



**OFFICIAL REGULATIONS
FOR
THE MAGYAR VIZSLA
FIELD TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP**



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Art. 1 CONSTITUTION

1. An international Championship called "Magyar Vizsla European Field Trial Championship" "Magyar Vizslák Európa Kupája" was founded by the under mentioned national breeders' associations of Magyar Vizsla, shorthaired as well as wirehaired, all recognized by the governing national canine organization of their country which all are full members of the FCI. This Championship, specifically for shorthaired as well as wirehaired Magyar Vizsla includes two international autumn field trials, a water retrieve test and a morphological conformation. This Championship is run by national clubs of Magyar Vizsla from full country members or contract partner of the FCI, including non member organizations with which the FCI has entered into a cooperation agreement.
2. These regulations were drawn with the approval of the founding breed clubs mentioned below:
Vereins Ungarischer Vorstehhunde e.V. Acknowledged by Verband für das Deutsche Hundewesen,
Klub zur Züchtung Ungarischer Vorstehhunde and Österreichischen Klub für drahthaarige Ungarische Vorstehhunde acknowledged by Österreichischer Kynologenverband,
Belgian Magyar Vizsla Club acknowledged by Union Royale Cynologique Saint Hubert,
Dansk Vizsla Klub acknowledged by Dansk Kennel Club,
Suomen Unkarinvizslat ry. Acknowledged by Suomen Kennelliitto,
Vizsla Club de France acknowledged by Société Centrale Canine pour l'Amélioration des Races de Chiens en France,
Magyar Vizsla Klub Egyesület and Magyarországi Drótszőrű Magyarvizsla Tenyésztők Egyesülete acknowledged by Magyar Ebtenyésztők Országos Egyesületeinek Szövetsége,
Associazione Magyar Vizsla Club Italiano acknowledged by Ente Nazionale della Cinofilia Italiana,
De Nederlandse Vereniging van Hongaarse Staande Honden Vizsla acknowledged by Raad van Beheer op Kynologisch Gebied in Nederland,
Klub Chobatel'ov Maďarskýv Stavačov Slovaquie acknowledged by Slovenska Kynologicka Jednota,
Klub chovatelů hrubosrstých a maďarských ohařů acknowledged by Ceskomoravská Unie,
Nationalni Klub prordi Magyar Vizsla acknowledged by Russian Kynological Fédération,
Društvo Ljubiteljev Ptičarjev acknowledged by Cynological association of Slovenia.
3. This Championship will take place every year organized in turn by one of the participating countries' Vizsla clubs.

Art. 2 PURPOSE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The purpose of this Championship is the selection of dogs in good health, morphologically in line with breed standard, which hunt effectively in a breedappropriate style in a top-class international competition. This provides an essential pipeline of top hunting bloodlines to increase the quality of Magyar Vizslas in the field and to offer hunters and dog-lovers the opportunity to meet each other in a top-class competition in order to stimulate the interest for using Magyar Vizslas as hunting dogs

whilst promoting the sport.

Art. 3 ORGANIZATION

1. The Organizing Committee is responsible for the management of the Championship. It has to take all necessary initiatives required to ensure proper delivery of the Championship.
2. The Organizing Committee is made up of official representatives appointed by every participating country's Vizsla club. The Organizing Committee will determine where necessary the subscription fees, required for the smooth running of the Championship.
3. The Organizing Committee will meet at least once a year on invitation of the president, preferably on the eve of the Championship. The invitations will be addressed to the official representatives of the participating countries. Every official representative has one vote and the decisions are taken by simple majority. The travel and accommodation expenses of the Organizing Committee will be at the expense of the country they represent.
4. The Organizing Committee designates at least two years in advance, the organizing club. The Organizing Committee can only entrust this club after inspection and having been convinced that it has enough organizational qualities and experience in organizing such large international events as well as the quality of the grounds and the game for the field trials. The Organizing Committee assigns the event secretary for the organizing country from a pre-approved list of members designated by the Organizing Committee.
5. The organizers will set the entry fee per competitor annually, payable to the organizers in order to cover the expenses of the organization of the Championship.
6. Judges of the Championship will be appointed by the organizers.
7. The organizers are responsible that everything necessary for the competition should be available during the competition. In particular also will be in charge of:
 - a. to communicate the date and location of the Championship to the participating countries including the invitation at least six months before the event;
 - b. the timely application for both days of the field trials the national CACT and CACIT of the FCI from the relevant National Canine Association (Kennel Club)
 - c. The accommodation of the judges and officials.
8. The organizers will publish the official programme for the Championship.
9. The official programme of the Championship must indicate:
 - a. the name, the breed, the sex, the date of birth, the Stud Book number, the tattoo or chipnumber, the name of the sire and dam of the dog;
 - b. the owner's name and address as well as the breeder's and handler's names;
 - c. the names of the judges;
 - d. the names of the Team Captains.

Art. 4 EVENT STRUCTURE

1. The Championship includes two international autumn field trials, a water retrieve test and a morphological examination (breed conformation).
2. The Championship will be held during September, October or November for three days; field trials will take place on the first and third days, and the water retrieve test and breed conformation on the second day.
3. The CACT and CACIT will be available for classification for the two field trials through the affiliated national canine association for the organizing country.
4. Field trials are run individually. Run-offs will be done in couples.
5. The field trials will be run in accordance with the International Field Trial Regulations and the Official Rules and Bylaws for International Field Trials and International Hunting Tests for Continental Pointers of the FCI, specifically the general terms and conditions pertaining to Autumn field trials, with the exception of certain specific clauses outlined in the present rules.
6. Being an Autumn Field Trial held in hunting season a shot from a shotgun must be fired in every case. If the game can not be shot or it is not allowed to be shot according to the local laws and regulations the possibility to retrieve a shot game at the end of the run must be guaranteed for each dog.
7. Contrary to the terms outlined in the regulations cited above, bitches in heat may participate in the contest, but may not take part in any run-offs where one or more of the other participating runners are male.
8. The water retrieve test will be done with a dead duck in deep water. Clause 2 of Article 13 will be applied.
9. For the morphological examination, the latest edition of the FCI breed standard for shorthaired and wirehaired Magyar Vizsla (FCI standard N°57D and FCI standard N° 239) must be applied.

Art. 5 GAME

1. Field trials are run on feathered game, as possible shot on point. Classification points may be gained when the Vizsla gains point on feathered game at one occasion, if the game was shot on point and the dog retrieved the game. The shooting of game can be restricted, on condition that notice is given on the programme because it is stipulated in the national rules and laws.
2. The water retrieve test will preferably be done with wild ducks, failing which it will be done with pen raised ducks with similar appearance to wild ducks.

Art. 6 PARTICIPATION AND FORMATION OF NATIONAL TEAMS

1. a. All European FCI member countries can only be represented by two (2) teams, (5-5 participating entered dogs). Countries can enter a maximum of two teams. Either one shorthaired and one wirehaired team or one mixed and one either short-, or wirehaired team.

Never two teams of the same breed.

b. The entries must be submitted by the organizations designated or authorized by the national kennel club of the FCI member country (e.g. the clubs that founded this competition, Vizsla clubs or hunting dog clubs).

2. On request, individuals legally residing in a country with no Magyar Vizsla Club presence may be granted participation in the Championship by the Organizing Committee for one or more of their dogs, provided that they satisfy the conditions. Participation will be limited to individual classification. They are not allowed to participate in the national teams. The Organizing Committee is expected to cap the maximum number of dogs representing countries without a Magyar Vizsla Club.

3. Only dogs with Stud Books of the FCI or a contracted partner of the FCI may compete.

4. Vizslas must be registered for at least six months prior the competition with the country for which they will compete.

5. The owners must be nationals of the country or must have had legal residence in the country for which their dogs will compete for at least 12 months.

6. The handlers, professional or amateur may be of a different nationality from their team, but cannot represent more than one country.

7. The participating national teams in the Championship will be accompanied by a Team Captain, appointed in writing by their club. Their role will be to represent their team throughout the event.

8. Team Captains have the right to follow the course of the dogs on their team during the field trials.

Art. 7 ENROLMENT

1. Each participating club must inform the organizers of its intention to compete 3 months preceding the event date at the latest.

2. The exact dates of the national teams and the names of the Team Captains must be submitted by the participating countries to the organizers at least 10 days before the Championship date.

3. No registrations or changes can be accepted after the last entry date stated above.

4. Enrolments must be done using the form created by the organizers, to be submitted to the organizers. Enrolments will only be accepted when accompanied by:

- a. name, breed, sex, date of birth, registration number on Stud Book, tattoo or chip number
- b. name of sire and dam of dog
- c. name and address of the owner, names of the breeder and handler

- d. a photocopy of an up to date rabies vaccine certificate
- e. a copy of the pedigree of the dog

Art. 8 ENROLMENT FEES

Once enrolments are sent by the participating country, registration fees must be paid at the latest by the registration of the dog, the day before the event.

Art. 9 ALLOCATION OF DOGS, JUDGES AND GROUNDS

1. For the field trials, the allocation of runners into stakes will be done the evening before the first day. This is the duty of the organizers.

2. Each stake will be comprised of a minimum of six and a maximum of 14 runners. In order to determine the number of stakes, the number of runners in each stake must be as close to 14 as possible.

This means:

- a. less than 15 runners = 1 stake;
 - b. more than 14 and less than 29 runners = 2 stakes;
 - c. more than 28 and less than 43 runners = 3 stakes;
- etc.

3. One handler may participate of maximum two stakes a day.

4. Runners from the same team should be divided as evenly as possible across different stakes.

5. The allocation of the grounds will remain the same for both two days of the field trials.

6. The order of runs will be drawn the evening before the field trials. The Team Captains and the handlers may be present for the draw.

7. The judges for the different stakes as well as the grounds assigned to the stakes will be drawn the evening before the first day by the organizers.

8. In order to allow each stake to be judged by different judges over different grounds, the grounds and judges as well as the running order will be reversed the second day of the field trials. If the number of competitors requires and there are more than two stakes, a draw will take place between the stakes for ground allocation.

Art. 10 THE JUDGES

1. The judges for the field trials, water retrieve test and morphological examination will be appointed by the organizers.

2. There will be two judges per stake for the field trials, mandatory of differing nationalities.

3. There will be two judges for the water retrieve test, mandatory of differing nationalities.

4. One judge – preferably special Magyar Vizsla judge or at least special FCI Group 7. judge is to judge the breed conformation.

5. In the case of force majeure, only the Organizing Committee can decide whether to appoint another new, available judge, or to proceed with the Chief Judge to replace the missing judge.
6. Only those judges qualified to judge at FCI Group 7. international field trials must judge the field trials and water retrieve test. Only those special Magyar Vizsla judges or at least gun dog specialist judges must judge the breed conformation.
7. In case of more gained CACT for the CACIT or the Winner of the European Field Trial Championship barrage must be held, which will be judged by three judges. The Chief Judge is independent of the competing nations. The two other judges will be drawn with preference to differing nationalities.
8. Accommodation and meal expenses of judges will be at the expense of the organizers, but not travel expenses.

Art. 11 PROFESSIONAL SHOOTERS

1. The organizers will appoint professional shooters who will fire the shots at the game. These shooters are knowledgeable about FCI Group 7. gun dog hunting for the field trials and water retrieve test.
2. The professional shooters remain at the disposal of the judges and will only engage at the judges' direction.

Art. 12 OFFICIAL STEWARDS

1. The organizers will appoint the official stewards.
2. The stewards will accompany and guide the judges and competitors over the grounds for which they must have good knowledge.
3. The official stewards will remain at the disposal of the judges if shot game is needed.

Art. 13 JUDGING

1. In the judging of the field trials, the conditions outlined in the paragraphe "Judging Criteria" of the chapter "Autumn Field Trials" of the official regulations of International Field Trials of the FCI are fully applicable.

Copy from FCI Official Rules and Bylaws for International Field Trials and International Hunting Tests for Continental Pointers / AUTUMN Field Trial for better explanation.

„Art. IV.13 No award will be given to dogs which have not made at least one completed point on feathered game as referred to in art. IV.3 and which did not retrieve game. If the dog had no opportunity to retrieve game during his run, recourse is had, preferably immediately after his run, to retrieval of a freshly taken dead game bird.

- a. *A point begins when a dog winds game and points standing and rigid. Next, the dog exercises a commanded approach or a commanded flush, whereby he remains immobile when the game leaves and steady at gunshot. The point is not ended until the handler has*

leashed the dog or if a retrieve is required, by the authorization to retrieve.

- b. *If a dog points laying once does not need to be eliminated, but cannot be given better than „Very Good”. If this unwanted behaviour is repeated it should be taken into consideration by the judges.*
- c. *If a commanded approach is required the dog should do so unhesitatingly and easily, moving ahead of the handler exclusively at the latter’s command and without losing touch with the game. A long approach is acceptable on condition that the approach is energetic, purposeful and effective. Refusal to execute a commanded approach leads to elimination.*
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- d. *If a commanded flush is required, the dog should show game in a direct action, exclusively at his handler’s command and after authorization of the judge. During this action the handler must remain at the spot from where the flush was commanded. The action should be energetic, purposeful and effective. Refusal to execute a commanded flush leads to elimination.*
- e. *The commanded approach and the commanded flush may not be confused with the dog’s action to restore spontaneously the contact with the scent before the handler’s arrival.*
- f. *A country is free to require a commanded approach, a commanded flush, or to permit both. When the bird will not raise even though the dog is very near the judge might allow the handler to flush the bird (in case of bred or placed birds). This must be decided at the judges’ conference and announced to the Team Captains.”*

2. The water retrieve test takes place using dead duck in deep water. Preferably wild ducks should be used, failing which pen raised ducks of similar appearance to wild ducks may be used. The water must be deep enough to make the dogs to swim.

