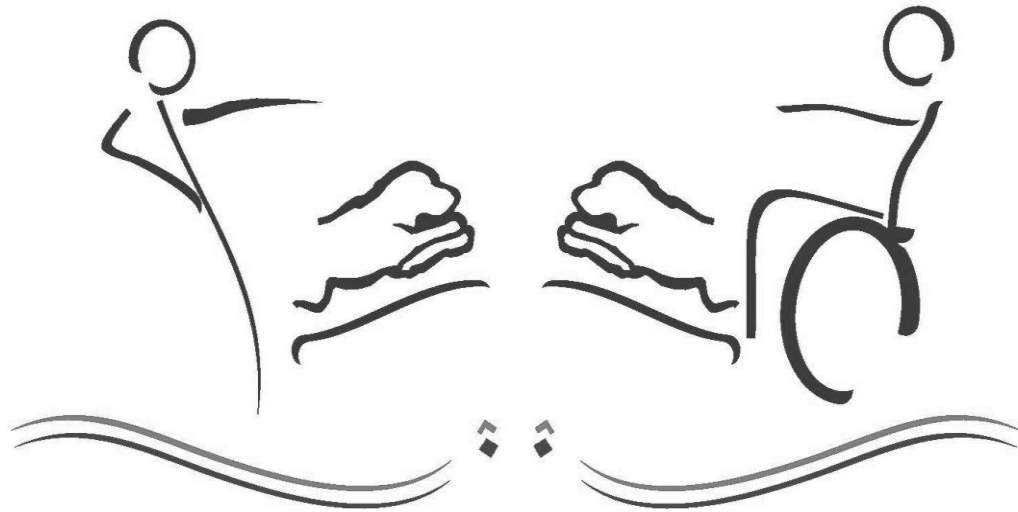


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MIX & BREED CHAMPIONSHIP

AGILITY



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 ruling of the IMCA is based on the FCI regulations. Everything what is not in the rules here, and gives any discussion, shall be first examined in the official regulations from the FCI. Final decisions will be taken by the board of the IMCA / PAWC.

REGULATIONS INTERNATIONAL MIX & BREED CHAMPIONSHIP AGILITY (IMCA)

1 General:

- In all documents and official information (prizes) the original name should to be used:
International Mix & Breed Championship Agility, abbreviated IMCA
- The IMCA will be organized together with the ParAgility World Championships, abbreviated PAWC.
- The IMCA & PAWC are organized annually.
- It is allowed to participate for all dogs, breed - with or without pedigree - and mix breed.

Eligible to enter:

All dogs over 18 months; they must be tattooed or chipped.

Bitches in heat are permitted to compete in the competitions.

Ineligible to enter:

- Pregnant bitches

- Dogs those are apparently ill or hurt

- drugged dogs

Dogs coming from or going to a region infected with rabies must have a valid inoculation certificate against rabies.

- All countries are allowed to participate (recognized International Nations), but only one team from each country.
In the individual competition one team contains:
Maximum 15 dogs of each country, maximum 7 in one category (L, M, and S)
The individual champions (same handler with the same dog) of the last IMCA will be selected automatically, so they can defend their title, and are added to the maximum limit of country. (15)
In the team competition:
Maximum 4 and minimum 3 dogs are allowed in one team in each category.
The three best results will be counted.
One team from each country can participate in all the categories (L, M, and S).

Note:

Dogs can only enter one category. It is recommended that the height of the dogs competing in 'S' and 'M' be registered in the record- / work-book or license.

- The board will after each held IMCA evaluate the regulations and adjust if necessary.

2 Organization:

- Every year the individual winners of the Total Results and Team winners will gain the title, in each category (small, medium and large).
"Champion of International Mix & Breed Championship Agility 20..."
"Champion Team of International Mix & Breed Championship Agility 20..."
- Any country who wants to organize the 'IMCA/PAWC must apply this at least 2 years in advance. Applications should be sent to the Board of the IMCA/PAWC.
- As a rule, the date of the Event has to be planned between the third weekend of August and last weekend of October. The date of the event must not coincide with the date of FCI World Championship Agility.
The Organization Team IMCA & PAWC must approve any deviation from this period.
The Event will start on Thursday and finished on Sunday
- Each application should be included with the following details:
 - Name of the country (eventually club, or other organization), including name and address of the headmaster who wants to organize the event.
 - Place where the event is planned.
 - Description and plan of the facilities.
 - Confirmation that everything will be carried out according to the specifications for the IMCA/PAWC.
- Description of the facilities and ring chosen for the event as well as the available resources must correspond the 'Specifications for IMCA/PAWC, attached to these regulations.
- The IMCA/PAWC is an event in which the top handlers of almost all countries take part. The organizing country should give this event the prestige befitting a World Championship.
- The host country will provide all the necessary equipment. (Among other things a Public Address System) It is responsible for the reception of all invited competitors and officials. To create a good atmosphere, which will contribute to the success of the event, special consideration should be given to the use of a good commentator during the event. The media (press, radio, TV etc.) should be contacted to ensure the necessary publicity in order to attract a large number of spectators and thereby promote Agility and ParAgility.
- The organization is responsible only to the Board for the practical organization and it must take the appropriate measures to make sure that the event runs smoothly.
- At least 8 months prior to the event, the organizer must invite other countries to participate.

