

OFFICIAL REGULATION FOR THE AUTUMN EUROPEAN WEIMARANER CUP

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

OBJECTIVE

The Junior Championship will be contended in conjunction with the «Autumn European Weimaraner Cup». The aim of the competition is to assess the ability of young gundogs on live, unhandled game in the field. The natural qualities of the dog will be evaluated with little reference to the dressage and the dog will not be penalized if the game flushes and is then pursued. Participation is limited to dogs with a maximum of 30 months of age on the day of the test.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The judges will give importance above all to the natural qualities of the young dog with particular attention being given to pace, range, bird sense, nose, stamina and intensity on point, all qualities that determine the "note of this competition". The judges decision will be based on the quality of the hunting but will also take into account the typicality of the breed.

The turn of the dog can be interrupted before the 15 minutes expire for motives of unfitness or any of the following reasons:

- The dog is not sufficiently engaged;
- The search is too restricted in relation to the nature of the terrain where the turn is taking place;
- The dog is not sufficiently in harmony with the handler to obtain a satisfactory hunting action;
- The dog is disinterested in the game;
- The dog goes out of control on encountering the game.

During the turn the handler must limit the use of whistle or recalls; the persistent use of these could cause the turn to be interrupted.

SUITABLE GAME

All game traditionally hunted by pointing dogs, stationery and migratory (pheasant, grey partridge, red partridge, quail, woodcock, snipe, strainer, ptarmigan, grouse) with the exception of hares both common and crossed, will be game considered valid for trials on unhandled game.

THE TERRAIN

The terrain must be such that the judge can follow the work of the dog without difficulty. The ideal terrain will be that in which large and uniform spaces are interspaced by areas restricted and overgrown thus enabling the judge to better evaluate the ability of the dog to adapt too disparate conditions.

THE TURNS

The first turn will be of 15 minutes and the dogs will compete singly. Eventual turns of recall will also be single and the duration will be at the discretion of the judge.

PERFORMANCE

The Junior Championship serves above all to demonstrate the natural qualities of the young dogs participating.

With this premise in mind the requirements are the following:

- The pace must always be that established by standards of the race in the various work phases. Temporary alterations will be tolerated for motives of contingent stimulants.
- Pace must be adapted to the terrain, to the quantity and comportment of the game and must be readily adjusted to the changing conditions of the above.
- The search must be such as to guarantee an efficient exploration of the terrain.
- The consent must be spontaneous: the consent on command will be tolerated only if promptly executed.
- The harmony between dog and handler must be continuous, the dog must be obedient to the recall of the handler and ready to direct the search in the indicated direction.
- The dog must be steady to flush and gunshot, commands which both should be given always by the handler.
- In the case of trials on shot game the work of the dog will be considered perfect if carried out as follows: on the shot, when performed by an official shooter, the dog must remain steady. The retrieval must be carried out on command. If the dog is not steady at the fall of the game he will not be eliminated but penalized. Failure to retrieve dead game is reason for elimination (except in the case of material impossibility: game fallen in an inaccessible position). The dog which passes and re-passes on fallen game without demonstrating interest in retrieving will be eliminated. The dog who misappropriates, or hesitates, stops or drops the game can be eliminated. The noticeable damage to retrieved game will always be reason for elimination. However, the retrieval must be considered completed when the dog places the wild game in the hands or at the feet of the handler who must remain in position. The dog that retrieves game which, wounded, has fallen and moved a distance (the greater the distance the more the merit) will be highly considered. Failure to retrieve wounded game, even if such has moved from the position where it fell, will be motive for penalization, the severity of which will be decided by the judge. When ground conditions are very challenging the handler is allowed to indicate from a distance the position of the fallen game to help the dog to find it. When, for whatever reason, the game has not been shot during the turn, or in an eventual recall, the dog which has been classified but has not been able to perform a retrieval during the trial will be subject to a cold retrieval at the end of its turn, as set out in the following paragraph: the dog will be led, on the lead, to a over-gown area far from the public and all that could cause distraction and disturbance. The judge will then, after the dog has been unleashed and remained immobile, will throw a dead game-bird in the air ensuring that the dog sees the fall. Simultaneously a gun-shot will be fired in the air and the dog must then be commanded to retrieve. The trial of cold retrieval must always be effected immediately after the conclusion of each dogs turn but before any additional turn for the assignment of the CAC and the CACIT. The same type of game will however be used for all dogs involved in this trial. These modes of cold retrieval are valid for trials of unhandled game.

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