

Guidelines WUSV-World Championships 2015 in Lahti

1 Schedule and activities

The WUSV World Championships are being held on September 22nd to September 27th 2015 in Lahti/Finland at Lahti-Stadium. The schedule is as follows:

1.1. Arrival of teams

The arrival of participants is latest on Sunday September 20th 2015. On arrival of the teams the scorebooks are to be handed over at the information office at the stadium. At the same time the team members will be given:

- start numbers
- catalogue
- schedule of training
- other relevant information

Each country will bring two national flags (one for the flagpole and the other to be carried) and their country's national anthem on CD. The flag for the flagpole and the CD with the national anthem will be handed over at the office by arrival.

1.2. Training possibilities at the Stadium

1st training day: Monday September 21st 2015 from 7.00 am to 3.00 pm.

2nd training day: Tuesday September 22nd 2015 from 7.00 am to 12.00 noon.

A "à jour" version of the schedule can be seen at events official webpage:

www.wusv-wm2015.fi

1.3. Ceremonious opening of the World Championships

Will be held at the stadium on Monday, 21st September 2015, at 4 pm at the Stadium. All participants must attend, preferably with dog.

1.4. Judges seminar

Only for judges of events of 2015 and 2016 a special seminar will be held at the stadium on Monday, September 21st, from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.

1.5. Judges meeting

The judges meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd at 1.00 pm in the conference room at the stadium.

1.6. Demonstration of discipline “C” protection

On Tuesday, 22nd September at 2.00 pm at the Stadium

1.7. Teamleader meeting

The team leaders will be meeting on Tuesday, 22nd September at 3.00 pm at the Stadium conference room.

1.8. Drawing of starting numbers

Tuesday, 22nd September at 6.00 pm next to the stadium at exhibition hall “Vesijärvi Halli”.

1.9. Start of discipline “A”, tracking

Wednesday, September 23rd in tracking fields, in groups of 5 or 6. The laying of the tracks begin at 7.00 am and the first dog starts tracking at 8.00 am.

There is no bus transportation for spectators to the tracking fields.

1.10. Start of discipline “B” obedience and “C” protection

Wednesday, September 23rd at 7.00 am at the Stadium

1.11. Folklore evening

Thursday, 24th September 2015: typical Finnish evening program for teams and guests – if the weather allows! From 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

1.12. Festive gala evening

Will be held on Saturday, September 26th at 8.00 pm at “Vesijärvi Halli”. Entry cards are available at the competition office.

1.13. Victory ceremony and ending of Event

Sunday, 27th September, about 4.00 pm at the Stadium. The best 10 of single competitors and the best 3 teams will be awarded. All participants must attend the victory ceremony, if possible with dog.

1.14. Team leader end conference

On Monday, 28th September at 10.00 am, at the conference room at the Stadium.

2 Organizer

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The organizers can best be contacted through the competitions official webpage:

www.wusv-wm2015.fi

3 Judges of the WUSV-World Championships 2015

Chief Judge: Dr. Wolfgang Tauber, Austria
(Deputy Chief Judge: Josef Vonarburg, Switzerland)

Responsible for Tracking: Peter Mayerl, Austria

Judge for discipline A: Josef Schallegruber, Austria (judge for 2016 Hans Graf, Switzerland)

Judge for discipline B: Günter Diegel, Germany + for "lay down" Juha Puurunen, Finland
(judge for 2016 Haro Masuda, Japan)

Judge for discipline C: Pierre Wahlstroem, Sweden (judge for 2016 Toine Jonkers, The Netherlands)

Accommodation of the judges:

Hotel Cumulus Lahti (Center of Lahti –City)

Kauppakatu 10

15140 Lahti

4 General Information

4.1. Competition regulations and conditions of participation

The valid regulations used are WUSV-PO / IPO 3, from year 2012. The participants must have a result (done since the last World Championships) from either SchH3, IPO3 or equivalent trial, with the same handler as now entered. At this trial the overall points must be minimum of 250, and from each discipline minimum of 80 points. This result needs to be done by the time of entry. Each dog handler can only start with one dog.

