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FCI Regulations for Mondioring Judges

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NB: Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders and numbers

1. General

The regulations set forth in the paragraphs 1 through 8 are binding for all FCI members and contract partners and must be considered as **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS** of the FCI for any individual to be accepted as a Mondioring Judge by the national canine organization of the country where he has his legal residence and which is a member of the FCI (hereafter named “FCI National Organization”, shortly “FCI NO”).

It is up to each FCI NO to increase and specify the general requirements set by the FCI. However, under no circumstances, may the rules of each country be in conflict with these FCI Rules.

2. Minimum requirements regarding application, education, examination and nomination as a Mondioring judge.

The applications of the candidates wishing to become Mondioring judges must be accepted under the official NO regulations and guidelines of the country where the applicant has his legal residence.

It is the responsibility of each FCI NO to provide adequate courses and a satisfactory basic judges training programme for its candidates to get the necessary education, to prepare the necessary examinations and to take care of their official approval as Mondioring judges.

(Refresher) training courses must be offered on a regular basis for the candidates and the Mondioring judges in the event of a long absence (period of 5 years).

This programme must be followed by the candidates before they take the written examination.

In order to be recognized as an international Mondioring judge by the FCI, the candidate must comply with the following requirements:

1. Must be of legal age in the country where he has his legal residence
2. At the time of application the candidate must have “trained and presented” a minimum of 2 dogs in the highest level (level 3) or have “trained and presented” a minimum of one dog at a national or World Mondioring championship in the highest level (level 3).
3. The candidate must be examined by the official examination committee nominated by his FCI NO and take a written preliminary examination showing sufficient knowledge on the following subjects:
 - a. Anatomy, morphology and movement (dynamism) of dogs
 - b. Knowledge of a dog’s behaviour
 - c. Behaviour, principles and technique of judging
 - d. FCI Regulations for Mondioring judges and Rules of Mondioring competition

The candidate must “PASS” the written examination in total.

Basic knowledge of the Regulations is a key factor in the judging and a qualified Mondioring judge must be thoroughly conversant with the FCI Rules for Mondioring Competition to be able to make the right decisions in all exercises.

The practical training must allow the candidate to gain a complete knowledge and understanding of the regulations as well as the field knowledge.

The practical training consists of the successful completion of a number practical exercises (assisting judges for example) where the candidate is being trained subject to having passed the written examination. It is the responsibility of the FCI NO to establish a period of time and the amount of practical training.

The practical education must be taken under the supervision of recognised and well-experienced FCI international Mondioring judges. These judges must have officiated as Mondioring judges for a minimum period of 5 years.

During his education the candidate has to write reports on the dogs that were evaluated and forward them to the supervising judge, who in turn has to provide a written statement about candidate judge's behaviour and performance to the official examination committee

After successful completion of the practical education, the candidate has to take a practical examination carried out by the official examination committee that has to provide a written statement about the test and its results.

Once approved by his FCI NO and included in its Mondioring judges list by the people in charge of Mondioring in the country where he has his legal residence, a judge has to officiate, over a minimum period of 2 years and in at least 8 national events before he is allowed to judge at events outside the country where he has his legal residence.

4. It is the responsibility of each FCI NO as member of the FCI to include in their official list of FCI Mondioring judges only those individuals who have fulfilled the requirements stated above, to keep their list as well as all the information about every judge updated and to forward it to the FCI office, the secretary of the Mondioring Section of the FCI Utility Dogs Commission (CU/FCI) and to the secretary of the Utility Dogs Commission every year.

5. A Mondioring judge – or candidate who has been living for more than three (3) years in a country different from the country where he had his legal residence is obliged to take further education to meet the requirements of the country in which he now resides.

3. Definition of categories of Mondioring judges within the FCI

A judge recognised by a FCI-NO can be:

- a) a national Mondioring judge of the FCI
- b) an International Mondioring judge of the FCI

The FCI NO must forward to the FCI office, to the secretary of the Mondioring Section of the FCI Utility Dogs Commission and to the secretary of the FCI Utility Dogs Commission complete information concerning every judge who is permitted to judge outside the country where he has his legal residence.

- a) **An FCI national Mondioring judge** is a person that is only authorized to judge at national events in the country of the FCI NO from which he depends

- b) **An FCI international Mondioring judge** is a person, who has been approved by the FCI NO from which he depends to officiate in FCI international events.

In order to become an international Mondioring judge, the judge must be fluent in one of the four FCI official languages (English, French, German and Spanish) and have judged for a minimum of 2 years in at least 8 national events.

It is the responsibility of the FCI NO to authorize judges as FCI international Mondioring judges; however the requirements to become an FCI international Mondioring judge must absolutely be met.

Information about the nomination as FCI international Mondioring judge must be provided to the FCI office, the secretary of the Mondioring Section of the FCI Utility Dogs Commission and the secretary of the FCI Utility Dogs Commission.

Only FCI international Mondioring judges can officiate at an FCI world championship provided they officiated for at least 5 years.

4. General Conditions for admission as Mondioring judge

Mondioring judges who have been approved by their FCI NO but have not been judging for a period of 5 years or longer, must take a new practical test before being allowed to judge again. The FCI NO, before granting a new authorization to judge, must verify the capacity of the judge.

Mondioring judges emigrating from one country with an FCI NO to another country with an FCI NO remain admitted and should be approved by the FCI NO of the new country where he has his legal residence for, provided that no disciplinary action has been taken against them.

An application must be sent by these judges to the FCI NO of the new country within a maximum period of 3 years after changing legal residence. This new FCI NO will then be responsible for these judges.

