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Regulations

for the

Senior Open Agility World Championship (SOAWC)

The SOAWC 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 max. 4 dogs.

The competition will be held in **June of each year**.

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).

Each country can enter a maximum of 28 dogs, with a maximum of 12 dogs in any category. The hosting country is entitled to enter an extra team in each height category.

The winners (same dog and handler) in 'individual' (L - M - I - S) of the previous SOAWC 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 organizers.

The maximum number of entries is 700 (250 in Large and 250 Intermediate).

The names of the 3 or 4 dogs making up each team must be sent in before June 15th, 20... at the latest. The entry fees are €50, 00 for individual or team, competitions.

SOAWC Groups

- Over 55 (O55) - 55 to 65 years old
- Over 65 (O65) –Over 65 years old

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

SOAWC - individuals

The Individual competition is held in the categories Large, Intermediate, Medium and Small divided into O55 and O65.

There are two rounds (jumping and agility). The second round is run in the reversed order according to the results from the first round and the previous year winners run in last of all dogs o each eight category. The winner is the one with the best total result from both rounds and will gain the title "SOAWC 20XX Winner" O55 or O65 respectively in each height category.

SOAWC - teams

The Team competition (mixed O55 and O65) is held in the categories Large, Intermediate, Medium and Small. The teams in all three categories consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 dogs. Each country can enter a maximum of 7 Teams of 4 dogs, with a maximum of two teams per height category.

There are two rounds in this competition for qualification to the Final. The first round is the Jumping and the second the Agility. The 3 best results of each team will count to the final result of the qualification for the team. The best 20 teams of Large and Intermediate and the best 12 Medium and Small height category will proceed to the final.

The SOAWC final is disputed in a relay run where 4 separated courses are built in one (extended) Agility ring, partially using shared obstacles.

The time starts when the dog of the 1st Team member crosses his starting line and stops when the 4th dog of the team crosses the finish line. All dogs have a respective starting line, course and finish line. The next dog only can start his respective course when the previous one has crossed his respective finish line. Eliminations of Team members are counted with 100 faults for the respective part, and the time for the whole Team is in this case automatically the fixed maximum time.

The running order is the reverse order of the team qualification score so the best Team in the qualification will run last at the Final.

The best team of the final of each eight category (relay) is declared the "SOAWC 20xx Team winner".

Veterinary Inspection and Identity Check

During the check-in for the competition, the identity of each dog will be confirmed.

All competitors must hand over a record book or a license issued by a National Organization. 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 S, M and I dogs which have not been measured at previous FCI World Championships, European Open, Junior European Open or Senior Open Agility World Championship, 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.

Other

During trainings it is not possible to re-set up obstacles -they can, however, be adjusted to the different height categories.

No food is allowed in the competition or warming up ring. Toys are allowed during training session.

After each run the dog's chip number will be checked.

These regulations were approved by the FCI General Committee in xxxxxxxx,