

# FCI GENERAL COMMITTEE

## ONLINE MEETING, September 3-4, 2020

### DECISIONS

According to the new Statutes and Standing Orders, the minutes of the General Committee meetings are not circulated any more to our members and contract partners. We therefore ask our members and contract partners to pay particular attention to the following information.

The FCI General Committee met online on September 3-4, 2020. Please find below the decisions which were made. We thank you for passing on this important information to your judges, breed clubs, clubs and all people involved in the dog scene in your country and to possibly reproduce them in your kennel gazette.

#### PROPOSALS OF THE COMMISSIONS

- **Agility Commission:**
  - **Amendments in the FCI Agility Judging Guidelines**  
All the amendments were approved. However, one point related to what dogs/what competitors a judge is allowed to judge must still be clarified with the commission.
- **Dog Dancing Commission**
  - **New Regulations for the Dog Dancing European Open Championship**  
Approved.
  - **Amendments in the Guidelines for the Organisation of FCI International Dog Dancing Competitions**  
Approved.
  - **Amendments in the Guidelines for FCI Dog Dancing Judges**  
Approved.
- **Commission for Utility Dogs**  
*Internal Operating System:* Item 3 "Balance" does not reflect reality. The rest was approved. The FCI Head Office will contact the commission.
- **Commission for Retrievers**
  - **Incident at the 2019 French Cup for Retrievers**  
The final following decision was made: the CACITs awarded at the French Championship are validated and the SCC is not allowed to have the CACIT awarded at Retrievers events in 2020

- **Commission for Education and Public Relations**

1. *Lobbying in the European Parliament*
2. *Professional presentation of the Organisation*
3. *Creating an international campaign promoting pedigree dogs*
4. *Creating a platform for sharing educational materials and best practices*
5. *Starting negotiations with NCOs (National Canine Organisations) to have a single unified FCI breeder education programme*
6. *Dog day: remark from the FCI General Committee: there already is an international Dog Day.*

The FCI PR (Public Relations) Team will be consulted before any further actions are taken. It was indicated that *Kellen Europe* is already contracted by the FCI Europe Section to take care of all dog matters related to Europe.

- **Commission for Rescue Dogs**

- **Amendments in the FCI Regulations for awarding the CACIT at International Rescue Dog Tests and International Rescue Dog Team competition**  
Approved.

- **Commission for British Pointers**

- **Amendments in the Regulations of the European Cup Grande Quête Field-Trials for British Pointers.**  
Approved.

- **Commission for Flyball**

- **Amendments in the FCI Regulations for Flyball competition**  
Approved.
- **Amendments in the Specifications for the Flyball Open World Cup of the FCI (FOWC)**  
Approved excepted for the issue of the residence of the competitors representing a country.

- **Show Judges Commission**

- **Addition in the FCI Show Judges Code of Commitment to the welfare of Pedigree Dogs: Judges behaviour in social media**  
New article 9: 3 items out of 5 were approved.  
New article 10: approved + addition of a reference to FCI Standing Orders (Art.26.11)
- **Amendments in the FCI Regulations for Show Judges: Art 6.b, Art.6.d and Art.7**  
Approved. However, in order not to penalise the candidates who have already started their education under the current regulations, the amendments will apply exclusively to the candidates who start their education process.

- **Shows Commission**

- ***Creation of two new FCI titles: FCI International Junior Champion and FCI International Veteran Champion***

The FCI staff will have to be either internally reshuffled or completed with one extra person. The requirements for the titles were approved as such but will have to be adjusted to the specificities of the FCI Sections. Further information will be communicated.

- ***Each NCO is entitled to hold separate competitions for their native breeds in the main ring of the show whether or not these breeds are recognised by the FCI.***

The following definitive wording was finally approved: “Each NCO is entitled to hold separate competitions in the main ring for their native **or nationally recognised** breeds, no matter if they are recognised by the FCI or not”.

