

REGULATIONS FOR THE FIELD TRIAL EUROPA CUP 2016

The goal of the Europa Cup for field trials with the Magyar Vizsla is to spread the rational use of the Magyar Vizsla by the handler. To illustrate the usability of the Magyar Vizsla in an international competition where handlers, hunters and canine specialists get an opportunity to meet during a large scale competition and where all can cheer their sport. The Europa Cup for Field Trials with the Magyar Vizsla is held annually. It is organised by the Vizsla association as officially acknowledged in the country where the competition will be held and as acknowledged by the FCI.

Organisation

1. Organising Committee

The organising committee consists of representatives of all acknowledged Vizsla clubs that take part in the competition, both for the shorthair and the wirehaired Vizsla. Every representative may be assisted by a second person that cannot cast a vote. The organising club will inform all participants of the administration address.

The organising committee will appoint a president and a secretary. Both will remain in office for four years. The vote of the president does not prevail over others. He/she has one vote only. The committee will meet at least once per annum. The president will invite all members for the night preceding the annual Europa Cup trial. The secretary of the organising committee will attend the meeting as an observer but cannot cast a vote.

The organising committee will:

- Appoint the organising club at least two years prior to the Europa Cup event
- Appoint judges who are acknowledged by the FCI
- Publish the date and location where the Europa Cup will take place, during the months of September, October or November
- Publish the fees for participating clubs and fees required for the committee to fulfil its tasks.
- Publish the fees for the participants
- Publish the prerequisites and conditions
- Take all the required initiatives to realise the Europa Cup in cooperation with the organising club. Especially with regards to the publication of all common regulations and information, at least six months prior to the event, to be passed through the administration.

Travel and accommodation expenses made by the members of the committee to attend meetings are for the account of the club to which the members belong.

2. Conditions for the acceptance of candidacy

- The committee can only grant permission for organising the event after checking and obtaining guarantees from the club with regards to capacity, experience in the field of organising similar events as well as to the fields and availability of game.
- Where required, the organising club can be forced to take part in the administration and be forced to send delegates to the Organising committee.
- The organising club will publish all relevant information with regards to the event, being:
 - A proposed date
 - Arrange accommodation for the judges and delegates
 - Choice of fields to be used for the trial
- Clubs that do not have a legal liability insurance to cover the risks of the event will be held responsible in case of accidents or injuries.

3. The judges

- a) The organising club is responsible for the choice of the judges
- b) Every club will hand a list to the organising committee with judges who are competent and approved by the FCI to judge field trials for Vizsla. The list must be validated by the kennel club local to the country where the event will be held. Each participating club can alter this list. Changes will be made available to the administrative office before the annual meeting.
- c) Each series will be judged by 1 judge. If more judges are present, one will be elected president. The organising club can propose a jury but the committee will have a decisive vote. In the event of disagreement, a confidential ballot will be held where the decision is made based on a majority of votes.
- d) The secretary will inform the judges in the month following the annual meeting. The judges will be asked to confirm their availability or lack thereof within a month. No reaction from a judge will be interpreted as being unavailable. If required the secretary will follow the same procedure for backup judges. On confirmation of the availability of the judges, the secretary will inform the committee at least one month before the event.
- e) In the event of a Force majeure where a judge cancels his presence shortly before the event, only the committee can decide on a replacement in an urgent consultation.

4. Technical Delegate

The organising club will appoint a technical delegate chosen from their canine specialists. The delegate will have experience in field trials and is familiar with the current regulations. He will take care of:

- a) Accompanying the judges and guiding them through the terrain with apt knowledge.
- b) Provide the judges with game for the purpose of a cold retrieve.
- c) Keep an eye on the proper progress of the event.

- d) Receive the results from the judges enclosed in an envelope after a series has ended. He will then pass the results on to the secretary of the organising club. He will also receive all results from the water retrieve (good or not acceptable) and the possible assignment of the CACT.
- e) Take all decisions required to apply current regulations.

5. Team Captain

The captain is officially appointed his club by means of accredited letter. He represents his team in the organising committee. His tasks are:

- a) Support the team during the competition
- b) Follow the efforts of the dogs in his team
- c) Spokesman towards the technical delegate in the event of complaints.