Each dog must have a WUSV approved pedigree.

For World Championships 2015 it is recommended that the dog has official (SV & WUSV) approved hip and elbow x-ray result. This is compulsory for participating dogs for the Championships in 2016.

4.2. Entry deadline

The last possible date for entry to the competition is **September 6th 2015**. The original entry form from the official webpage is to be filled out with the following information:

- Name of the doghandler (copy of passport, or confirmation of citizenship)
- If the doghandler does not have the citizenship of the country he/she is representing, it must be proven by other means that the handler indeed lives and has his/her permanent life and residence in that country.
- photograph of doghandler in passport form
- name, breed and sex of the dog

- pedigree/studbook number
- number of id-chip or tattoo
- date of birth
- name and studbook numbers of stud and dam
- number of points from trial A/B/C and total as well as name of handler, judge ,date (must be from current year).
- name and address of the club that they are representing
- confirmation of the WUSV-member club that is entering the team
- teamleader: name, address, telephone, email, fax, photograph in passport form
- assistant teamleader: name, address, telephone, email, fax, photograph in passport form

4.3. Entry address

Final entries by September 6th 2015 via HP: www.wusv-wm2015.fi

Entry fee 120,- EUR payable latest by September 6th 2015

To:

Saksanpaimenkoiraliitto ry

Järvihaantie 16

01800 Klaukkala Finland

Bank: Danske Bank

IBAN: FI08 8146 9710 0880 62

BIC/ SWIFT: DABAFIHH

4.4. Catalogue numbers

The given catalogue numbers will be the property of the doghandler after the Championships 2015 have ended. The number must be carried and displayed by the doghandler during drawing of the start numbers, at the beginning of each discipline A/B/C until end of own group and also during victory ceremony. The catalogue numbers display country of representation (as in Olympic rules) and individual number of the handler in his/her team.

4.5. Accommodation and hotel reservations

Hotel bookings can be done through touristboard and the links on webpage of the organizers.

For any questions please refer yourself to the organizers.

4.6. For the participating dogs the following documents are compulsory:

- pedigree
- scorebook (with result of SchH3)
- valid EU-vaccination pass (please check veterinary regulations)
- or dog passport = health certificate
- certificate of liabilities insurance
- rabies vaccination
- certificate of deworming, that the dog is treated against echinococcus (tapeworm, with substance containing Praziquantel or Epsiprantel) 1-5 days before entering the country. The treatment has to be marked in the pet passport by a veterinarian. Before entry to Finland please check the entry regulations: <http://www.evira.fi/portal/en/animals/import+and+export/>

4.7. Entry regulations for persons

A valid passport is required. For persons from EU-countries either a valid passport or identification card. For more information please contact the Finnish Consulate. More information on border control webpage: http://www.raja.fi/guidelines/travel_documents

4.8. Animal welfare regulations and laws

According to the Finnish animal welfare laws and WUSV regulations is the training of dogs prohibited before and during this event with the following methods:

- with violence and aggression
- with electric collars and devices
- with spiked collars and devices
- with substances/medicines considered doping (Finnish Kennelclub antidoping regulations: <http://www.kennelliitto.fi/sites/default/files/media/antidopingregulation.pdf>)

Violation of these regulations and laws may result in disqualification at the WUSV Championships and/or prosecution according to the national laws. If the dog is kept in a car or trailer, the doghandler must provide the dog with enough fresh air and drinking water.

4.9. Veterinary regulations

The competition is supervised by a veterinarian. To be able to start at this competition each dog must pass a veterinary examination before official training, latest by Monday September 21st 2015 at 3.00 pm. A schedule for veterinary control will be provided by the organizers at the entry control at the Stadium. The veterinarian is available at the Stadium on Sunday 20th September between 8.00 am to 6.00 pm. **Bitches on heat will be examined for their season by the veterinarian.**

A veterinarian is available throughout the competition.