- ***The commission asks the General Committee to turn to all the NCOs to get information about their national regulations regarding dog import.***

Approval.

## PROPOSALS OF THE MEMBERS

- ***RKF (Russia): Revised division of the country into different regions (FCI Titles: CIB and CIE)***

Approval.

- ***FCM (Mexico): creation of a commission for Canine Welfare and Health***

Considering the current situation and the pressure exerted on the FCI and most of its Members and Contract partners regarding canine welfare, FCM suggested the creation of an official FCI commission for Canine Welfare and Health.

Following long discussions, an FCI Committee committed to Canine Welfare and Health was appointed by the General Committee and it will work under the leadership of Dr Payró (MX). The members of the Committee will be appointed shortly and will come from the 3 FCI sections. In addition a representative from our Partner, *Royal Canin*, will be part of the group as well as another representative from *Four Paws*, a global animal welfare organisation with which the FCI has already had the opportunity to cooperate in a professional and friendly manner.

- ***ENCI (Italy): Bergamasco Shepherd Dog (194) as a working breed (herding work exclusively)***

Approved. As per ENCI request, the new status of the breed – subject to a working trial (herding work exclusively) will apply worldwide and not only to ENCI-registered dogs.

- ***VDH (Germany): addition of the prefix “FCI” to all the official FCI awards (FCI-CACIB, FCI-1st Exc, etc.) in the FCI regulations.***

Approved.

## OTHER DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

- **Issue WUSV vs FCI:** 2 court cases are ongoing: 3 WUSV breed clubs took the VDH to Court and later on, 13 clubs (among which the same 3) took the VDH and FCI to Court. For the time being, only a provisional hearing took place in the frame of the first court case. No audience was yet held for the 2<sup>nd</sup> case.
- **FCI World Congress for Show Judges 2021:** the congress will be organised by the Société Centrale Canine (SCC).
- **FCI World Congress for Show Judges 2022:** the Confederação Brasileira de Cinofilia (CBKC) confirmed that it will organise the event.
- **FCI Judges Directory:** the final stages are now nearly over. The website must be adjusted technically so that it can meet with the new legal situation. Once it is technically ready, the NCOs will receive all the documentation and instructions (technical and legal).

## COVID-19 RELATED DECISIONS

- **Covid-19: FCI “Asia, Africa and Oceania” Section shows**  
 2021 (Philippines): postponed to 2022 in addition to the regular 2022 Section show to be held in Japan.
- **Covid-19: FCI Europe Section shows**  
 2020 (Slovenia): postponed to 2021 in addition to the regular 2021 Section show to be held in Hungary.
- **Covid-19: FCI “Americas and Caribbean” Section shows**  
 2020 (Costa Rica): postponed to 2021 in addition to the regular 2021 Section show to be held in Peru.

If the dates of the events have already been communicated to the FCI Head Office, they are available on the FCI website (<http://www.fci.be/en/schedules/championships.aspx>)

- **Covid-19 provisional measure: requirements to get the title of CIB and CIE**

**CIB (NON-WORKING BREEDS) AND CIE (FOR WORKING BREEDS):** particular Section, Country, Breed-specific requirements are not taken into account

NOW	NEW TEMPORARY REQUIREMENTS
4 CACIB	4 CACIB gained at shows held between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020 and 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
3 different countries	2 different countries
3 different judges	3 different judges
1 year and 1 day between first and last CACIB	1 year and 1 day between first and last CACIB

**CIB (FOR WORKING BREEDS):** particular Section, Country, Breed-specific requirements are not taken into account

NOW	NEW TEMPORARY REQUIREMENTS
2 CACIB	2 CACIB gained at shows held between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020 and 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
2 different countries	1 country
2 different judges	2 different judges
1 year and 1 day between first and last CACIB	1 year and 1 day between first and last CACIB
Working test appropriate to the breed	Working test appropriate to the breed

### NEXT MEETING IN 2021

- ❖ 18-19 Feb 2021: Cancun (MX) (upon invitation of the FCM)