6. Official Guns

For each series, the organising club will appoint one or two official guns who are familiar with the work of pointing dogs. They must be available to the president of the jury permanently and step in on his command. If the game is not to be shot, the organising club is free to ask the guns to shoot with blanks.

7. Finances

Each team will pay the required fees to the committee. Accommodation expenses for the jury and official guns are for the account of the organising club.

8. Participants

Art.1

All Vizsla clubs that joined the organising committee can participate. Countries that do not have an official Vizsla club can enter a team as too. The latter will only be ranked individually and not as a team.

Art.2

Participation is open to professional as well as amateur handlers.

Art.3

- a. Every participating team will announce their intent to take part before June 15th, prior to the date of the Europa Cup to the president of the organising club.
- b. Each team must consist of between 1 and 5 dogs. Only the results of the best 4 will be taken into account for the final ranking.
- c. The Europa Cup is one event, taking part during the course of two days with participating teams from various Vizsla clubs.
- d. The courses will be run in Solo
- e. The competition is awarded the CACIT.
- f. If more than one CACT is awarded in the various series, a ????? will be held at the end of the second day.
- g. The run off will be judged by 3 judges who are chosen from the available judges by means of ballot. Where possible they should not come from a the

countries of the participating dogs. During the run off the properties typical to the breed will be judged such as style, motion and quartering. Points or faults will not be taken into consideration.

Art. 4

A backup team can be added provided they were added prior to current regulations.

Art. 5

Each club can enter one shorthair team and/or one wirehaired team or one mixed team.

Art. 6

A team must be represented by a captain, officially appointed by the club.

Art.7

Only purebred dogs with a pedigree can enter the competition. The pedigree must be acknowledged by the FCI, list at least 3 known generations and must have been registered for at least three months with the kennel club in the country of the owner of the dog.

Art.8

- a. Entries must be sent to the organising club at least 2 weeks prior to the first day of the competition to allow them to include the details in the event's program.
- b. By sending in the entry forms, the club binds itself to pay the entry fees in the currency as indicated on the entry form. Payments are due, ultimately, on the morning of the first day of the event.

Art. 9

By signing the entry form, the participating team accepts the program and regulations specified by the organising club.

Art. 10

Bitches in heat, aggressive dogs or dogs with a contagious disease will be excluded from participation.

Art. 11

Before the morning appeal of the first day of the event, each dog can be replaced by a backup without the requirement to specify a reason. It will suffice for the team captain to inform the secretary of the committee. Once the competition has begun, only a bitch in heat or an injured dog can be replaced after being checked by a veterinarian in the presence of the captains of the club in question and of the organising club.

Art.12

Entries are only valid if they comply to the following rules:

1. Name, kennel name, breed, gender, date of birth, kennel club registration number, tattoo or microchip number and workbook must be specified. The will all be entered in the event's catalogue.

2. Name and address of the breeder, owner and handler must also be specified.

With the above purpose in mind the entries must be send in on the forms as spread by the organising club. Once filled in, these forms will be sent to the president of the organising club. For countries that do not have an official Vizsla club, the team captain will send in the entry forms.

Art. 13

The dogs will have the same nationality as their owner. The combination will represent the country in which the owner enjoys civilian rights.

Art. 14

A copy of the rabies vaccination and of the pedigree are mandatory with each entry for the Europa Cup.

Art. 14a

The organising club can amend the regulations to comply with the standards of its country. The organising club must inform participants of such amendments at least 6 months prior to the event.

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A. Terrain

The competition will be held on true hunting grounds with apt cover and vegetation. The area should be large enough to avoid the jury having to use the same grounds twice.

B. Progress of the competition

Day one:

- Introduction of the teams
- Field trial, Solo on shot game
- Conformation test according to FCI regulations by a team of 3 judges

Day two:

- Field trial, Solo on shot game
- Deep water retrieve by each classified dog
- Double event to award the CACIT

C. Game

Art. 15

During the competition point scan be scored on partridge, pheasant, woodcock and ????. Points made on other game will can be taken into consideration. Chasing game will lead to dismissal. After an excellent test, points made on fur or feather other than the types mentioned can lead to an 'Excellent' score at best, without the CAC or CACIT being awarded.

