

ATIBOX (Association Technique International Du Boxer) AFFILIÉE Á LA FCI Specifications for the organization of the ATIBOX FH World-Championship and the competitions

These specifications have been approved at the meeting of the ATIBOX-Presidium held in Velbert (Germany) on 13th September 2013. They supersede all present regulations.

1. Application and award

1.1. The “ATIBOX FH World Championship and the competitions” are held each year on the first or second weekend in November. National organizations, that would like to organize these World-Championships, must apply in writing to the chairman of the ATIBOX Working-Commission at least two years beforehand. The application must contain:

- The name of the national organization
- The venue of the ATIBOX FH Word Championship and the binding date
- The name and address of the person in charge organizing the event.

1.2. The ATIBOX-Working-Commission reviews the received applications, afterwards the applications will be given to the ATIBOX-Presidium with a recommendation of the ATIBOX Working-Commission. The ATIBOX-Presidium assigns the event to a national organization by majority vote.

1.3. The national organization, which is assigned to organize the ATIBOX FH World Championship shall bear full responsibility for the smooth and trouble-free running of the championship.

1.4. Not later than July of the year the national organizations of ATIBOX are to be invited by the organizing national body. At that time an internet presence should be online with information about persons in charge, accommodation, registration form, map and directions, fields etc.

1.5. The amount of the registration fee shall be set up by the ATIBOX-Presidium. The registration fee currently is 50 EUR for competitors from countries Atibox memberships, and 75 EUR for competitors from countries non Atibox memberships (Social events are not included). The organizing national association is subsidized by ATIBOX. The grant currently is 2000 EUR.

2. Organization

2.1. A catalogue, with information about participants and a schedule must be published. The participating countries have to be listed in alphabetical order and in the language of the national organization. The participants receive a catalogue number or a start code. That start code is to wear as number by the participants visible during the whole competition. The most important parts of the catalogue must be drafted in at least two official languages of ATIBOX, whereas one language must be English.

2.2. All results must be regularly entered on a results board easily visible to the public.

3. Trial Chairperson

3.1. The national organization running the event shall provide a qualified trial chairperson, whose work shall include, in particular:

- Technical running of the trial
- Provision, planning and equipment of a sufficiently large trial area
- Providing a sufficient number of qualified helpers (marshals, tracklayers, office personnel, etc.)
- Preparing the evaluation sheets for the trial judges
- Quick and reliable working out of the trial results to determine the winner and order of placing

4. Trial grounds and course of events

4.1. The ATIBOX FH World Championship shall be held in accordance with FH 2 (IGP), the competition level 2 in accordance with FH 1 (IGP) and the competition level 1 in accordance with FH V (IGP).

4.2. The tracking ground should enable all competitors to have the same conditions. The ground does not have to be of one uniform type; alternative grounds such as meadows, fields and ground with low plants can also be used. Obstacles such as fences, ditches, etc. are permitted as long as overcoming them does not cause the dog or the handler any undue difficulties. The track supervisor is to be given a sketch of the ground in a scale of 1:5000 showing the tracks. There must be at least three qualified track layers available.

4.3. A time schedule is to be drawn up showing the presentation time for each competitor.

4.4. The competitors are to be allocated a corresponding training ground for tracking training.

4.5. A veterinary check is to be carried out before commencement of the trials. Dogs that appear sick and are suspected of being infectious are not admissible. Bitches in season are admissible on condition that they are kept separate from the other competitors. The veterinary check must be completed before the draw. The nominated judges are responsible for the temperament check. Also at that check the identity has to be checked by the Chip.

4.6. The use of E-devices, prong collars, devices for electro shocks and any other means of coercion during the course of the entire event shall lead to disqualification, regardless of the legal situation in the organizing country. The handler of the dog is liable for any caused damage. Any accusation must be accompanied by written evidence and witnesses.

4.7. Before commencement of the ATIBOX FH World Championship, the chairman of the ATIBOX-Working-Commission or a member of the ATIBOX-Working-Commission shall convene a meeting to be attended by the supervisor for tracking, the trial judges and the person in charge of organization. For a good communication the organizer has to make available interpreters.

4.8. Before commencement of the ATIBOX IGP World Championship, the chairman of the ATIBOX-Working-Commission or a member of the ATIBOX-Working-Commission shall convene

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a team leader meeting to be attended by the supervisor for tracking, the trial judges and the person in charge of organization, the trial chairperson and the team leaders. At the team leader meeting, the order in which the countries are drawn is determined by drawing lots. The competitors from the organizing country shall get the final lot. For a good communication the organizer has to make available interpreters.

4.9. The draw for the starting order (tracking group) is to be conducted in public on the evening before the ATIBOX FH World Championship. The catalogue number with the lot number (tracking group) assigned by the draw must be made visible to all the competitors. The competitors from the organizing national body shall be the last to take part in the draw for the group numbers. The starting order within the groups will be determined by drawing lots in the field on both days, immediately before the first start in the particular group.

