

Regulations for the Junior Open Agility World Championship (JO AWC)

The JO AWC is an agility competition which is officially supported by the FCI and is based on the FCI Agility regulations of **2023**. The competition is open to all dogs, with or without pedigree. All National Member Organizations of the FCI or National Organizations with a close relationship to the FCI are invited to participate in this event.

All competitors must be citizens of the country which they represent, or they must have their main residence there. Handlers with dual nationality can register only for one country.

For all participating dogs a record book or a license must be presented, issued by their National Member Organization of the FCI or a National Organization with a close relationship to the FCI. All dogs must be 24 months or older on the day of the competition. Each handler can compete with a *maximum* of 4 dogs.

Each National Organization has the right to nominate competitors and to send the entries to the organizer by May 31st, 20XX at the latest.

Team leaders of the countries will send an information email to the organizer after which they will receive a confirmation of registration and an entry form.

If countries decide to have a selection process, this must be open to all dogs (with or without pedigree).

All countries participating can enter a maximum of 28 dogs, with a maximum of **8** dogs in any category. The hosting country is entitled to enter an extra team in each height category.

A list of reserve dogs and handlers can be attached to the entries (a country can send 1 reserve dog per 4 dogs, in each category). The reserve may take the place of an original entry, should the original competitor have to be replaced.

The reserve may also be allocated an entry in case of an available spot after the closing of entries. If countries choose to have a selection process, this must be open to all dogs (with or without pedigree).

The winners (same dog and handler) in "individual" (Small – Medium – *Intermediate* – Large) of the previous JO AWC may register to defend their title. These dogs will simply be added on to the number of dogs allowed for their country.

A country may exceed its quota and additional dogs beyond the maximum will go on the waiting list. After the closing date for entries the organizers may select dogs from the waiting list. Only dogs already on the waiting list will be entered by the organizer.

The maximum number of entries is 700.

The names of the 3 or 4 *participants* making up each team must be sent in before June 15th, 20*XX* at the latest.

After this date the organizer will combine the remaining participants who are not a member of any team into new teams.

Veterinary inspection, identity check and height measuring

During the attendance check the identity of each dog will be checked.

Each competitor will submit a document with his/her photograph confirming the date of birth.

The dogs that fail the veterinary inspection are not allowed to take part in either practice or the competition.

All dogs which have not been measured at previous FCI World Championships, European or *Junior Open Agility World Championships* will be measured to check whether the dog is entered in the correct category. Dogs entered in the wrong category will be removed from the competition.

JO AWC Age Classification

- U12 under 12 years old
- U15 12 to 14 years old
- U19 15 to 18 years old

It is the year in which the handler has a birthday that is taken into account, not the actual date of birth.

JO AWC - individuals

The Individual competition is held in the categories Small, Medium, *Intermediate* and Large divided into U12, U15 and U19.

There are two rounds: the first one is the Jumping round, the second is the Agility round. The second round is run in the reversed order according to the results from the first round. The winner is the one with the best total result from both rounds and will gain the title "JO AWC 20XX Winner" U12, U15 or U19 respectively in each height category.

A Handler with more than one dog should have minimum 20 dogs between each dog (if possible by the number of competitors).

JO AWC - teams

The Team competition (mixed U12, U15 and U19) is held in the categories Small, Medium, *Intermediate* and Large.

The teams in all **four** categories consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 dogs. There are two rounds in this competition. The first one is the Jumping round, the second is the Agility round. The 3 best results of each team will count. The team with the best overall result will gain the title "JO AWC 20XX Winner in Team" **in each height** *category*.

These regulations were approved by the FCI General Committee in March 2019, Como (Italy), September 2019 and in October 2019.

The changes in bold and italic characters were approved by the FCI General Committee in March 2023 in Budapest.