

## **Regulations for the Nordic Agility Championships**

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These regulations have been agreed on by Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden who abide by the Nordic Kennel Union (NKU) rules and decisions. Within the NKU, agility questions are dealt by its Agility Committee which consists of one delegate from each country, appointed by the country's Kennel Club.

These regulations cover the Nordic Agility Championships only and are based on the FCI Agility Regulations for the World Championships. The purpose of these regulations is to ensure a uniform standard of organisation for the Nordic Agility Championships in order to guarantee equality for each competitor. The organisation of the event and the judging are based solely on FCI Agility Regulations for the World Championships.

### ***Rotation of the Nordic Championships***

The hosting of the Nordic Agility Championships is rotated between these four Nordic countries in the following order: Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway.

Whenever possible, the host country will organise an international agility competition the day before the Nordic Championships at the same venue and on the same surface.

### ***Selection of Judges***

The judge will be selected by the NKU Agility delegates at their meeting during the year preceding the Championships. The judge may not represent any Nordic country. The host country is responsible for the invitation of the judge as well as for his/her expenses.

### ***Practical arrangements***

All communications as well as the briefings will be conducted in English.

Time schedules should be distributed to each team leader, each agility delegate, each Kennel Club and other parties well in advance.

The time schedule should include all pre-trial arrangements, the trial and the award ceremonies.

The competitors and their dogs are to be ensured a safe area where they can rest, concentrate in their own performance and watch the trial without being disturbed.

The host country will take care of accommodation arrangements for the teams and the delegates and provide the necessary hotel information (i.e. the name of the hotel, its location and its contact information) to all concerned parties.

There is no entry fee for the Nordic Championships.

The host country will be responsible for the judge's expenses, all prizes and other possible costs; however, the engraving of the Challenge Cups is covered by the winners' own Kennel Clubs.

In order to ensure that Challenge Cups are available at the award ceremony, it is strongly recommended that each Kennel Club sets a deadline for returning the Cups and gives its Cup winners instructions on this in writing.

Every team and delegate is responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs, vaccination costs and other expenses related to the Championships.

### ***Judge's Meeting***

A judge's meeting will be held before the trial.

The general ring official, the judge and the NKU Agility delegates will meet to discuss matters concerning the trial and make sure that the judging, the obstacles, the venue and the courses will comply with the FCI regulations for the World Championships.

### ***Briefing***

A briefing to explain the time schedule and other arrangements will be held the evening before the trial. The judge will attend the briefing.

A draw will be made to determine the starting order of the national teams at the briefing.

The members of each national team will start as a group, i.e. one after each other. The team leaders will provide the general ring official with a list showing the order in which the team members will compete. This order must be followed.

Each team will bring a tape of their country's national anthem to the general ring official at the briefing.

A dinner will be arranged after the briefing. Its purpose is to promote Nordic solidarity in agility. The dinner is free of charge to all team members, team leaders and agility delegates (16+16+16+4+4 and the previous year's champions in each category, if they were not selected to the team.)

### ***Judging and Rules***

The FCI Agility Rules for the World Championships should be followed at the trial.

Only dogs registered by a Kennel Club recognised by the FCI are eligible to participate

Bitches in heat are allowed to participate, but they will be scheduled as last competitors in each class.

Disagreements should be settled according to the FCI rules. The general ring official and the judge should make the decision on minor matters. In case of a protest, the NKU Agility Committee will make the final decision.

The trial consists of individual and team competitions. Each country can enter only one team for each height class. A team will consist of four (4) dogs.

Each country can have one reserve dog in each class. Reserve dogs have to be registered at the same time as the teams are registered. If a country wants to use reserve dog, it has to be announced at the briefing. The reserve dogs shall be allowed to run as white dogs in at least one course.

The previous year's Nordic Champion is eligible to participate in the individual competition even if he/she is not on the team. If the Nordic Champion participates outside the team, he/she will compete last in the class before bitches in heat, if any.

**The trial consists of two (2) agility courses and one jumping course:**

Courses 1 and 2 are for the team competition.

Course 1 is the jumping course.

Each team will run the first course according to the starting list which was determined by the draw. The second course will be run in the reverse order of the result list in the first course.

The results at each course (time and faults) of the three (3) best dogs of team are counted towards the team result, with six results making up the final team result.

Courses 1 and 2 are also counted for the individual competition.

The results in the individual competition are determined by the aggregate result of all three courses. The Nordic Champion in each height class is, therefore, the dog that has the best combined result from all three courses.