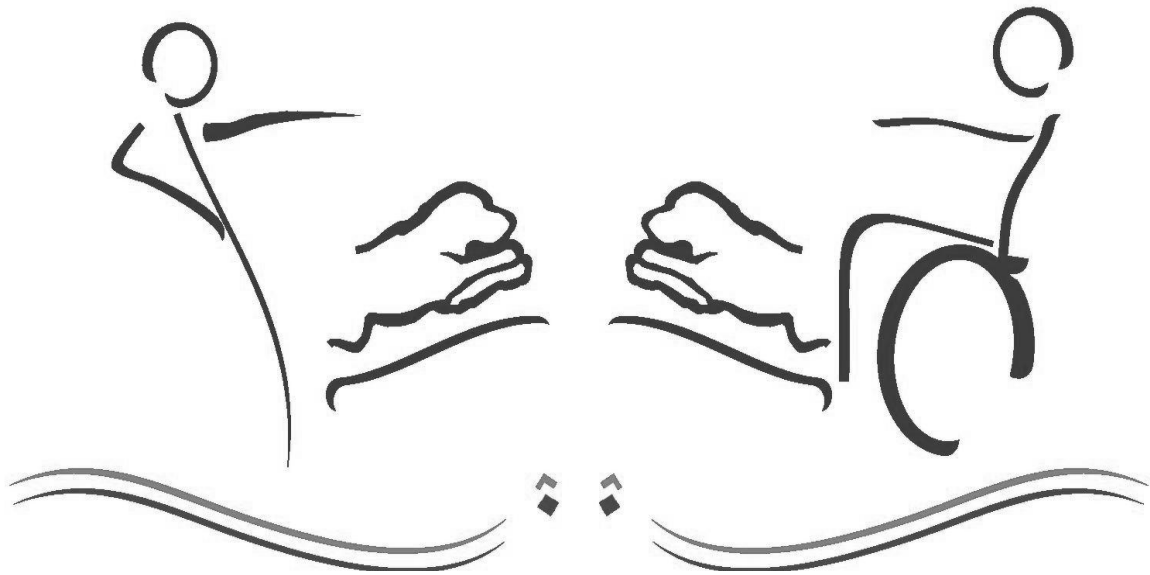


SPECIFICATIONS

For the

IMCA/PAWC

AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Code of Ethics:

“I am committed to fair and proper handling of my dog, renounce animal tormenting, not animal-friendly methods and utilize any prohibited aids. The health and the welfare of the dog is a top priority for me.”

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The Specifications of the IMCA/PAWC is based on the FCI Specifications and UK Kennel Club Regulations.

In order to assist with the organization of IMCA/PAWC, have been compiled the following specifications:

1. Venue:

The criteria to be taken into consideration in selecting an indoor venue for the IMCA/PAWC are as follows:

a) It should be able to hold one ring of 24 x 40 m. and one area where the competitors can be seated. The floor surface must not present any danger to the dogs or the handlers. There must be a separate area for the secretariat.

A separate, clearly marked area must be directly near to and with view to the ring for the PAWC participants with their dogs, their coaches, partners and disabled spectators. It should especially be given to wheelchair users.

b) It should be able to hold a large public in comfortable and safe conditions.

c) It should be easily accessible and well signposted.

d) It should have sufficient parking space for the officials, competitors and visitors. Please think about separated parking for the PAWC

e) It should include sufficient toilet facilities. Also, for disabled people.

f) Refreshments (food and drink) should provide for participants and visitors.

g) There should keep a separate room for the dogs.

h) There should be adequate facilities for walking the dog near the hall.

i) Campsite facilities are an essential part of the whole event; a recommendation of good campsites should be. Please also indicate whether it is suitable for disabled people (wheelchair or not!)

j) A list of the hotels should be made available - the website or brochure. Think also of the wheelchair accessibility.

k) Adequate security in and around the venue must be provided.

2. Technical Equipment:

a) At least 8 months prior to the Event A website should be set up. This will provide all the necessary information:

- Start and closing date for registration.

- Registration fee - individual & team competition.

Note: The winners (same dog and handler) in the 'individual' tests IMCA (L – IM – M – S) and PAWC (group 1 – 7) of the previous Championship will be selected automatically so they can defend their title. These dogs will simply be added on to the number of dogs allowed for their country. Furthermore, they are relieved of the (individual) registration fee.

- Names of the judges.

- Program of the event.

