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SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FCI GROOMING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



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1. GENERAL RULES

The FCI Grooming World Championship is for evaluating technical skills of participating groomers on the team/individual basis, in accordance with the following guidelines.

The purpose of the FCI Grooming World Championship is to raise awareness for the importance of grooming for the welfare and health of dogs, to further develop the knowledges and skills of groomers and to present the practice of grooming in the form of competition.

The welfare and health of dogs must be of utmost priority at all Grooming Competitions. Consequently, the organizers must provide a physically and mentally beneficial environment for dogs.

2. ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

The members of the national team must compete for the country where he/she is a citizen of, or the country where he/she has the legal residence at.

The selection method of the national team is left to the discretion of each country. However, a person qualified as a judge cannot be selected as a team member.

In addition, the entry form for the FCI Grooming World Championship must be submitted by the FCI national canine organization of the national team.

3. COMPOSITION OF THE TEAM

Only 1 team per country can compete at the FCI Grooming World Championship. Each team consists of a total of 5 competitors (1 competitor per category).

The national team can still compete at the team competition, even if the team has less than 5 competitors, so unable to compete for all the categories. However, we require minimum of 3 competitors to be considered as a team.

For the FCI Grooming World Championship, 2 parts such as the team and individual are judged at once within 1 single competition.

4. ENTRY FEE

It is left to the organizing country to decide the entry fee for the FCI Grooming World Championship (entry fee per participant).

5. Classification of Categories

The classification of categories for the FCI Grooming World Championship is as follows:

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5
Hand-stripping	Spaniels and Setters	Poodles	Other Pedigree Dogs Scissoring	Pet

However, the decision on the adaptation of Category 5 "Pet" is left to option of the organizing country, is not mandatory.

6. FCI RECOGNIZED BREEDS, ADMITTED TO COMPETE

Breeds admitted to compete are the ones specified in the Regulations for FCI International Grooming Competitions.

7. JUDGING PANEL

Judges who adjudicate in the FCI Grooming World Championship must be richly experienced FCI grooming judges, and they must be either nominated by his/her FCI national canine organization or appointed by the FCI Grooming Commission. Official confirmation will be conducted by the FCI Grooming Commission.

8. EXPENSES OF JUDGES

The FCI national canine organization which organizes the FCI Grooming World Championship must bear the following expenses of judges.

- a) Daily judging fee in accordance with the FCI Dog Shows Regulations.
- b) Travel expenses.
- c) Accommodation fees and meals during judges' stay.

9. PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW AT COMPETITION

The FCI Grooming World Championship is carried out in accordance with the judging procedures and competing times stipulated in the Regulations for FCI International Grooming Competitions.

As regards the numbers of judge(s) for each category, the decision is left to the organizing country and it is possible to appoint one or more judges.

10. PLACEMENTS AND TITLES

For the team competition, the winning team is decided on the total score obtained by all members of each national team, and the winning team shall be awarded the title "20XX (to indicate the year) FCI Grooming Team World Champion".

And for the individual competition, the competitor who obtained the highest score of each category shall be the winner, and the winner of each category shall be awarded the title "20XX (to indicate the year) FCI Grooming World Champion in Category X (to indicate the category number)".

The Best Groomer of that year is chosen from among the winner of each category by mutual consent reached by the judges of each category, and the Best Groomer shall be awarded the title "20XX (to indicate the year) FCI Grooming Individual World Champion".

In the situation of a tied score, the judges will confer and decide amongst them the winning team/individual.

11. DOGS USED IN COMPETITIONS

Dogs for Puppy Clip must be under 15 months old.

Dogs must not be groomed for more than 7 weeks prior to the date of the competition there will be a flexible consideration for the rolled coated stripping breeds but with it still need to show a sustainable transformation.

In principle, competitors must provide their own model dogs and their own grooming tools and table. However, if providing those items is difficult due to the quarantines and/or transportation arrangement and so on, the competitors can request the organizer to provide such on their behalf through the national canine organization which he/she belongs to.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

The use of hairspray is not allowed in principle. However, in the country where the use of hairspray is customary allowed, its minimal use is allowed.

The use of powder/chalk and volumizer or any other related topical product is breed dependent and not allowed for just any breeds. Example of breeds that require it are West Highland White Terrier, Fox Terrier (Wire), Welsh Terrier & Schnauzers (all sizes). Use of those items should be done before or during the competition and not after time is up. Only a light application of finish coat anti-static or coat finish spray can be used if needed but not required.

All dogs must be bathed and dried before the competition. Coat is expected to be presented clean without mats and with sanitary parts neat, nails trimmed properly and ears clean and dry.

Use of any products that change coat colour, original condition and/or texture is not allowed.

Participants must be older than 18 years old. Those under 18 require parental consent.

There will be a 10-minute break for dogs and groomers to rest in the middle of the competition, no consultation, use of electronic devices or coaching in any form is permitted.

The FCI national canine organization who sends the national team must ensure that their dogs are fully vaccinated and in compliance with any related law.

Use of grooming arm is permitted only if it is allowed in the country that is organizing it. However, the safety and welfare of dogs is of utmost importance. If a dog is found to be left alone on the table with no supervision it can be serious fault leading to disqualification. Restrain too tight from a grooming arm can result in a point deduction as a fault. Only single restrain can be used when a grooming arm is used.

Points will be also deducted if the groomer is found to be untidy with his/her equipment.

Competitors need to be in the ring 30 minutes before the start of the competition for prejudging.

These Specifications were approved by the FCI General Committee in Madrid, on November 22-23, 2022. They are valid from their publication.