



Regulations on the organization of the IFR World Winner Show



1. Invitations to participate.

The organizing club will send an invitation to all member-clubs of the IFR to participate the show. The invitation will be sent at least 10 months before the event. For this purpose, the secretary of the IFR-board will give the organizing club a list of the known address and/or email-address of the affiliated national Rottweilerclubs.

The invitation will be send in English and German, if possible also the language of the addressee and will mention the closing date for the entries. Entries that are not received before this date can be refused without means of appeal.

The invitation will be accompanied by an entry-form and the memberclubs will be invited and encouraged to copy and publish it and at least make it known to their members.

The invitation will mention eventual specific demands such as : obligatory liability insurance, national legislation on keeping and handling dogs (example : obligatory wear of a muzzle), etc. ...

In sending out information to participants and/or spectators, the organizing club will do its best to help finding suitable hotel and/or camping-accommodation.

The organizing club undertakes to keep the IFR-memberclubs and especially the entered participants up to date on all information on the show and although not obligatory, the publication of a website or a webpage on the show to keep all interested Rottweilerfriends informed, is to be applauded.

The invitation and in general all publications concerning the event will mention that

- the judging must and will be done in accordance with the valid FCI-breedstandard. Dogs with docked tails cannot be judged, regardless of their age and/or country of origin and even if the amputation was done for medical reasons.
- the International Guidelines about Dog Doping issued by the FCI (recommendations approved by the FCI General Committee in Vienna, July 2009) are applicable at the show, meaning amongst others :
 - Participating dogs must not be injured or ill. Furthermore, they must not be affected in any forbidden way, i.e. they must not have received treatment that may illegally affect their appearance in a way that is not allowed, performance or reactions, or the way in which injuries or illnesses manifest themselves.
 - Dogs whose coats, noses or skin have been treated with a substance that changes their colour or structure are prohibited from participating in shows.

- All dogs must be available for the examinations and tests that may be necessary in order to check for doping and other forbidden measures. The organizer is entitled to copy veterinarians' certificates.

- The person responsible for the dog is obliged to find out how treatment or other action taken may affect the dog's right to participate.

2. Entry fee.

The amount of the entry-fee will be determined by the organizing club. However, the board of the IFR can decide on maximum-amounts.

No entry-fee may be asked for visitors to the show.

3. Catalogue.

The organizing club will see to it that a catalogue will be available in which all participants will be mentioned : name and address of the owner of the dog, the name, pedigree-number, tattoo or microchip-number and the name of the father and mother of the dog, the name of the breeder of the dog.

All participants will receive a catalogue for free. The organizing club is free to sell the catalogue to all others and will see to it that they are available in sufficient numbers.

The catalogue will also mention the program of the whole event, the names of the judges, the name of the show-director, the name of the ring-stewards and secretaries and an alphabetical list of all participants .

The organizing club is free to publish free or paid publicity in the catalogue as long as the publicity is not distasteful or harmful for the IFR and its goals.

Dogs which are not in the catalogue cannot be judged unless problems occur for which the organizing committee is responsible (problem in the printing process of the catalogue, etc.) and provided that the entry forms have been completely filled in and returned to the organisers not later than the entry deadline and that the entry fees are duly recorded on the bank account of the organising committee.

Judging must be done in accordance with the valid FCI-breedstandard. Dogs with docked tails cannot be judged, regardless of their age and/or country of origin and even if the amputation was done for medical reasons.

It is forbidden to treat the coat, skin or nose with anything that alters the structure, colour or form. It is forbidden to prepare the dog in the show ground with any substances or equipment. Only combing and brushing are allowed.

4. Publication of the results.

All results will, as soon as possible, be clearly readable written on a scoreboard and after the show, sent to all member-clubs.

5. Classes

Unless impossible because of national cynological regulations, participation in the following classes will be offered :

Baby-class	3 – 6 months
Puppy-class	6 – 9 months
Youth-class	9 – 18 months
Intermediate class	15 – 24 months
Open class	15 months and older
Working class	15 months and older
Champion Class	15 months and older
Veteran class	8 years and older
Couple class	optional
Breeders class	optional
Progeny class	optional

The decisive date in respect of age is the day the dog is shown.

To enter a dog in working class, the entry form must be accompanied by a copy of the FCI compulsory certificate containing the confirmation -by the member country in which the holder and/or owner has his permanent place of residence- that the dog has passed the test as well as details about this test. In countries that are not FCI-affiliated, only certificates proven to be evenworthy can be accepted.