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- If there are any admission requirements of Veterinary Control.
- Information about the necessarily vaccinations.
- Asked to provide suitable and identical attire for their country teams.
- Maximum number of entries.
- A map with directions to the venue.
- A reminder of IMCA/PAWC regulations regarding a compulsory vaccination paper, the workbook or license, prescribed vaccinations, compulsory Civil Liability insurance and entry requirements.
- Information about hotels/ accommodations in the neighbourhood (wheelchair accessibility).

Also at least 8 months prior to the Event, the organizing country will invite other countries to participate.

The website should be updated regularly in order to provide everyone with the latest information.

b) A PA-system (Public Address System) with at least one microphone for the secretary. The PA-system should ensure that all announcements are clear and understandable for everyone. Announcements should be made in English and the native language. Of course, multiple languages are welcome
Ensure that the national anthems of all the participating countries are available as well as music for the opening and closing ceremonies.

c) An IT system to run the competition efficiently and relay the necessary information to competitors and spectators must be in place. For safety reasons backup procedures should be installed. Two or more photocopiers should also be available - to ensure enough printing capacity to produce all necessary lists without delay.

3. Ring Equipment:

a) Two complete agility sets must be available. These have to comply with the IMCA/PAWC rules. Also 2 sets of obstacle numbers have to be available, in different colors or otherwise clearly distinguishable, because of the PAWC-competition.

b) Electronic timing, 2 stopwatches, 2 whistles, 2 measuring wheels (to measure the length of the course).

c) To be prepared: ring numbers for the competitors to wear. (Possibly with the name of the country, handler and dog) They can be offered to the competitors.
Competitors have to wear this number during the course walking and by the start of all their runs.

d) The secretariat should:

- display all results, running orders, time schedules in several areas around the hall.
- have sufficient judging slips for the scribe
- have all the necessary information available for the team captains at the appropriate times - such as running orders, course plans, results etc.

f) Ensure that the flag of each country is available.

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For the opening ceremonies – flags to be carried by the team (leaders) – there are also name boards for each nation.

g) A podium must be provided for the prize giving (1st, 2nd, and 3rd). If possible, also wheelchair accessible.

h) Anthem of each participating country.

i) Animal chip-reader.

4. Ring Officials:

a) An event organizer, responsible for the whole organization.

b) Secretariat: 2 IT teams to take care of all the results and administration

c) **The organization will submit 3 judges, 1 assistant/trainee judge to the board IMCA / PAWC, before inviting them.**

At least one of the judges (when possible 2) of them must be from a different country than the organizing country.

The Board will be helpful to find qualified judges. (Paul Hinchley)

d) In the ring: 1 chief ring steward

2 scribes

2 timekeepers

3 to 4 equipment stewards (rebuild obstacles and straighten the tunnel)

1 steward to show competitors in and out of the ring

1 steward for the leads

1 or 2 stewards responsible for the collecting ring

Enough stewards to build the courses

e) Commentators (several languages but at least English).

f) Interpreters.

g) Parking and gate stewards (entrance to the event).

5. MEDICAL AND VETERINARY UNITS:

During the entire event the organization remains responsible for this.

6. VETERINARY CONTROL:

a) Equipment:

At least 1 table (non slippery surface)

Scanner(s) to check the chip numbers

Professional measuring equipment

Note: • One of the judges must be present at the veterinary inspection and measure the height if there are doubts whether a dog is placed in the correct category.

Once a dog has been measured and accepted in a category it must always compete in this category.

b) Each dog will be submitted to a veterinary control before the training starts and checked for:

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- A valid European Dog-Passport or Veterinary Certificate.
- All vaccinations have been registered in the dogs European Passport or Veterinary Certificate.
- The inoculation certificates against rabies will be checked. Dogs coming from or going to a rabies-infected region must also have a valid health certificate issued by their veterinary surgeon.
- The organization is responsible for those participants who need to ask a veterinarian to provide exit papers, health certificates and any tablets. The costs associated with this shall be paid by the participant himself.

When the vaccination is inadequate, the decision to participate will be made by the vet and the organization.

- Identification by chip or tattoo.
- Minimum age of competing dogs: 18 months
- Pregnant bitches, bitches with pups under 8 weeks or dogs that are ill or hurt will not be allowed to compete.
- Bitches in heat are allowed to compete, provided they are separated from the other competing dogs, and kept away from them. They run as last in the competition.

7. Entry Forms:

The registration form must be at least in English, multiple languages desirable. The standard entry form is attached to these specifications in English, French, German and Spanish. Entry forms must be made available online.