4.10. The length of the tracks can be shortened in consultation of the person in charge for organization with both of the judges. The length determined for the tracks and information about the ground is to be made known to the competitors. Samples of the articles used have to be published on the official homepage of the organizer before the World Championship.

4.11. At the closing ceremony, first the results of the individual scores competition level 1, followed by level 2 and last as highlight WM-class shall be announced first (each starting with the 3rd place, followed by the 2nd and the 1st). The respective national anthem has to be played for the ATIBOX World Champion.

5. Trial judges and supervisors

5.1. The two trial judges (1 judge for the competitions level 1 and 2, 1 judge for the WMclass) are nominated by the ATIBOX-Working-Commission. The CV of the chosen judges have to be published on the official website of the organizer and in the catalogue. In the selection of the judges these associations of ATIBOX, which are attending with national teams at the ATIBOX FH World-Championship, should be considered on a rotation basis. On the evening before the ATIBOX FH World Championship it will be determined by drawing lots, which of the judges will evaluate the competitions and the WM-class.

5.2. The ATIBOX-Working-Commission shall confirm one of the judges as supervisor and chief judge. The chief judge is responsible, that the “guidelines for the international utility dog trials” of the FCI, as well as these specifications of the ATIBOX are observed. The organizing ATIBOX member and all participants have to follow the instructions of the chief judge.

5.3. The supervisor (chief judge) may not come out of the organizing association.

5.4. The ATIBOX-Working-Commission in agreement with the organizing ATIBOX member shall confirm a trial judge as supervisor for the tracking work. The CV of this chosen judge has to be published on the official website of the organizer and in the catalogue. The duties of the track supervisor, in cooperation with the organizer, shall include:

- cooperation in the selection of the tracking ground
- cooperation in drawing up the tracking time schedule

- guiding and possibly instructing the track layers
- determining the objects and order of laying them out
- arranging the numbering of the articles and tracking boards
- checking the weathering of the articles and due and proper laying of the individual tracks and confirming the same for the acting trial judges
- having a track re-laid if it has been made unusable through external, third-party influences, e.g. changes in the ground through agricultural work, large groups of people, etc.

The track supervisor shall have the following rights:

- rejecting a section of the ground that differs greatly from the other tracks because of unforeseen changes in the nature of the soil
- rejecting a track layer if he/she repeatedly does not follow instructions

5.5. If the trial judges or supervisors only have a command of one language, an interpreter is to be provided by the organizing ATIBOX member running the event. The interpreter must be familiar with the course of the trials, display a knowledge of cynology and observe discretion.

5.6. The decision of the trial judges shall be final and incontestable.

5.7. Board and lodgings for track supervisor and trial judges shall be paid by the organizing ATIBOX member. Daily allowance and travelling expenses bear their home associations.

6. Admission and registration of competitors

6.1. The total number of competitors taking part in the ATIBOX FH World Championship shall not be limited. If the situation requires it, the organizer can limit the numbers in consultation with the ATIBOX-Working-Commission.

6.2. Each competitor must be a member of a national organization that is affiliated to the FCI and to the ATIBOX. The right to start in the ATIBOX FH World Championship can be given according to the following principles, the application of which is left up to the national ATIBOX members:

- Nationality
- legal residence (in accordance with the FCI Statutes)
- the dog owner must have the nationality of the country for which his/her dog will compete or must have his/her legal residence for a minimum of 12 months in the country for which he/she will compete. If the dog owner has a double nationality, he/she can choose either country without any restriction. If difficulties arise, they must be referred to the ATIBOXpresidium for final settlement.
- No matter his/her nationality, the dog handler will not be allowed to compete for more than one country and will be authorized to handle maximally two dogs.

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- The dog must have been registered with the studbook or appendix to the studbook of the country for which it will compete for a minimum of 6 months.

6.3. Members of the organizing committee and the ATIBOX-Working-Commission with official duties are not allowed to handle a dog in the ATIBOX World Championship.

6.4. Participation at the Word Championship FH 2 (IGP) is restricted exclusively to dogs, having a minimum age of 19 months and obtained at least the training degree of FH 1.

For participation at the competition level 1 (FH V – IGP) the national organizations (ATIBOX members) can only register dogs with the training degree “BH” with a minimum age of 15 months (no maximum age) and not having obtained the training degree FH 1 or FH 2 before. For participation at the competition level 2 (FH 1 – IGP) dogs with a minimum age of 18 month with the training degree “BH” can be registered (FH V is not a requirement for starting in FH 1) and not having obtained the degree FH 2 before. The national organizations are free to require more stringent qualification for team nomination within its competence.