To enter a dog in Champion Class, one of the following titles must have been confirmed by the day of the official closing date of entries; proof of this, by copy, must be enclosed with the entry form :

- o International Champion of the FCI
- o National Champion (this title must have been earned in the same FCI member country with at least 2 awards).
- o National Champion from countries which are not members of the FCI may be recognized.

Can be entered in couple class : a dog and a bitch belonging to the same owner.

Can be entered in breeders class : minimum three and maximum five exhibits without distinction of sex, bred by the same person (same kennel name), even if they are not his property.

Can be entered in progeny class : a sire or dam with minimum three and maximum five of his/her progeny (first generation, sons/daughters).

Once the catalogue is printed, it is forbidden to transfer a dog from one class to the other unless the problem is due to a printing mistake.

At all times, the show-organization can demand that the identity of a dog is proven by the control of the tattoo and/or microchip with which the dog is identified. In case a tattoo and/or chip cannot be found or shows to be totally unreadable, the dog can be excluded from participation

6. Show-location.

The wellbeing of the dog should be an absolute priority in the choice of the show-location, especially the choice of a outdoor- or indoor event.

The show-terrain will all times be clean and free of all obstacles.

Sufficient tables and chairs will be available for the judge, ring writer and ring stewards and in case of an outdoor show, these will be placed under a sufficiently large tent or other waterproof construction.

For the choice of the location it will be taken in consideration :

- that spectators must have an unhindered view on the show without themselves hindering the participants
- that sufficient parking-lots should be available
- that accommodations are present to sell food and drinks to participants and spectators.
- that accommodation is available for the judges and other collaborators to enjoy food or refreshment..
- that restrooms or sanitary-accommodation is available.
- that a terrain is available to serve for sanitary purposes for the dogs.
- that hotels and/or camping facilities are available at reasonable distance.
- that an appropriate sound-system with micro-phone and loudspeakers is available for the judges and organization.

A Red-Cross post or similar medical care is to be present during the event, at least facilities and materials for first medical care are to be present and all information available for immediate action should more medical care be necessary.

During the event and the distribution of the prizes, national flags of all participants will be present.

The organizing club will also see to it that the national hymn of all participating countries is available.

7. Veterinary – control.

All dogs will be submitted to a veterinary control before entering the show-location. The handler will be required to show the dog's medical vaccination book. All dogs entered for the show must be identified by micro-chip or an at least readable tattoo.

Dogs that are not in good condition or that show to be ill, will not be allowed to participate. Female dogs in heat will be allowed to participate. At all times a veterinary will be present or at least stand-by and quickly reachable.

8. Qualifications and titles.

The qualifications given by the judges must correspond to the following definitions:

EXCELLENT may only be awarded to a dog which comes very close to the ideal standard of the breed, which is presented in excellent condition, displays a harmonious, well-balanced temperament, is of high class and has excellent posture. Its superior characteristics in respect of its breed permit that minor imperfections can be ignored; it must however have the typical features of its sex.

VERY GOOD may only be awarded to a dog which possesses the typical features of its breed, which has well-balanced proportions and is in correct condition. A few minor faults may be tolerated but none of a morphological nature. This award can only be granted to a dog that shows class.

GOOD is to be awarded to a dog that possesses the main features of its breed however showing faults provided these are not concealed.

SUFFICIENT must be awarded to a dog which corresponds adequately to its breed, without possessing the generally accepted characteristics or whose physical condition leaves something to be desired.

DISQUALIFIED must be awarded to a dog which shows a behaviour clearly not in line with its standard or which behaves aggressively or to dogs that show eliminating faults in regard to the FCI-breed standard.

Dogs that cannot be awarded one of the above qualifications shall be released from the ring with the rating : CANNOT BE JUDGED. This rating is to be given to any dog which does not move, constantly jumps up and down on its handler or tries to get out of the ring, makes it impossible to assess the gait and the movement or avoids constantly to be examined by the judge and makes it impossible to inspect teeth, anatomy and structure, tail or testicles. This rating is also to be given if traces of operations or treatment can be observed which seem to indicate that the exhibitor wanted to deceive the judge. The same applies if the judge has ample reason to suspect operations that were intended to correct the original condition or feature (e.g.: eyelid, ear or tail). The reason why the dog was rated CANNOT BE JUDGED has to be stated in the judge's report.

The four best dogs in each class are placed provided that they have been awarded at least the qualification "Very Good". Exception : in baby-class and puppy-class the only qualifications to be given are very promising / promising / sufficient / disqualification / cannot be judged.

The following titles will be given :

World Winner : to the best male and the best female, chosen from intermediate, open, working and champion classes that were awarded the qualification 1° Excellent in their class.