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- 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 – 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.
- 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 papers, the workbook or license, prescribed vaccinations, compulsory Civil Liability insurance and entry requirements.
- Information about hotels/ accommodations in the neighbourhood.

3 Tests:

The tests will be judged according to the FCI rules and regulations concerning the items:

- Categories (page 3 of the official publication of AGILITY REGULATIONS OF THE FCI)

Three categories exist:

S (Small): for dogs measuring less than 35 cm. at the withers

M (Medium): for dogs measuring 35 cm. or more and less than 43 cm. at the withers

L (Large): for dogs measuring 43 cm. or more at the withers

- Courses (page 3 of the official publication of AGILITY REGULATIONS OF THE FCI)
A course is built using as many types of obstacles as possible; the way they are placed determines the degree of difficulty and speed. The dog must complete the course within a predetermined time and the obstacles must be negotiated in the correct order.
- Course design
The design of the course is left entirely to the judge's imagination.

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Before the start of a competition the judge will inspect the obstacles put at his disposal and when they meet the necessary standard, he will hand over his course design to the organizing committee who will then set up the course.

The judge will check the course and have the length measured precisely.

A well-designed course will allow the dog to go round easily and smoothly.

- Judging (page 8 of the official publication of AGILITY REGULATIONS OF THE FCI)
- Results (page 11 of the official publication of AGILITY REGULATIONS OF THE FCI) and
- Obstacles (page 5 of the official release of AGILITY REGULATIONS OF THE FCI)

Hurdles: a) Single
Height: L: 55 to 60 cm. - M: 35 to 40 cm. - S: 25 to 30 cm.

b) Spread
The poles are placed in ascending order with a difference in height of 15 to 25 cm.
The highest pole - *which should be at least 10 cm wider than the first* - is placed at the back:
L: 55 to 60 cm. - M: 35 to 40 cm - S: 25 to 30 cm.
The total depth must not exceed: L: 55 cm - M: 40 cm- S: 30 cm
No part (pole holders or cups), removable or permanent, should be protruding from the upright or wing.

Wall: To be pursued is the same height as the hurdles:
Height: L: 55 to 60 cm - M: 35 to 40 cm - S: 25 to 30 cm
But max. L: 65 cm - M: 45 cm - S: 35

Table: By 2017 no longer included in the trail

Flat tunnel: By 2017 no longer included in the trail

Dog Walk: An electronic device is permitted, but not required. This is a decision of the judge and the organization.

Seesaw: An electronic device is permitted, but not required. This is a decision of the judge and the organization.

A-frame: An electronic device is permitted, but not required. This is a decision of the judge and the organization.

Tire: Aperture diameter: 45 cm. to 60 cm.
Aperture centre from the ground: L: 80 cm. – M and S: 55 cm.

Long Jump: maximum: L: 120 M: 70 S: 40

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- **Special agreements about the obstacles** (different as FCI):
 - Maximum height of the hurdles: 60/40/30 cm
 - Height of the wall: the organizers must endeavour the same height as the hurdles, but max. 65/45/35 cm
- They will be held in one ring, 24 x 40 m.
- Three qualified judges have to be invited, at least 1 (when possible 2) from outside the organizing country.
- Start procedure at the IMCA:
Once the judge has signaled to the handler that he is ready to start, the handler will have 15 seconds to start his dog - after which the timing will start automatically.
- The IMCA consist in:
 - a) 2 'individual' courses:
 - 1 Agility course containing all the contact equipment
An electric table and contact zones are allowable, but not obligatory.
It is a judge-job to decide with the organizers.
 - 1 Jumping course without contact equipment or the table.
Both courses will only contain the approved obstacles.

The two results added together will determine the winner, who will be Champion of International Mix & Breed Championship Agility of each category. (L, M, and S)

In case of a tie (for first place only), a run-off is held over a third course.

Maximum 15 dogs of each country, maximum 7 in one category (L, M, and S) can compete.

The individual champions (same handler with the same dog) of the last IMCA will be selected automatically and added to the maximum limit of country. (15)

b) 2 'team' course

1 Agility course containing all the contact equipment

An electric table and contact zones are allowable, but not obligatory.

It is a judge-job to decide with the organizers.

1 Jumping course without contact equipment or the table.

Both courses will only contain the approved obstacles.

The two results (agility and jumping) of the best 3 dogs in each run of each team will be added together to determine the winning team. The winning team will be called Champion Team of International Mix & Breed Championship Agility (L, M, and S)
Each participating country will be allowed to enter one team, consisting of 3 or 4 dogs per category (a dog can be entered in one team only).

In all the categories (L, M, and S) one team from each country can participate.

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- After each run - individual and team - the dog microchip number can be checked.
- White Dog
Before the judge starts the test and after determining the SCT, a 'test dog' – that does not take part in the competition – will have a test run. This will occur in each category.
The white dog will be logged in by the team leader and verified by the judge.