8. Entry Fees:

Each participating country pays a one-time contribution of € 50 for the computer program (starting lists IMCA PAWC, ranking IMCA PAWC and best country result) Payment is made from 2019 onwards. The program is deployed per 2022 and is then mandatory for every organizing country.

General policy; the entry fee is same as in previous year.

Deviations are only possible with the consent of the Board

Entry fees should be payable online.

1 € per participant must be paid to the Board IMCA / PAWC. This is used for special issues that serve the IMCA and PAWC. The Board shall decide on the expenditure.

Note: The winners (same dog and handler) in the 'individual' tests IMCA (**L – IM – M – S**) and PAWC (group 1 – 7) of the previous Championship will be selected automatically so they can defend their title. These dogs will simply be added on to the number of dogs allowed for their country. Furthermore, they are relieved of the (individual) registration fee.

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9. Registration:

a) The team leaders or country representatives have to send the entries with all dates in time.

They immediately have to inform the organizing country in case of delay (for instance; the qualifications are still going on after the deadline)

The registration can only be accepted from a team leader from each country. This person must be notified and approved by the board.

The team leader has the responsibility for all members of her/his team.

b) The identity of all competing dogs has to be checked (Veterinary Control). If there is any doubt to the identity of a dog, then the dog in question will be removed from the competition.

c) In the case of an injured dog, a reserve dog may start. The team leader must notify the organizers immediately of an injury - the official vet will be asked to confirm that the dog should be withdrawn. Once withdrawal is confirmed, the team leader must provide the name of the reserve dog and handler.

This must be done before the first-round course walking for the corresponding category start. This only applies to the team event.

d) As soon as the World Championships have been started no changes are allowed to the individual competition. Reserve dogs cannot be substituted in that category; neither can a dog from another height category be used as a substitute.

10. Accommodation:

- A list of hotels and camping areas, where dogs are allowed, must be made available to the competitors.

- A list enough wheelchair accessible hotels or other custom options for disabled, where dogs are allowed, in the immediate vicinity of the event must be available.

- A map with directions to the venue.

- Highway fees

- Veterinary Clinics in the area.

- Doctors, Hospitals in the vicinity.

Possibly still:

- Information on parking and disabled parking places.

- Any significant habits from the environment.

- Sights.

- Specific police rules.

11. Judges & Judges' Expenses:

The organization will submit 3 judges and 1 assistant/trainee judge to the board IMCA / PAWC, before inviting them.

The organization wants to invite only judges:

a) Which are members of a union.

b) Are judging regularly

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c) On the first day of the competition the PAWC is judged by a PAWC-experienced judge. Judges (affiliated with an union) can apply to gain experience in the IMCA/PAWC. They are supervised by Paul Hinchley and act as assistant-judge in the courses. This person must be invited as a judge for the following year!

The organizing country is responsible to cover the expenses of the judges and assistant-judge, i.e.,

- a) A daily allowance.
- b) Travelling expenses.
- c) Accommodation and meals during the stay.
- d) A gift or memento of the championships should be presented to the judges and assistant-judge.

The expenses of the judges and assistant/trainee judge are an agreement between the organizing country and the judges

12. Invitations:

The media (press, radio, TV etc.) and e.g. town mayor, sport department manager should be contacted to ensure the necessary publicity in order to attract a large number of spectators and thereby promote Agility and ParAgility.

The organizing country is responsible only to the Board of the International Organization Team IMCA & PAWC for the practical organization, and it must take the appropriate measures to make sure that the event runs smoothly.

13. Judges' Meeting and Team Leaders Meeting:

The day before the event a meeting will be attended by the judges, and at least one of the Board members of the IMCA/PAWC and the headmaster of the organization. After this short Judge Meeting the Team Leaders Meeting will commence.

After the training, there is an organizer led, meeting for all team leaders. They give all information about the event, and special things, all have to know. The organization can collect the workbooks, and give the start numbers and all necessary information e.g. Information about Gala Dinner, Opening- and Closing Ceremony.

They introduce the judges.

The judges can tell all information which they mean is important for participants.

The organizers of the next year event can inform the countries about the place, dates, and accommodation.

14. The Competition:

- a) A warm up area is appreciated.

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b) The IMCA /PAWC schedule should be the same each year. – This means that the part one of the team and individual IMCA event should be the jumping, and the part two in both competitions should be the agility.

For the PAWC this means the first day a Jumping, second day Agility and the third day a Jumping.