World Youth winner : to the best youth male and the best youth bitch, chosen from youth class (9 – 18 months) or if this class is subdivided, chosen from the males and females that were awarded the first place in their classes within this range of age (9 – 18 months).

The dog and the bitch which were chosen as best of their sex, the best youth male and the best youth bitch should they have received the qualification "1st Excellent" in their class, the best veteran dog and the best veteran bitch which have received the qualification "1st Excellent" in the Veteran class, can compete for the title of Best in Show.

Should the judging take place at the same time in more than one ring, the four best dogs of each class will be picked but will not be placed. Placing these dogs will happen when the judging of all classes are over and this in a central ring so all spectators can enjoy and witness the final placements of the dogs. They will be placed by the same judge that judged their class.

9. Distribution of prices.

The organizing club will see to it that at least (more and other prizes are allowed) the following prizes are available for :

1. Souvenir for each participating dog
2. Prize for the four best dogs in each class (not combined with the souvenir for each dog) :
3. For the best baby / puppy
4. For the male and female World Youth Winner
5. For the male and female World Winner
6. For the best in Show.

A souvenir for the judges and the other collaborators would be appreciated.

The IFR will offer sponsorship to the prize-table within its means.

The national hymn of the owner of the dog that is rewarded Best in Show will be played during the distribution of this prize.

10. Judges.

Only the officiating judge is authorized to make decisions regarding the awarding of qualifications, and placing. In this respect, he is obliged to do this without outside help and/or interference by anybody else. For organizational support, a ring writer and/or a ring assistant, and if necessary an interpreter, are to be available to the judge.

The judge will be assisted by at least one ring writer and a ring steward. Both will fluently speak the language of the judge.

Each participant will receive a written critique of his dog. The judge will dictate these detailed critiques to the ring writer in the language he chooses. The critiques must be written or typed in the same language and will be given to the participant in this language. Should the organization choose to give additional translations of these critiques, it will do so on its own responsibility.

The judges will judge exclusively in accordance with the FCI breed standard that is currently valid.

Only judges from countries whose national Rottweilerclub is a member of the IFR can be invited to judge the show.

Before inviting judges, the organizing club will present their choice of judges to the IFR-board. Only after having received approval by the IFR-board, will they send a written invitation to the judge.

Judges cannot be invited to judge the IFR worldshow if they have judged the event less than 2 years before.

The organizing club will take care of all administrative formalities, including obtaining permission of the national cynological authorities to organize the show and/or to invite the chosen judges.

Judges' rights are as follows:

- The show organization or the inviting club must take care of the judge, according to previous agreement, from the time of his arrival in the country where he is judging until the time of his departure; this normally includes the day before and the day after the show is due to take place.
- A judge has to be provided with lodging accommodation in addition to all regular meals.
- All normal travelling expenses incurred by a judge should be reimbursed immediately upon arrival or, by previous arrangement, should be provided beforehand.
- Liability insurance must be provided by the show organization.

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 show organization and should be honored by both parties.

A judge :

- cannot consult the catalogue of the show before or during his judging. Consequently, the organizer shall not make any catalogue available to a judge before the end of the show.
- cannot smoke or drink alcohol in the show ring while judging the classes;
- cannot travel to a show where he is judging with the exhibitors who will be showing under him at this event. In this respect, the organizer is not allowed to entrust any person who will be showing a dog with the task of looking after a judge prior to the judging process.
- cannot socialize with any exhibitor, stay at his/her home or at his/her expenses if he is expected to judge his/her dog(s). Staying with an exhibitor whose dogs should be judged by him is only permitted -if this was agreed- after the end of the show. The same applies by analogy in the case of private meetings with exhibitors;
- should not be expected to judge more than approximately 50 dogs per day;
- is in charge of the ring. In matters of organization the chief steward is responsible but all activities can only take place with the agreement of the judge;

Any decision made by a judge regarding the qualifications, awards and placing is final and indisputable.

However, complaints about the organization of the show and about the procedure followed to give the qualifications, awards and placing are admissible. These complaints are to be expressed in writing and given to the show-director, at the very latest before the beginning of the prize-distribution. They will be handled and appreciated by a board made out of the present member(s) of the board of the IFR and the show-director. In every case, its decision is final and undisputable.

11. Insurance.

The organizing club will make sure it has an insurance that covers all its collaborators and judges. The IFR can in no way be held responsible for eventual accidents and damages. Each participant is responsible for the damages caused by his dog and the organizing club has the right to demand that the handler can prove that his liability toward third parties is covered by an insurance.

12. Costs / revenues / responsibilities.

All costs, revenues and all responsibilities of whatever nature, concerning the organization of the show are for the organizing club. The IFR will give a limited sponsorship for the price-table within it means.

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