D. Formation of the series

Art. 16

- a. The first day the members of each team will be assigned places based on drawing lots. Each serie will consists of between 6 and 15 dogs. Where possible, each series will contain a handler and dog from each team. One handler can be placed in a maximum of two series only.
- b. The handlers are expected to be present when the lots are being drawn. In their absence at least the team captain must be present.
- c. Each day, within the series, the order in which the dogs will hunt will be determined by:
 1. Order of the clubs
 2. Order determined by ballot of the dogs from the first clubs.
 3. Order determined by ballot of the dogs
- d. The first day, the terrains and judges will also be assigned to the series by a ballot.
- e. The second day the order of the dogs will be determined as in c. The terrains and judges will be switched so that all dogs will be judged by different judges on different terrains.

E. Presentation

1. Common

Art. 17.

On the terrain the dogs must be available for judging at all times. Those that do not respond to the appeal are considered to be withdrawn.

Art. 18.

Handlers must present themselves to the judges before and after their turn and must follow his guidelines.

Art. 19.

Handlers may never work their dogs in a hurry. They must retain within sight of the judges and quarter the terrain in the direction stated by the judge.

Art. 20.

In general terms, the handler should handle his dog by gesture. He can use his voice or whistle but this must be done discretely. The use of ultrasonic whistles is not allowed. Those that do not follow these rules can be expelled.

Art. 21.

When the dog is on point, the handler must work his dog without running. After the flush the dog must be put on the lead and the combination must return to the judge. The handler will not release his dog again unless asked by the judge.

Art. 22

At the start of the course the combination has 1 minute to get used to the terrain. During this period point scan be awarded by faults will be ignored. The end of this minute will be signalled. If the dog is on point during this minute, the signal will be held back until the action has ended. If a point within the first minute is not concluded successfully, the dog will not be recalled under the pretence that he has not had a chance after this minute.

Art.23

The judge must allow the dogs to work for 15 minutes. But each dog that does not work or quarter sufficiently will be stopped sooner.

Art. 24

After the sound of the end signal, no points can be awarded nor can faults be considered except when the dog is out of control and cannot be put back on the lead. The latter will be considered a fault. The qualification can never be higher than CQN.

Art. 25

After the first course, judges can recall dogs that conform to the standards, did not make mistakes but were not presented with game, for as long as the judges see fit.

Art .26

Dogs can be recalled based on their work to the judge's distinction

Art. 27

The jury will try to let all dogs work under the same conditions.

Art.28

If, during a course, a switch of terrain is required, the time required between putting the dog on the lead and releasing him again will not be counted, Flushing the game in the first downwind cast, left or right, will not be marked as a fault, unless the dog deliberately flushes the game upon release. In that case the dog will be expelled.

2. The quartering

Art. 29

The quartering should be wide, within the limitations of the breed, the density of the cover and the nature of the terrain. Within each cast the dog should cross the handler within a gun's reach to comply to the rules of hunting tests on shot game. The dog will sensibly and methodically search the terrain given to its disposal. He will always remain under control yet show plenty of initiative.

3. The movement

Art. 30

The movement must be consistent and typical to the breed.

4. The point

Art. 31

The dog must point the game with precision and authority, in a style typical to the breed.

5. The draw

After a decisive point, the dog must draw tight to the game with the handler with precision and while being self-assured. Drawing tight over a long distance is allowed provided it happens energetically and leads to the required result. Dogs that are reluctant in their draw or that need considerable support from their handler are in serious error.

6. The Retrieve

Art. 33

- a) The retrieve on fresh feathered game, cold or warm, will take place during the course preferably on command. The dog must be swift, have a gentle mouth and preferably present the game to hand. The main goal of the retrieve is its effectiveness.
- b) After all participants in the series have finished their course, the judges decide whether they grant the CACT and a reserve. They will hand their decision to the technical delegate in an enclosed envelope.
- c) The judges will move on to the retrieve from deep water which is mandatory for all qualified dogs. The retrieve will be a dead duck from deep water. A refusal to retrieve will result in a 4 point penalty. Regardless of the dog's qualification, refusal will also result in not granting the CACT, reserve CACT or the Championship winner title.

Art. 34

For the cold retrieve, the game will be thrown within the dog's sight accompanied by a gunshot. The handler must maintain his position.

Art. 35

When retrieving the shot game, the grade of difficulty of the retrieve will largely be taken into consideration.

Conformation tests

Art. 36

The examinations and decisions of the jury are definitive.

Art. 37

Because of the nature of the competition, to approximate the practical hunt as close as possible, the judges will take into special consideration: Hunting passion, effectiveness, use of the nose, perception of scent, initiative, intelligence during quartering, authority on point, carefulness when drawing tighter and controllability by the handler. Effectiveness during the hunt will be valued higher than the retrieve. The judges will examine the dogs on all points in accordance to the breed standards and style. The judges will not qualify dogs on the quantity of point but on quality instead.

Art. 38

To qualify a dog must make a point and his course must have lasted 15 minutes.

Art.39

A point starts with a potential steady point, followed by drawing tighter on command, steadiness on the flush, steady to the shot and the retrieve. The point ends when the dog is being put back on the lead. It is against regulations to support the dog with extra commands.

Exclusion:

Art. 40

Dogs that flush pheasant or partridge or pass by game twice.

Art. 41.

Dogs that deliberately flush a pheasant or partridge after scenting it.

Art. 42

A dog that is on point more than 3 times in various directions without any result.

Art 43.

A dog that refuses to retrieve the shot game after pointing it, that refuses a cold retrieve or the dog that cannot find the shot game on the terrain while it's presence is being acknowledged by the judges.

Art. 44

A dog that deliberately damages the game beyond any question.

Art. 45

A dog that chases game despite the prohibition of his handler.

Art. 46

A dog that does not conform to breed standards while working or quartering.

Art. 47

A dog that is shy to the shot

Art. 48

A dog that quarters too wide while giving the impression of being out of control.

Art. 49

To obtain the qualification '**Excellent**' a natural steadiness to the flush is required. A dog that is not naturally steady but can be stopped by his handler can obtain a maximum qualification of '**Very good**'. A dog that chases game and that does not return to his handler despite several commands qualifies with '**CQN**' at best.

Natural steadiness on the shot is desirable but not a necessity. If the games is missed, the dog must show apt steadiness by allowing to be put back on the lead. Failing will result in a qualification '**CQN**' at best when the course was excellent.

Ranking

Art. 50

The jury consists of 3 judges, the president will stay central with one judge on the left and one on the right with sufficient distance in order not to lose a dog out of sight in undulating terrain. At the end of the course, the judges will gather with the president. Each will report the good and bad points they observed. After deliberation the judges may award a qualification.

Art. 51

Taking the good and bad points into consideration, with the qualities and imperfections of each course and adhering to the qualification as awarded by the majority, each judge will score the dog between 0 and 20. The result will be handed to the technical delegate in an enclosed envelope.

From 0 to 4 : Insufficient

From 5 to 10 : Good

From 11 to 15 : Very good

From 15 to 20 : Excellent

Dogs that do not adhere to the standards or that make expelling faults will be marked by the jury as 'Non Classé' (or '**NC**')

Art. 52

The daily score for each dog will be obtained by taking the average of all points from the various tests and judges, potentially reduced by 4 points (per day) when the retrieve from deep water failed.

Art. 53

At the end of the day the point as awarded by the judges as well as the averages will be published after closing by the president of the committee. A temporary ranking will be published at the end of the first day. This ranking may be amended if the dogs refuse a retrieve on the second day.

Art. 54

The CACT or CACIT can only be awarded to the winning dog if he scored 'Excellent' on both days (15 points or more per day) and performed a successful retrieve from deep water.