5. General duties of a Mondioring judge

For events in an FCI partner (non member) country, the Mondioring judge must always follow the valid FCI Regulations as long as these are not in conflict with national law of the country where the event takes place. They may in no way interpret the rules in such a manner to be in conflict with the functional health of a dog.

Mondioring judges have to prepare for each event by studying the regulations and important requirements.

Mondioring judges must always and at all times be thorough and careful in their work, they must respect their colleagues and the participants and follow the general rules of ethics.

6. Travel and insurance arrangements

6.1. Travel arrangements

As for travel expenses, a mileage allowance (real kilometrage) is set and published by the FCI. Parking, train, bus, taxi, flight (a reasonably priced economy ticket – proof to be provided) including an option for changeability – if possible, as well as meals for the travel duration, incurred by a judge and the travel expenses have to be reimbursed immediately on arrival or following whatever previous arrangements made with the organiser.

For judging at an international or world event an additional fee (35 euros) is also granted to the Mondioring judge in addition to the afore-mentioned reimbursements for each judging and travel day. (This allowance has also been agreed upon by the FCI).

It is advisable that financial arrangements should be laid out in advance in the form of a contract or written agreement between the judge and the organizer. This has to be honoured by both parties.

6.2. Insurance

The Mondioring judge should sign up an insurance contract (flight cancellation, accidents, etc.) whenever he is invited to judge abroad. Considering the high number of different possibilities offered in the member countries, the judges are recommended to act as follows:

- A Mondioring judge who frequently officiates abroad should sign up an insurance contract for the whole year;
- A Mondioring judge that seldom officiates abroad should sign up an insurance contract for each assignment.

7. Conduct

7.1. General

Every Mondioring judge of any FCI member organization accomplishes an important duty in the international dog society. His behaviour should therefore be reliable and beyond reproach when officiating and in his private life.

Consequently:

- A Mondioring judge should never be late for his judging appointments and he should never leave the field before he has completely fulfilled the duties that were assigned to him.
- A Mondioring judge should not openly criticize the work of another Mondioring judge.
- A Mondioring judge may under no circumstances ever allow himself to be influenced (request or solicitation) and adapt his judging accordingly.
- A Mondioring judge must behave properly on the field and evaluate all dogs indiscriminately. He should be soberly and properly dressed, in accordance with the duty to be fulfilled, and should always be correct and urbane.
- A Mondioring judge cannot smoke on the field
- A Mondioring judge cannot drink alcohol on the field.
- A Mondioring judge cannot use a mobile phone while judging.
- A Mondioring judge cannot enter or handle a dog at an event where he is officiating as a judge.

- A partner, any member of his immediate family or any person living with the judge in his household cannot enter or handle a dog at an event that is judged by him.

7.2. Accepting assignments

- a. A Mondioring judge of the FCI may only judge at events that are organized by a FCI NO or in a FCI partner (non member) country with the approval of the NO from which he depends and the NO of the partner country.
- b. Upon receiving an invitation to judge in a country outside the country where he has his legal residence a Mondioring judge has to make all necessary inquiries to ascertain that the show organization comes under the jurisdiction of the FCI or is organized by an organization recognised by FCI.
- c. When an event is organized by a club, the judge must verify that this club is officially recognised by the FCI NO or FCI NO partner in the country where the event is being held.
- d. When judging outside the country where he has his legal residence a judge must be fluent in at least one of the four languages of the FCI (English, French, German or Spanish).
- e. All Mondioring judges, including those from countries that are not members of the FCI, must under all circumstances adhere to the FCI Regulations when they are officiating at FCI sanctioned events.
- f. It is absolutely forbidden for a Mondioring judge to charge a double reimbursement for any expenses related to a judging assignment. If a judge is found to have claimed a double reimbursement, he will be severely punished by his FCI NO.

7.3. Permissions for Mondioring judges

Mondioring judges need a written authorization from their respective NO in order to judge at FCI events. Only Mondioring judges that are authorized by their national canine organization are allowed to officiate as Mondioring judge. While on assignment, they are obliged to judge strictly and exclusively in accordance with the valid FCI Regulations.

8. Penalties

8.1. Any judge violating, in any way, the FCI Mondioring regulations and/or the national regulations as well as FCI rules for Mondioring judges falls under the jurisdiction of his FCI NO, which has to penalize the judge in question if the violation has been proven. The FCI NOs are obliged to pass a rule which enforces them to penalize any misconduct or any violation from their judges.

8.2. It must be guaranteed that the Mondioring judge in question shall be heard, either verbally or in writing. The judge must be given the right to appeal against the decision. No person having been involved in imposing the penalty may be a member of the authority where the appeal is made.

8.3. The FCI NO should foresee the following penalty options:

- a) settle the case without penalization
- b) issue a warning with or without threatening to ban the judge from judging
- c) banning the person to judge for a certain period of time
- d) cancellation as a judge
- e) refusal or withdrawal of the permission(s) to judge abroad

8.4. After becoming legally effective, the FCI has to be informed about the decision by its FCI NO.

9. Enforcement dispositions

The Executive Committee of the FCI, especially when parts of these regulations become invalid, may, on its own final decision, take action on changing parts of these regulations in order to ensure the validity of any international event held under FCI rules and to enforce the application of these regulations.

The invalidity of one part or parts of these regulations does not force the whole regulations to become invalid.

These rules come into force immediately upon approval of the General Committee of the FCI and must be distributed to all FCI members and contract partners.

The French version is the authentic one.

These Regulations were approved by the FCI General Committee at the meeting in Kiev, on August 22nd, 2017. They become effective from January 1st, 2018