Deviate is only possible in consultation with the board.

c) The running order for the part 1 of the individual competition is decided by random draw: no exceptions are allowed. If, however, a handler who runs more as one dog, has a draw with less than twenty dogs in between each dog, one of the dogs can be moved up or down in the running order.

In the Team competition in every category, the country that ended last, last year is starting first now, and so on.

d) In the team event, the running order within the team is up to the competitors

e) IMCA: During course walking, each category - Small, Medium, Intermediate and Large - is divided into groups; a group should not have more than 45 competitors. The maximum Time for course walking is 10 min/group of 45 participants. If the judge considers it possible, it is permitted with less time.

f) At the start of each competition, the judge for that class is introduced.

g) One test dog/ white dog can be used for each class.

The white dog handler explores the course during the build-up of the course. The white runs the course before the course walk of the competing group.

The dog and handler does not take part in this competition IMCA & PAWC.

The white dog will be logged in by the team leader and verified by the judge.

h) After each run – individual and team – the dog's chip number can be checked.

i) A short prize giving after the single runs (team and individual) have to take place immediately after each class.

15. Results:

The official ranking lists, at least has to contain the name of handlers, name of their dogs, country codes (accepted by International Olympic Committee – see <http://www.olympic.org/>) and their flags if it is possible and the complete results
The ranking AND STARTING list for the PAWC contains also the group.

The organizers will hang out a sufficient number of ranking lists, containing the results and classifications.

It is appreciated if during the championships, the progress of the results will be posted on a scoreboard, which is clearly visible to the participants and spectators.

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Each country/team leader (1 per country) and **the Board members IMCA/PAWC (4)** will get a fully set of all start, courses (drawings) and ranking lists.

16. Catalogues:

The organizing Nation realize a catalogue containing all relevant information about the dogs and their handlers (listed per country, preferably with photos from the handlers with their dogs, coaches and Team leaders) the program and other important information. Every participant, Coach and Team leader receive a catalog.

17. Disputes:

Complaints are first processed after a deposit payment of € 100. Turns out the complaint rightly the € 100 is returned.

The Board members of the IMCA/PAWC will try to settle any dispute during the event. But: All judge's decisions are final.

18. Insurance:

In addition to their 'Civil Liability', the event organizers are responsible for adequate insurance. (E.g. damage to leased products)

Every participant takes part on his own responsibility.

Each participant, judge, team leader and present is responsible for adequate insurance.

19. License- , Workbook -Administration:

The organizers must correctly register the results in the issued license-, workbooks, including a signature (can be a stamp) from the judge.

20. Protocol:

The organizing country will try its utmost to give the opening and closing ceremonies the splendor that an Agility World Championships deserve

Traditionally the organizers lead the gifts exchange from country to country.

The organizers do their best to organize a friendly Gala Dinner for all participants, judges and invitees.

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These specifications were approved by the Board IMCA/PAWC, 05.2022.

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**Entry form – Formulaire d’inscription
Anmeldungsformular – Formulario de inscripción**

Country/Pays/Land/País:

Small Medium Intermediate Large

Reserve/Réserve/Reservehund/Reserva

**ONLY PAWC veterans/ seulement PAWC anciens combattants/ Nur
PAWC Veterans/ sólo Veteranos PAWC :**

Vet.Small Vet.Medium Vet.Intermediate Vet.Large (These dogs
are 7 years or older)

Dog – Chien – Hund - Perro

Name/Nom/Name/Nombre:

Kennel name/Nom d’affiche/Zwingername/Nombre de criadero:
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Mix-Breed:

Breed/Race/Rasse/Raza:

Date of birth/Date de naissance/Wurfdatum/Fecha de nacimiento:

Sex/Sexe/Geschlecht/Sexo:

Record book/Carnet de travail/Leistungsbuch/Cartilla de puntuación:

License/Licence/Lizenz/Licencia:

Tattoo/Tatouage/Tätowier/Tatuaje:

Microchip/Transpondeur/Microchip/Microchip:.....

Position/Emplacement/Position/Posición:

Handler – Conducteur – Hundeführer - Conductor

Name/Nom/Name/Nombre:.....

Address/Adresse/Anschrift/Dirección:.....

Nationality/ nationalité/ Staatsangehörigkeit/nacionalidad:.....

Phone/Téléphone/Telefon/Teléfono:

E-mail:

Team leader :

Phone/Téléphone/Telefon/Teléfono:

E-mail:

Owner – Propriétaire – Eigentümer - Propietario

Name/Nom/Name/Nombre:.....

Address/Adresse/Anschrift/Dirección:.....

Phone/Téléphone/Telefon/Teléfono: