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## **Art. 1 CONSTITUTION**

1. An international Championship called «Magyar Vizsla European Field Trial Championship» is created 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 representative national teams 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 are drawn up in close consideration with the Participating Clubs mentioned below:  
Vereins Ungarischer Vorstehhunde e.V. recognized by the Verband für das Deutsche Hundewesen,  
Klub zur Züchtung Ungarischer Vorstehhunde and Österreichischen Klub für drahthaarige Ungarische Vorstehhunde recognized by the Österreichischer Kynologenverband,  
Belgian Magyar Vizsla Club recognized by the Union Royale Cynologique Saint Hubert,  
Dansk Vizsla Klub recognized by the Dansk Kennel Club,  
Suomen Unkarinvizslat ry. recognized by the Suomen Kennelliitto,  
Vizsla Club de France recognized by the Société Centrale Canine pour l'Amélioration des Races de Chiens en France,  
Magyar Vizsla Klub Egyesület and Magyarországi Drótszörű Magyarvizsla Tenyésztők Egyesülete recognized by the Magyar Ebtenyésztők Országos Egyesületeinek Szövetsége,  
Associazione Magyar Vizsla Club Italiano recognized by the Ente Nazionale della Cinofilia Italiana,  
De Nederlandse Vereniging van Hongaarse Staande Honden Vizsla, recognized by the Raad van Beheer op Kynologisch Gebied in Nederland,  
Klub Chobatel'ov Maďarskýv Stavačov Slovaquie recognized by the Slovenska Kynologicka Jednota et  
Klub chovatelů hrubosrstých a maďarských ohařů recognized by the Ceskomoravská Unie.  
Nationalni Klub prordi Magyar Vizsla recognized by the Russian Kynological Fédération,  
Društvo Ljubiteljev Ptičarjev recognized by the Cynological association of Slovenia.
  
3. This Championship will take place every year and will be organized in turn by one of the Participating Clubs, except in cases of force majeure.

## **Art. 2 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Championship is the selection of dogs in good health, morphologically in line with breed standard, which hunt effectively in a breed-appropriate 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 and takes all necessary initiatives required to ensure proper delivery of the Championship.
2. The Organizing Committee is made up of Official Representatives appointed by the Participating Clubs. The Organizing Committee will determine where necessary the subscription fees, required for the smooth running of the committee.
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 Clubs. Every Official Representative has one vote and the decisions are taken by simple majority. The travel and accommodation expenses of the Official Representatives will be at the expense of the clubs they represent.
4. The Organizing Committee designates, preferably at least two years in advance, the Organizing Club which will be entrusted with the organization of a Championship. The Organizing Committee can only entrust this organization after inspection and having been convinced that the Organizing Club has enough organizational qualities and experience in organizing international events as well as the quality of the grounds and the game for the field trials. Moreover the Organizing Committee is empowered to assign the event secretary for the Organizing Club from a list of pre-approved list of members as designated by the Organizing Committee.
5. The Organizing Club will set the entry fee per competitor annually, payable to the Organizing Club in order to cover the expenses of the organization of the Championship.
6. Judges for each of the three disciplines of the Championship will be appointed by the Organizing Club.
7. The Organizing Club is responsible for material organization of the Championship and in particular it will be in charge of:
  - a. the communication to the Participating Clubs including the date and location, the

- invitations and other formalities concerning the Championship at least six months before the event through the secretariat of the Organizing Committee;
- b. the timely application for both days of the field trials, the national CACT and the CACIT of the FCI from the relevant National Canine Association (Kennel Club)
  - c. The accommodation of the judges and officials
8. The Organizing Club 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 chip number, the name of the sire and dam for all participating and reserve dogs;
    - b. the owner's name and address as well as the breeder's and handler's names of all participating and reserve dogs;
    - c. the names of the judges;
    - d. the names of the Team leaders.

#### **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 Club.
4. Field trials are run individually. Run-offs will be done in couples.
5. All 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 gun must be used in every case (field-water test). If the game is not 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 all disciplines of the Championship 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 conditions pertaining to the breed standard in chapter 6 of the FCI exhibition dog regulation will be applied for shorthaired and wirehaired Magyar Vizsla.

## **Art. 5 GAME**

1. Field trials are run on feathered game, usually shot on point. However classification points may be gained on all other game but not faults except in the case of chasing of game. A runner may only be placed if it takes at least one valid point on feathered game, which is shot on point. The shooting of game can be restricted, on condition that notice is given on the programme or it is stipulated in the national rules.
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. Each Participating Club may put forward a national team comprised entirely of shorthaired Magyar Vizslas and/or a national team comprised entirely of wirehaired Magyar Vizslas or a mixed national team comprising of both breeds. Each team will have a maximum of five dogs.
2. On request, individuals legally residing in a country with no Magyar Vizsla Club presence may be granted participation to 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. 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 or annexed to a Stud Book of a full member organization of the FCI or a contracted partner of the FCI, as well as dogs registered with Stud Books or annexed to a Stud Book of non-member organizations operating outside of the FCI with signed agreements with the FCI may compete.
4. Dogs must be registered for at least six months with the Stud Book or the annexed to a