4 Applications:

- It is allowed to participate for all countries (recognized International Nations), only one team from each country.
Handlers should have the nationality of the country or must have their legal residence in the country for which his/her dog will compete.
It can therefore be chosen to participate for the country they live in, or the country of nationality, however always only for one country. The participant must meet the qualification requirements of the country in which one participates. Once started for the country of residence, cannot be changed again, unless it is again moved to the country of nationality.
It is up to the team leader and the organizing country to control the residential status of the handler. In case of dual nationality, he/she can choose either country without restriction: however, he/she can only compete for one country.
- **Each handler is allowed to compete with maximum 2 dogs.**
- If difficulties arise, they must be referred to the Board of the IMCA/PAWC.
- To qualify as a competitor at IMCA, the Board recommends achieving the qualification 'Excellent' or at least 'Very Good' in an official Agility 2 or Agility 3 test.
The countries himself can consider other criteria. However, always fair and free from personal antipathies.
- The competing countries will send the entry forms, properly completed and signed, to the organizing committee before the closing date.
They will, at the same time, appoint a 'team leader' or coach who shall be responsible for the team.
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.
- Participation is at your own risk and responsibility. Insurance is the responsibility of the participant.

5 Ring equipment:

- 2 complete agility sets (according to the standards of FCI), consisting both of the following approved obstacles:
 - 14 hurdles with poles (1 brush fence, 1 hurdle with full panel, 1 hurdle with gate are also allowed –diameter of the poles should be 4 to 5 cm),
 - 1 tire (breakaway tire is recommended),
 - 1 wall or viaduct,
 - 1 dog walk,
 - 1 A-frame,
 - 1 see-saw,
 - 1 Weaving poles set,
 - 1 table By 2017 no longer included in the trail**
 - 1 long jump,
 - 2 tube tunnels and
 - 1 flat tunnel By 2017 no longer included in the trail**An Electric table (but if a table is placed, it has to be an electric one) and contact zone(s) is/are allowable, but not obligatory.
It is a job of judges and organizers to decide this item.

6 Veterinary control:

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

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.

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- A dog can and will be removed from the competition if:
 - The dog is suffering from a contagious disease.
 - The dog is an unhealthy impression, with further participation is not responsible. (After verification and consultation with the veterinarian)
 - The dog or becomes so injured in the competition that further participation could aggravate the injury or suffering.
 - The dog is drugged. (After verification and consultation with the veterinarian)

7 Record-, workbook or license:

- Each handler can let hand out a dog record-, workbook or license by the team leader, to the organizing committee before the competition starts. The organizers must correctly register the results in the issued record-, workbook or license, including a signature (can be a stamp) from the judge.

8 Judges:

- The organization will submitted 3 judges to the board IMCA / PAWC, before inviting them. At least one (when possible 2) of them must be from a different country than the organizing country.
- The Board will be helpful to find qualified judges.
- The judges are responsible for judging the courses; the assistant judge is only responsible for judging the up or down contact of the dog walk.
- The organizing country is responsible to cover the expenses of the judges, 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.The expenses of the judges are an agreement between the organizing country and the judges.
- The judge's decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

9 Specifications:

- The organizing committee must abide by the IMCA/PAWC rules and regulations that lists all the committee's duties and responsibilities and implement them correctly.

10 Accompanying program:

- The organizing country will give a hearty welcome to all teams and officials on the openings ceremony.
- Also it's a tradition that the organizers lead the gifts exchange from country to country
- Gala dinner: The organizers do their best to organize a friendly meeting for all participants.
- **Sunday after the event there is an evaluation and a fully mandatory TL-meeting. The next organizing country also introduces itself.**
- Official flags of IMCA and PAWC:
They are the official symbols of the event.
During the event, the flags have to be placed, so they can be seen well everywhere.
The host country of the actual event has to sewn up, the date and place on the flags.
At the last moment of the closing ceremony, the flags are given to the organizing country of the next year.
The new organizers have to take care of them.

11 Prizes:

- **The prizes are World Cup worthy, with at least the following information: The year, category, individual or team, Jumping or Agility and ranking If possible also with the logo of the organization.**
- For the IMCA competition the next prizes should be available:

Individual Agility large, medium and small: 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd Prize.
Individual Jumping large, medium and small: 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd Prize.
Individual Total Results large, medium and small: 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd Prize.
Team Agility: large, medium and small: 1st x4, 2nd x4, 3rdx4 (for each team member a price.)
Team Jumping: large, medium and small: 1st x4, 2nd x4, 3rdx4 (for each team member a price.)
Team Total Results: large, medium and small: 1st x4, 2nd x4, 3rdx4 (for each team member a price.)

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- Best country award:

All competitors of the first six places by each course (IMCA and PAWC / individual and team) deserve the following points for their country.

1st place = 12 points,

2nd place = 9 points,

3 rd place = 6 points,

4th place = 3 points,

5th place = 2 points,

6th place = 1 point

After the last run of the event the points are counted, and the country with the most point is “Best Country of IMCA & PAWC 20...”

These specifications were approved by the Board IMCA/PAWC, [January 2017](#).

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