified dogs shall be entered in their working books (where available) and, at the instigation of the F.C.I Commission for Hounds, in the pedigree.

#### **7. Awards**

7.1 Each classified dog and each classified pack shall receive an award.

7.2 The individual and pack winners shall each receive the "Winner's Trophies".

7.3 The national association carrying out the organization shall receive a contribution from the F.C.I. for each classified dog and each classified pack.

7.4 The selection and nature of the awards shall be a matter for the organizer.

## **8. Finances**

8.1 The national association carrying out the organization shall be responsible for financial and organizational matters.

8.2 The F.C.I. General Committee shall determine the amount of reimbursement per award presented.

8.3 The national association carrying out the organization shall determine the amount of the competition fee together with the F.C.I. Commission for Hounds.

Remuneration for the competition director and the judges shall be a matter for the organizer.

## **9. Adoption and enactment of the PR 93/M**

9.1 These regulations were approved at the F.C.I. Commission for Hounds meeting held in Milan on 27 March 1993.

**The PR 93/M was ratified by the F.C.I. General Committee in November 1999, Brussels  
The text in bold has been approved by the FCI General Committee in Madrid, February 2010.**