Stud Book of the country for which it 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, amateur or professional 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 Leader, appointed in writing by their club in which their role will be to represent and manage their team throughout the event.
8. Team Leaders 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 Organizing Club its intention to compete 3 months preceding the event date at the latest.
2. The exact make-up of the national teams and the names of the Team Leaders must be submitted by the Participating Clubs to the Organizing Club at least 10 days before the Championship date.
3. No registrations or changes will be accepted after the deadline stated above.
4. Enrolments must be done using the forms created by the Organizing Committee, to be submitted to the Organizing Club. 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 as well as the 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 Club, registration fees must be paid at the latest by the morning call of the first day of 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 and is at the discretion of the Organizing Club, in accordance with the conditions outlined above.
2. Each stake will be comprised of a minimum of six runners 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 serry;
  - b. more than 14 and less than 29 runners = 2 serries;
  - c. more than 28 and less than 43 runners = 3 serries;etc.
3. Runners of the same handler may not be divided into more than two stakes.
4. Runners from the same team will be divided as evenly as possible across different stakes.
5. The allocation of runners in each stake will remain the same for the two days of field trials.
6. The order of runs will be drawn the evening before the field trials. The Team Leaders and handlers may be present for the draw.
7. The judges groups for the different stakes of mandatory differing nationalities, as well as the grounds assigned to the stakes will be determined the evening before the first day by the Organizing Club.
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 for the second day of field trials. If there are more than 2 batteries, a draw will take place between the batteries for land allocation.

## **Art. 10 THE JUDGES**

1. The judges for the field trials, water retrieve test and morphological examination will be appointed by the Organizing Club.
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 gun dog judge – is to judge the breed conformation.
5. In the case of last minute force majeure, only the Organizing Committee can decide whether to appoint another available judge, or to proceed with one or more of the indicated disciplines cited above to be comprised of less than two or three judges.
6. Only those qualified to judge at international field trials of continental gun dogs will be authorised to judge the field trials and water retrieve test. Only those special Magyar Vizsla judges or at least gun dog specialist judges qualified to judge at international exhibitions of Magyar Vizslas will be authorised to judge for breed conformation. All judges must be listed on the approved judges list of the country of their legal residence, as well as the FCI.
7. Any run-offs for the CACIT or the European Field Trial Championship will be judged by three judges. The head judge for the run-offs will be pre-appointed by the Organizing Committee regardless 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 Organizing Club, but not travel expenses.

## **Art. 11 OFFICIAL SHOOTERS**

1. The Organizing Club will appoint official shooters who are knowledgeable about gun dog hunting for the field trials and water retrieve test.
2. The official shooters remain at the disposal of the judges and will only engage at the judges' direction.

## **Art. 12 OFFICIAL STEWARDS**

1. The Organizing Club will appoint 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 for any retrieval of dead game.



## 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 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.
  - The fact that a dog points not standing does not imply its elimination, but if it does so without a good reason, even if only once, he cannot attain the qualification of excellent. The fact to repeat such an undesirable pointing should be taken into consideration by the judges.
  - 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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- 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.
  - 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.
  - 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 Leaders.

2. The water retrieve test takes place using dead ducks 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 allow dogs to swim.

The game will be shot in sight of the dog. The dog is then sent 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 and the dog should 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 to hand but executed with several faults

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

3. The latest edition of the qualification conditions found in chapter 6 of the FCI canine exhibition regulations shall be applied in the breed conformation, in accordance with the FCI standards for 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 to runners after they have completed all of the disciplines as per the points allocation 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 participants' results will be summed up and the team will be awarded the average of the total points

2. The standings will be determined by 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.
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 an «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. In the event of a draw for the individual placings, a run-off between the top scorers of each breed will take place
4. The team standings are determined by the sum of the points obtained by the four best runners of the 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, and if necessary rank by the team with the highest points gained by the first, second, third, fourth and fifth runners of each team.
  6.
    - a. A trophy, offered in 2014 by the President of Vizsla Club of Austria, will be held for one year by the Individual Winner and Team Winner of Magyar Vizsla European Field Trial Championship.
    - b. Individual and team prizes will be awarded by the Organizing Club.
  7. The Organizing Club will send the official Championship results to the Official Representatives of the Participating Clubs in the months following the event.

## **Art. 15 LITIGATION**

1. The judgement and assessment of the judges are definite and cannot be disputed.
2. By participating in the Championship, the participants accept the conditions of the FCI regulations, the rules of the Magyar Vizsla European Field Trial Championship and the programme published by the Organizing Club.
3. Any complaints against the enforcement of rules must be submitted in writing (in English) by the Team Leader to either the secretary or the President of the Organizing Committee, and must be accompanied by a complaints fee deposit determined by the Organizing Committee.
4. Complaints will be settled within approximately half a day by a panel of three appointed people within the Organizing Committee. The panel will make its decision as quickly as possible in the four hours following the submission of the complaint.
5. If the complaint is founded the deposit will be returned. Otherwise the deposit will be retained by the Organizing Club.

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. Contrary to the conditions above, the Organizing Club may alter the regulations from the national legislation provided that it does not contradict the FCI rules and that the changes are announced with advance notice.
3. Only the English text will be used as evidence in the case of litigious interpretation of the text.

## **Art. 17 DERBY**

The Derby is for dogs younger than 20 months both individual and team with the same regulations as for the Open class.

Maximum three dogs can participate in a team.

In Derby the passion of search, the run, the style of search must be judged similarly to the Open class competition but in the practical use of the nose and the matured style of search concessions can be made. Concessions can also be made in obedience, jumping after the game and chasing the game leads to elimination only if the dog does not return to its handler and does not follow the search.

In Derby there will be no titles, only classification and points.

The most successful dog can be awarded the "Derby Winner of Magyar Vizsla European Field Trial Championship" title, the team the "Derby Winner Team of Magyar Vizsla European Field Trial Championship" title.

*Approved by the official representatives of the Participating Clubs at (place) and (date) (date),*

*Approved by the FCI Continental Gun Dog Commission at (place) and (date)*