In all cases the game must be shot at in sight of the dog with a shotgun. The dog is sent to retrieve on the handler’s command, upon the judge’s direction. During the retrieve the handler must stay in the position where the command was given. The dog must retrieve to hand.

The judges will classify the retrieve as follows:

Insufficient: to dogs that do not retrieve the game from water to land

Good: to dogs that retrieve the game but make several faults

Excellent: to dogs steady to shot and fall of game, and retrieve upon command to hand in an efficient manner

3. Breed conformation must be judged according to the show rules of FCI chapter 6. following the breed standard of shorthaired and wirehaired Magyar Vizslas.

Art. 14 CLASSIFICATION AND LIST OF WINNERS

1. In order to establish classifications across the individual and team titles, points will be awarded as per the points below:

Field trials:

CACIT..... 12 points

RCACIT..... 11 points

CACT..... 10 points

RCACT..... 9 points

EXCELLENT 1..... 8 points

EXCELLENT regardless of placing 7 points

VERY GOOD 1..... 6 points

VERY GOOD regardless of placing..... 5 points

CQN..... 3 points

GOOD 2 points

Water retrieve test:

EXCELLENT..... 4 points

GOOD..... 2 points

INSUFFICIENT..... 0 point

Points for breed conformation in individual competition:

EXCELLENT.....4 points

VERY GOOD..... 3 points

GOOD..... 2 points

SUFFICIENT..... 1 point

In team competition the team members' breed conformation results will be summed up and the team will be awarded the average of the total points.

2. The rankings will be determined by the points obtained by the four best runners of each team in the two field trials, the water retrieve test and the breed conformation according to the points above.

3. a. The individual title of “Winner of Shorthaired Magyar Vizsla European Field Trial Championship” and the individual title of “Winner of Wirehaired Magyar Vizsla European Field Trial Championship” will be awarded to the best placed dogs for their respective breeds.

b. Titles may only be awarded to runners with at least one “excellent” classification or two “very good” classifications in the field trial, one “good” classification for the water retrieve test and a “very good” classification for breed conformation.

c. If two or more dogs obtained the same score the ranking must be determined by barrage for both breeds.

4. The rankings of the teams are determined by the sum of the points obtained by the four best runners of each team in the two field trials, water retrieve test and breed conformation according to the points allocation above.

5. a. The title of “Team Winner of Magyar Vizsla European Field Trial Championship” will be awarded to the best placed team.

b. In the case of a draw, firstly the team with the largest number of classified runners in the field trials will be considered, followed if necessary by the individual scores of the first, second, third, and fourth best dog of each team.

Art. 15 LITIGATION

1. The judgement and assessment of the judges are definite and cannot be disputed.

2. By submitting the entry to the Championship, the participants accept the conditions of the FCI regulations, the Official Regulations for the Magyar Vizsla Field Trial Championship (European Cup) and the programme published by the organizers.

3. Any complaints (exclusively in technical cases) must be submitted in writing (in English) by the Team Captain to the event secretary or the Chief Judge, and must be accompanied by a

complaints fee deposit determined by the Organizing Committee.

4. Complaints will be settled by a panel of three appointed by the Organizing Committee approximately within a half day following the submission of the complaint. The panel will make its decision as soon as possible, at latest in four hours.
5. If the complaint is founded the deposit will be returned by the organizers.
6. Results will not be announced until decisions are finalised.

Art. 16 FINAL CONDITIONS

1. All amendments made after ratification by the FCI Commission of Continental Gun Dogs must be presented to this commission and will not be incorporated until the ratification of said amendment by the commission.
2. Only the English text will be used as evidence in the case of litigious interpretation of the text.

The country arranging the European Cup must organize the Derby according to the special regulations accepted by the homeland, Hungary.

3. If the arranging organization acts in violation of the Official Regulations for the Magyar Vizsla Field Trial Championship (European Cup), and thus awards titles or results available in the competition, the irregularly awarded titles or results can be annulled by the decision of the founder of the Official Regulations for the Magyar Vizsla Field Trial Championship (European Cup): Magyarországi Drótszőrű Magyarvizsla Tenyésztők Egyesülete and Magyar Vizsla Klub Egyesület in the breed-homeland Hungary.

This rule shall apply to competitions held after January 1, 2024.

Approved by the official representatives of the Participating Clubs at:

Place:

Date:

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