The organizers have the right to order a veterinary examination at all times during the competition, if the dog is showing symptoms of illness or injury. The notification to veterinary control is valid at all times.

More detailed vaccination regulations can be found on the organizers webpage.

4.10. Medical services (Doctor/Dentist)

It is recommended that you have a private health insurance for duration of your stay in Finland. In many cases (according to EU regulations and some contracts also with countries outside of EU) you might have the possibility for medical services in Finland. In any case if you are in need of medical attention please contact the organizers, they can provide you with assistance to locate the nearest doctor, dentist or hospital. Should your dog need a veterinarian or vet clinic, the nearest ones can be provided by the organizers.

4.11. Restaurants

It is advisable that when larger parties wish to go out for a meal, that a reservation is booked at the restaurant.

In most restaurants the menu can be provided in English.

Prices in restaurants and hotels are inclusive tax. By good service a small tip is recommended. At most hotels and restaurants credit cards are accepted (Visa, Mastercard, etc.).

4.12. Driving in Finland

Finland drives on the right. Please note that all persons have to use seatbelts in a car, headlight use during all times is compulsory and alcohol limit is 0,5 g/l. Also the usage of mobile phone during driving is restricted (no usage without handsfree). More information: http://www.expats-finland.com/pdf/driving_in_finland.pdf

4.13. Petrol prices

Depending on international oilprices and national location, the prices for petrol are on average as follows (March 2015):

E95 (unleaded) about 1,50 EUR/l

Diesel about 1,40 EUR/l

4.14. Currency

Finland uses the Euro.

Money exchange is possible at banks, different currency exchanges (Airport, Main trainstation in Helsinki, etc.). Hotels do not exchange currencies. You can also draw cash at most ATM's with credit cards and Visa Electron –cards. The ATM's are marked orange and with text "Otto".

Most international credit cards (Visa, Visa Electron, Mastercard, etc) are accepted. When renting a vehicle, you will need a valid credit card.

5 General information about the event

5.1. Judges meeting

Tuesday, September 22nd 2015 at 1.00 pm at the Stadium conference room. As participants are invited the following persons:

- head of organizations committee
- responsible for tracking
- chief judge, deputy chief judge
- judges A, B, C + lay down judge
- persons responsible for the disciplines A, B, C
- office manager

All the judges will be provided with the scoresheets needed in their own language.

5.2. Teamleader meeting

Tuesday, September 22nd 2015 at 3.00 pm, at the conference room at the Stadium. The room has enough space for about 100 persons.

To the meeting are invited the following persons:

- as in 5.1.
- team leaders and their assistants.

Points of discussion:

- information regarding the event
- tips and advice from the organizers
- information about the tracking fields, given by the "responsible for tracking"
- presentation of the judges
- guidelines of the judging by chief judge
- guidelines to performing the individual disciplines

- confirmation of the participants, possible substitute dogs, information on bitches on heat
- drawing of the order in which the countries draw the start times

5.3. Training possibilities at the stadium

Training at the stadium is on Monday, 21st September and Tuesday 22nd September 2015, starting at 7.00 am, according to training schedule. The amount of time depends on the team and number of team members. For training at the stadium are only the participants and relevant helpers allowed. At the stadium are blinds, jump- and A-hurdle, as well as retrieve articles.

The time allowed for training is 5 minutes/dog participating. But at least 10 minutes/team. The training order is alphabetical according to the Olympic system. The training is supervised by the organizers. If a team does not attend at their given time, they may train at the end of the training session.

Bitches in heat are not allowed for training. They will have their training time just before their start in discipline B.

There will be additional training possibilities in the vicinity of the stadium. These are located about 1-3 km from the stadium. The persons allowed are only the team members, team leaders and additional help persons of the teams. Blinds and hurdles are available at these places. More information available at the office.

5.4. Demonstration of discipline “C” protection

The demonstration of protection is on Tuesday 22nd September 2015 at 2.00 pm at the stadium. Also the helpers will be introduced. Present will be the chief judge, judge for discipline C, head of the organizations committee as well as the protection helpers. At least 4 dogs are to be presented.

5.5. Ceremonious opening of the World Championships

The opening ceremony is on Monday, 21st September at 4.00 pm at the Stadium. The opening speech by the President of the WUSV.

5.6. Drawing of start numbers

The drawing of the individual starting numbers will be held on Tuesday, 22nd September at 6.00 pm next to the stadium at exhibition hall “Vesijärvi Halli”. For the teams and team members is seating reserved. For spectators is enough space.

Before the drawing snacks and soft drinks are for sale.

5.7. Attending of teamleaders

Team leaders may revert their questions and problems to the organizers. The organizer tries to give a care taker for each team. The dog handlers will be given parking permissions at the teamleader meeting. The dog handler must enter the licenseplate number of the car, as well as mobile telephone number on the parking permission.

5.8. First aid and veterinary services

First aid and veterinary services are available at the stadium. At the tracking fields a mobile first aid service is available if needed.

5.9. Identity control of the dogs

The identity control of the dog (chip or tattoo) is always after each discipline has been finished. The controllers have an ISO standard approved microchip reading device. If for some reason another type of chip is planted, then the teamleader must bring the appropriate device with him/her.

5.10. Catering at the Stadium and tracking field

There are catering services at the stadium and also in the tracking fields. Also drinking spots are available for the dogs.

5.11. The Stadium

The stadium is the Lahti-Stadium, in Lahti. The driving directions are clearly marked from the motorway. The stadium is an open football stadium with athletic running tracks, close to the 3 ski jump hills. There are two grandstands for spectators. The covered main grandstand is for about 7000 spectators. The stadium has a tv-quality floodlighting system. Obedience and protection work will be alternated at the stadium. By constant rain the devices for obedience and blinds for the protection have to be changed when needed. Parking space for participants and team leaders are about 150 meters from the Stadium.

5.12. Schedule

The schedule has been prepared so, that each dog does only one discipline in one day. At the stadium the groups of 6 for obedience and protection work will be alternated. Participants that do not report 15 minutes before the beginning of their discipline will be disqualified. All doghandlers will be given a schedule.

5.13. Disqualification

If a dog is disqualified in one discipline, then the dog can not start in the other remaining disciplines.

6 Discipline "A", Tracking

6.1. The tracking will be performed on meadow ground. At the time of the event (depending on weather and agricultural usage) the length of grass should be about 5-15 cm high. Change of terrain is not possible. For all participants the terrain should be equal. Each field will be used only once. The tracking fields are in a wide agricultural terrain (you read correct: Finland is not just forests and lakes), about 20 km from Lahti. In clear weather the mornings are usually very heavily dewed and also with a possibility of heavy fog. During daytime the temperatures can go over +20 degrees Celsius.

6.2. Laying of tracks

The laying of tracks is done in normal walk. The corners will not be marked. The start of the track is not heavily tread. Replacement tracks will be layed. The articles will not be put down in any given sequence.

6.3. Articles on track

The objects are made of:

- leather
- wood
- carpet

And they are presented on the website of the event. The objects are from the company Gappay. The signpost and articles will be provided by the organizers. All articles are clearly marked. Sending of articles before the event to teams is not intended.

6.4. Tracking pattern and length

According to regulations of IPO the track is 600 paces. Shortening of the tracks is not intended. The persons laying the tracks will be supervised by the person responsible for the tracks. The tracking patterns will vary according to the IPO regulations. If the terrain allows, the first article will be put down about 100 paces on the first leg. If the former is not possible, will the first article lay on the second leg.

6.5. Transportation to the tracking fields

The chosen tracking fields are about 20 km from the stadium. The participants will drive with their own vehicles. The team leader will be given a map to the central meeting point by the fields. There the dogs can be walked. From this point there is a short transfer to the individual tracks. The spectators will not be transported to the tracking fields by bus. Driving directions for spectators are not intended. The tracking fields can not be used for training. Braking of the rules will result in disqualification. The organizers will provide equal terrain for traing.

6.6. Identity control, behavior testing and drawing of the tracking group at the field

When the doghandlers reports to the judge for tracking, a behavior test of the dog is done and the tracking sequence is drawn. If a handler is not at the drawing or start time of his/her tracking, they will be drawn with others. The drawn track will stay in reserve and will be tracked at a later time. If the missing doghandler hasn't arrived by the time his/her tracking group has finished all tracks, then the dog will be disqualified. The identity control (chip or tattoo) will be checked after the dog has finished tracking.

6.7. Control of the tracking line

After the drawing of the tracks, the tracking line is controlled for correct length and the line is marked. The tracking can be performed by a such marked tracking line.

7 Discipline "B" obedience

7.1. General

The obedience will be alternated with the protection work at the stadium. The stadium terrain is grass. The working direction is when looking from the main grandstand from right to left. The obedience will not be demonstrated. The dog handlers may wear normal sportive clothing, no special training vests are allowed.

7.2. Starting control

The dog handler must be ready for his/her exercise about 15 minutes before given time according to schedule. The doghandler will be presented to the control by team leader or teamleader assistant. The dog's collar will be controlled. If a doghandler is not 15 minutes for his/her start time at the control point, the dog will be disqualified. The chipnumber or tattoo will be controlled after the performance at the gate.

7.3. Hurdles/dumbbells/guns

According to IPO-rules a closed plankhurdle is to be used, and a reserve hurdle to stand by. The A-wall is to be covered by non-slippery material and spokes. The measurements according to valid regulations. The hurdles must be removed from the field, their placements to be marked beforehand. The sequence of the hurdles according to the drawing. The hurdles must also be available at the training grounds. The retrieving dumbbells must be double, two identical sets. Measurements and weights according to rules. Additional weights are not allowed.

The weight of dumbbell for retrieving on flat ground is 2 kg and the weight of dumbbell for the hurdles is 650 g. The dumbbells provided by the organizers must be used by all participants. The doghandlers own dumbbells are not allowed. All retrieve exercises must be performed in the same direction as the other obedience exercises.

The organizers are to provide two caliber 6 mm pistols to be shot on the first leg of heel – exercise.

7.4. The “lay down” places for males and females are to be separate, both clearly marked.

8 Discipline “C” protection

8.1. General

The protection work will be performed at the stadium in alternative sequence with obedience. The working direction is when looking from the main grandstand from right to left. The first sendoff to blinds is left. The starting point for handler and helper are marked. The helpers will work according to instructions given at the presentation of the protection work.

The doghandler can wear light sportive clothing, but not a special training vest. From the point of starting to the judges critique the dog has to be off the leash, according to the new trialrules. The dog can be put on leash before the judge gives the critique.

8.2. Starting control

The dog handler must be ready for his/her exercise about 15 minutes before given time according to schedule. The doghandler will be presented to the control by team leader or teamleader assistant. The dog’s collar will be controlled. If a doghandler is not 15 minutes for his/her start time at the control point, the dog will be disqualified. The chipnumber or tattoo will be controlled after the performance at the gate.

8.3. The helper by protection work

The helpers and their replacements are to be chosen at the demonstration of discipline “C” protection work. They will be chosen by Chief Judge and the judge for this discipline. For the movements of the helpers please see on the webpage. All the helpers will work left. It is not allowed for competition helpers to train the dogs starting at this competition. This does not apply to the participants of the host country. By any violations the helpers will be replaced.

8.4. Protective clothing of helpers

The protective clothing of the helpers are normal at stores procurable protective clothing; a jacket, trousers, arm and cleat shoes (football shoes). Softstocks will be used. The equipment will be from the company Gappay.

8.5. Protection blinds

The protection blinds will be normal at stores procurable blind tents, colour yellow (Gappay). That the dogs have an equal chance of working the place for lay down, and the stading place for the helper are to be marked for part "fleeing". The blinds will be removed for obedience, places marked.

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