6.5. The only dogs allowed to compete are those registered with the studbooks or the appendix to the studbooks of an FCI member organization. Castrated bitches and male dogs are admitted. White, monorchid and cryptorchid dogs are allowed to compete.

6.6. Before the closing date the national associations (ATIBOX-members) have to send the registration for the whole national team to the organizing ATIBOX-member. The registration has to include the following information:

- Name of the national association (ATIBOXmember)
- Class, the dog will be handled in
- Name, address, phone, E-Mail of the team leader
- Name, address, phone, E-Mail of the handler
- Name, address, phone, E-Mail of the owner
- Name of the dog, date of birth, stood book number, identity mark (chip), training degree, sire, mother, breeder

The registration must be signed by the national association (team leader, chairman for working or president).

6.7. The national associations (ATIBOX-members) have to send registrations with the names to reach the person in charge of organizing the ATIBOX FH World Championship by the closing date stated in the invitation. The person in charge of organizing confirms the accepting of the registration in written form (E-Mail) or / and by publishing the names of participants on the official website for the event.

6.8. Registrations that cannot be considered shall be brought to the notice of the national organization concerned in writing without delay.

6.9. Handlers, which can't present the scorebook or the pedigree or the vaccination card, will be excluded from participation.

6.10. The ATIBOX working-commission may grant an invitation (Wild Card) to competitors from non-member countries.

The handlers must request their participation to the ATIBOX working-commission, fulfilling the condition of having passed IFH2 (World Championship) or IFH1 (competition level 2), or IFH V (competition level 1), after the last Atibox FH and before to the next Atibox FH, with a minimum requirement according to the FCI-rules 70 points. This trial must be completed in the home country of the competitor, judged by an international FCI judge.

The competitor must send the registration and the invitation request by email to the ATIBOX working commission with the document from his/her National Kennel Club (e.g. ENCI, DKK, SCS...) verifying said trial.

The registration fee comprehends 75 EUR for competitors from non-member countries. (Social Events are not included)

The rest of the regulations will be the same as for the Atibox member competitors

The ATIBOX working-commission will evaluate all requests and will make the final decision to grant the invitation.

7. Scorebook

7.1. The competitors must show a scorebook issued by their national association. The scorebooks are to be submitted to the organizer together per national association prior to commencement of the ATIBOX FH World Championship.

7.2. The term "ATIBOX FH-Weltmeisterschaft" must be clearly entered in each competitor's scorebook in addition to the results.

8. Classification and title

8.1. The competitor with the highest total number of points in individual scoring (FH 2) shall be the winner and be awarded the title "ATIBOX FH Weltmeister 20xx" (to indicate the date).

In the competitions (level 2 / level 1) the winner be awarded the title "Sieger Wettbewerb 2 20xx" and "Sieger Wettbewerb 1 20xx".

8.2. In the case of a tied score, the higher individual result in "maintaining the track" is decisive. In the case of tied individual results in "maintaining the track" and "articles", the competitors shall be classified in the same position ex aequo.

8.3. The organizing national association (ATIBOX member) shall publish a result list with the names and countries of the competitors. When drawing up the result list, the handlers with their dogs that have achieved the training degree shall be listed first. The other competitors without a training degree shall then be listed according to their score, numbered consecutively. Only competitors, which passed the exam successful, will be placed.

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9. Prizes

9.1. The organizing national association is responsible for prizes and a present as a memento of the event.

9.2. A memento prize should be provided for each competitor. All placed teams receive a certificate. 9.3. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed participant (WM-class, competition level 2 and level 1) receive a trophy. The trophies for the WM-class should be obviously different in form or size to trophies for the competitions.

10. Protests

10.1. The judges' decision shall be final and incontestable. Objections or protests shall only be possible on account of non-compliance with the IGP rules. Any protest must be lodged with the supervisor (chief judge) by the team leader. In such case, a guarantee bond of € 300 must be lodged at the same time which shall be forfeited in favor of the organizing national association if the protest is rejected.

10.2. The proceedings shall be conducted by the president of the ATIBOX Working Commission (or his deputy). The ruling on protests shall be made by the acting judges, the trial chairpersons and the track supervisor. The decision taken by these persons shall be final.

11. Insurance

11.1. The organizer must have taken out an insurance policy with sufficient cover for personnel, supervisors, and the trial judges.

11.2. Each competitor shall him/herself bear the cost of any damage caused by his/her dog. The national associations (ATIBOX members) are responsible, that only competitors holding a liability insurance policy for consequences resulting from being a dog owner are registered.

11.3. The local veterinary provisions must be observed.

12. General remarks

12.1. The provisions set down in the FCI Guidelines for International Working and Tracking Dog Trials, must be adhered to strictly and precisely.

12.2. In cases of doubt and matters concerning the FH World Championships which are not provided for in these specifications, the majority of the three trial judges shall make the final decision.

The German version is the authentic one.

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