Awards

Art. 55

In order to create a ranking that may lead to the title of 'Winner of the Europa Cup for field trials with the Magyar Vizsla', the secretary will score only the dogs that have qualified. He will score them in accordance to the qualifications received over the two days, based on the following table:

Ranking table for the title of the event:

Qualification	Score
Work	
CQN	1pt
Good	2pt
Very Good	3pt
Excellent	7pt
RCACT	8pt
CACT	10pt
RCACIT	+3pt
CACIT	+5pt
Exterior	
Good	2pt
Very Good	4pt
Excellent	6pt

Awarding of the titles

Per Team

The ranking is determined by adding the scores in accordance with the before mentioned table for all three tests for all members of the team. If there is a draw, the team with the most qualified dogs will prevail. If that does not lead to a conclusion, the individual scores of qualified dogs will be compared between the first, second, third and fourth dog of each team. The team that has the best total score will be awarded the title 'Winning Team of the Europa Cup for field trials with the Magyar Vizsla'. In 1998, the president of the French Vizsla club will personally hand a trophy to the best team for the duration of one year. If a team wins the trophy three years in succession, it is allowed to keep it.

Individual

Two individual titles can be awarded each year. One for the shorthaired and one for the wirehaired Vizsla. The ranking of the dogs is determined by taking the sum of the three tests in accordance with the before mentioned table. The participant with the best score and who has a successful deep water retrieve is awarded the title 'Winner of the Europa Cup for field trials with the Magyar Vizsla'. However, to obtain this title the dog must have an 'Excellent' qualification for each day (score of 15 points or more). If there is more than one dog with the same score, the jury will call for a ??? to award the title. This ??? will be judged in accordance to Art. 3, last paragraph. The properties typical to the breed will be judged such as style, motion and quartering. Points or faults will not be taken into consideration.

Art. 56

A preliminary result will be published at the end of the first day. The final results, after the waterwork, will be published at the end of the second day. The results will be discussed in public.

Art. 57

Awards, both individual and per team, will be attended for by the organising club.

Complaints

Art.58

All complaints must be raised in accordance to the rules described in Art. 14 of the "Saint Hubert regulations for hunters with pointing dogs" with the following requirements:

- a) A decision made by the jury is final.
- b) Complaints, that should never doubt the criteria by which the dogs are judged, must be handed in writing by the Team captain to the technical delegate.
- c) A complaint made against the participation of a competitor does not exclude his participation under reservation. ???
- d) A complaints must be accompanied by the required sum of money, determined annually by the organising committee with different amounts for first appeal and appeal.
- e) If the complaint is valid, the money will be returned. If not, the money will be kept by the organising club.
- f) Complaints can be filed with the technical delegate up to an hour before the end of the competition (including ???).
- g) Initially the technical delegate will take a decision on the complaint within an hour of the complaint being filed.
- h) The decision made by the technical delegate can be challenged by registering an appeal in writing to the secretary or president of the organising committee within an hour of the decision made by the technical delegate.
- i) The organising committee will take a decision within two hours of receiving the appeal.
- j) The proclamation of the event's end will be delayed until a decision has been made.

Art. 59

The secretary will publish the official results to the delegates within a month.

Art. 60

The French language is the official language of the organising committee. In case of a dispute based on interpretation or translation, the French text will be binding.

Art. 61

The regulations were accepted in their current form during the meeting of the organising committee on October 3rd, 1998 in Digny (28250), France. The regulations will come in effect during edition 1998 after which there are no amendments possible for the next 5 years.

Minutes of the meeting of European Clubs in Busigny (F) 13/9/2003

This meeting was held on the terrain of the Eurocup , at the end of the first day.

Present were:

Luc De vleinck (B) Hans De Rouck(B) Jaap Den Dulk(NL) Jean-pierre Sauvage (F)

Nathalie Parent (F)

- To be noticed; the European Club is informal and e-mail will be the way of correspondence
- Jaap den Dulk would like more clubs to participate; this is what everyone wishes, the only possibility is to invite them; the result is a the new appearance of the Great Britain.
- After reading the Rules, several changes are made by unanimous decision of the present members. All present members agreed to ask for an official translation by the FCI, after the changes are made.
- It is important to think about the following points:
 - Possibility of a exterior judgement and awarding of points.
 - Possibility to enter more teams per country (one shorthair and one wirehair).
 - Possible entering of bitches in season at the end of the serie, without entering the run off.

France announce that they are not capable to take care of the whole organisation systematically because of lack of interest from other countries based on financial reasons

The Netherlands would like to have more complete hunting tests.

The 2004 edition will take place in Hungary and in 2005 in The Netherlands.