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FCI Regulations for awarding the CACITR at FCI International Herding Trials



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1. BASICS

- 1.1. These regulations supplement the Standing Orders of the FCI with regard to these trials where the "Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Troupeau de la FCI" ("CACITR", award for the title "FCI International Herding Champion") can be awarded.
- 1.2. For these events a fee is charged by the FCI, the amount of which is determined by the General Assembly of the FCI. This fee is due on receipt of the application to hold the CACITR event, even if no CACITR was awarded.
- 1.3. Every FCI member organisation is allowed to organize CACITR trials according to the FCI regulations. The member organisations are solely responsible for determining at which trials the CACITR can be awarded and have to send an application to the FCI to get a CACITR-trial sanctioned by the latter.
- 1.4. The national canine organisations (FCI members) must be informed about the CACITR trials sanctioned by the FCI through an official schedule.
- 1.5. The trials which have been sanctioned by the FCI must be designated as follows: "International Trial with attribution of the CACITR of the FCI". The catalogue of these trials must be clearly marked with the FCI logo and the following expression: "Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)".

2. APPLICATIONS

- 2.1. Applications to organize a CACITR trial sanctioned by the FCI must be sent to the General Secretariat of the FCI and to the person in charge in the relevant commission latest 3 months before and earliest 4 years before the date of the trial through the FCI member organisation. The FCI Herding Dogs commission draws up the calendar of the events and sends it to the FCI Office for distribution to all the members and contract partners of the FCI.
- 2.2. The discipline (Herding) i.e. the regulations on the basis of which the CACITR is awarded (International Herding Trial - IHT, Collecting or Traditional Style, Class 3), must absolutely be indicated on the application.

3. RESTRICTIONS

- 3.1. The FCI will only authorize trials to be held on the same day provided that these events are held at an air distance of at least 200 km i.e. there must be at least 200 km between 2 trials from this discipline (Herding). Otherwise the approval can be given provided that the organiser who first submitted an application gives his consent to the second applicant.
- 3.2. No CACITR trial can be held on the day of a World **or European** Championship in this discipline.
- 3.3. ***A CACITR trial can be open to one or more breeds, but only those appearing in ANNEX 1.***
- 3.4. ***The CACITR trial must be open to dogs that meet the acceptance criteria (qualify for trial, send the entry form in time, etc.).***
- 3.5. ***The minimum number of participants in a CACITR event is 3 dogs.***

4. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS / ADMISSION OF DOGS

- 4.1.** Micro-chips (ISO-standard) and tattoos are accepted equally for the identification of dogs. If in the relevant country there are no scanners for reading, the participant has to bring his own scanner.
- 4.2.** The different “competition levels” can be organized in the frame of a CACITR trial sanctioned by the FCI but the CACITR can only be awarded in the highest level (class 3) ***(IHT-3 TS & IHT-3 CS)***.
- 4.3.** The entry form must be accompanied by a copy of the evidence from the respective canine organisation that the dog can take part in the requested level.

5. AWARDS

5.1. To be eligible for the CACITR or Reserve CACITR the dog:

- a)** must ***appear in the LIST OF FCI HERDING DOG BREEDS THAT CAN TAKE PART IN FCI HERDING EVENTS which is attached to the General conditions for the organization of FCI international Herding events (NHAT – HWT – IHT)***;
- b)** ***be registered in a studbook recognized by the FCI (i.e. registrations in an appendix to the studbook are not valid)***;
- c)** ***be pure-bred. A dog is considered to be pure-bred when its pedigree includes a minimum of 3 complete generations (14 dogs) registered in FCI recognised studbooks or appendices to the studbooks, i.e. dog’s name, initials of the FCI recognised studbook/appendix to the Studbook & registration number;***
- d)** ***must be at least 15 months old;***
- e)** must have obtained at least the qualification “VERY GOOD“ ***in a national or international show under the patronage of the FCI.***

5.2. ***Only one CACITR and Reserve CACITR may be awarded in a trial.***

5.3. ***To award the CACITR, the dog must take the first place and must have obtained at least the qualification “VERY GOOD“.***

5.4. ***To award the Reserve CACITR, the dog must take the second place and must have obtained at least the qualification “VERY GOOD“.***

5.5. ***The CACITR or reserve CACITR is, however, not automatically linked to the qualification obtained: it is awarded on the basis of judges' assessment. If the dog does not have the necessary qualities, the judge has the right not to award it.***

5.6. ***If the trial in which the CACITR is being competed for is judged in points and if several dogs obtain the same number of points, the method for choosing between them shall be the same:***

- 1)** ***if the total scores are equal, then the assessment for the guarding exercises in TS and outrun (gathering) in CS is decisive,***
- 2)** ***if the scores for guarding exercises are equal, then the assessment of the behaviour in TS and drive away in CS becomes decisive,***
- 3)** ***if, however, these points are equal too, the judge must make a responsible decision at his own discretion***

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE CACITR

6.1. The CACITR proposals are issued by the appropriate judges. The final confirmation will be made by the FCI. It is up to the FCI General Secretariat to check whether the dogs proposed comply with the requirements for confirmation of the CACITR (with the exception of the requirement expressed at point 5).

7. JUDGES

7.1. Only the international judges authorized by their national organization to judge in this discipline may carry out judging and evaluation of dogs. They are obliged to judge in accordance with the respective valid FCI regulations.

7.2. A judge can only officiate in another country after he has been authorized to do so in writing by the FCI member organisation upon which he depends.

7.3. A judge must be informed well beforehand about the number of dogs he is scheduled to judge. It is the responsibility of the trial organiser to send these information as well as information concerning the place and date of the event in advance and in writing to the judge.

7.4. Judges' fees depend on the individual regulations of the inviting national organisation or on a written agreement between the judge and the trial organiser. The judge must be informed about the fee arrangements on receipt of the invitation.

8. CHIEF STEWARD AND ASSISTANTS

8.1. During his work a judge must always be assisted by a chief steward or the necessary assistants.

8.2. These people have to be fluent in the preferred language of the judge, which must be one of the four working languages of the FCI. These people must have a good knowledge of the FCI regulations as well as the special regulations of the country where the trial takes place. The organizer is not allowed to entrust any person who takes part in the trial with the task of looking after a judge.

9. ENFORCEMENT DISPOSITIONS

- 9.1.** Each organizer of a CACITR trial has to follow the FCI regulations and the rules and laws of the relevant national kennel club, member of the FCI. These rules cannot be in contradiction with the FCI regulations.
- 9.2.** These regulations have been discussed and elaborated by the Herding Dogs Commissions in English. In the event of disputes (especially concerning translations in the other languages) the English text is the authentic one.
- 9.3.** These Regulations were approved by the FCI General Committee in Madrid, February 2013.
- 9.4.** *The changes in bold and italic character were approved by the FCI General Committee in Kiev, August 2017. They are valid as from 1st January 2018.*

ANNEX 1: LIST OF FCI HERDING DOG BREEDS THAT CAN TAKE PART IN FCI HERDING EVENTS AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CACITR OR RESERVE CACITR (attached to the General conditions for the organization of FCI international Herding events (NHAT – HWT – IHT)).