



Subject: Invitation and Details about the FCI Official Judges Workshop, France – November 30 - December 1, 2024

To the esteemed Presidents of the FCI agility NCOs, To the President of the FCI Agility commission,

Dear colleagues, Dear Marc,

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the SCC/CNEAC, the French agility commission, I am pleased to inform you of our upcoming FCI Official Judges Workshop scheduled to take place in Pontorson, France, adjacent to the iconic Mont Saint Michel, on November 30 and December 1, 2024.

The workshop aims to provide a comprehensive platform for FCI judges to enhance their skills and knowledge in agility judging. It is our commitment to uphold the standards set by the FCI Agility Commission and ensure the continuous development of judges within our community.

I am pleased to inform you that the workshop will be animated by three experienced instructors, led by Alen Marekovich, FCI Agility Commission Vice President in charge of rules. Alen's expertise and leadership will ensure that the workshop provides valuable insights and guidance to all participants. Alen will be accompanied by Peter Feer from Switzerland and Jorge Pires from Portugal.

Here are some essential details regarding the workshop:

- Location: Pontorson, France (Close to Mont Saint Michel)
- Date: November 30 December 1, 2024
- Fee: €175 with lunches included; €125 without lunches
- Closest Airport: Rennes
- IBAN of the French Kennel Club SCC/CNEAC (for confirming participation)

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Furthermore, please note that while there is a limit of two participants per country, we have received approval from the FCI Commission to allow judges already



enlisted for an FCI event to participate, even if it results in a country bringing more than two judges.

While the workshop primarily targets international judges, national judges are welcome to participate if their country does not yet have international judges.

For more detailed information, a separate document with practical details has been attached to this correspondence.

Thank you again for your attention to this matter, should you require any further information regarding the organization of the workshop, please do not hesitate to contact our delegate, Andrea Menghini (<a href="mailto:andrea.menghini@gmail.com">andrea.menghini@gmail.com</a>). For technical inquiries about the teaching content or related matters, we kindly ask that you reach out directly to Alen Marekovich (<a href="mailto:mawlch4work@gmail.com">mawlch4work@gmail.com</a>)

Yours sincerely,

Alexandre Balzer

President of the French Kennelclub

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President of the French Agility Commission CNEAC



Subject: Additional Practical Information for FCI Official Judges Workshop Participants

## **Inscriptions:**

To register for the workshop, please fill out the Google Form available <a href="here">here</a> (http://tinyurl.com/FCI-judges-workshop). Kindly ensure that all required information is provided accurately. The deadline for registrations is April 30th, 2024.

## **Transportation and locations:**

The closest airports to Pontorson are:

- Rennes: Approximately one hour away
- Nantes: Approximately one hour and fifteen minutes away
- Caen: Close to two hours away

We recommend prioritizing Rennes and then Nantes airports for convenience. Please note that public transport options are limited, so we suggest booking a rental car at the airport for transportation to Pontorson. The rental will be practical for travel to and from the hotel and arena. The distance between the hotel and arena is approximately 6 minutes by car via the highway.

Hotel: IBIS PONTORSON, ZA Le point du jour, 35610 Saint-Georges-de-Gréhaigne Arena: AGISPORTS, 9 Rte du Désert Les Pas, 50170 Pontorson

#### **Accommodation:**

We have secured favorable rates with the Ibis Hotel in Pontorson:

- €85 per night for both single and double occupancy, breakfast included
- Triple or quadruple rooms are available at an additional cost

We have arranged with the hotel to provide a list of bookings including arrival and departure dates. However, if you prefer to organize accommodation separately, you are free to do so.

To reserve your accommodation, please contact Andrea at <a href="mailto:andrea.menghini@gmail.com">andrea.menghini@gmail.com</a>



#### Lunch:

Lunch is provided by the arena owners, included in the 175€ fee. It will include coffee, water, and snacks throughout the two workshop days at the arena. Please note that if you have any specific dietary requirements, such as vegan or other food preferences, please inform us in advance. We will do our best to accommodate your needs and ensure that suitable meal options are available during the workshop.

## **Optional Guided Tour:**

We are planning to organize an optional guided tour to the Mont Saint Michel on the Monday following the workshop. The tour will be led by a professional guide to provide you with insightful commentary in English and an enriching experience. Further details will be provided closer to the date. We believe this would be a wonderful opportunity to explore this marvel of architecture.

### **Contact person:**

For any inquiries or assistance regarding transportation, accommodation, or the guided tour, please feel free to contact Andrea.

When sending your request by email, if possible, please include "FCI Judges Workshop - [Your Country]" in the subject line for efficient processing.

We look forward to welcoming you to Pontorson for an enriching workshop experience.