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## **Regulations for the organization of the IFR World Winner Show and IFR Regional Shows**

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### **1. In General**

The IFR aims at the annual organization of a dog exhibition, called IFR World Winner Show, reserved for dogs of the Rottweiler breed, with the intention of emphasizing the correct breed characteristics (as defined in the FCI breed standard) and thus presenting the breed worldwide.

The Meeting of Delegates of the Federation decides by which Member Club the show will be organized.

The latter undertakes to organize the show in such a way that it distinguishes itself from the average exhibition and implies a real celebration and publicity for the breed and the Federation.

Part of this is the organisation of a festive opening and closing ceremony that are worthy of a World event and will allow participants and spectators to take home the souvenir of a grand event.

At the opening ceremony, the IFR flag will be respectfully presented and there will be speeches by the IFR-President, the President of the organising club and possibly the national kennel club and/or other authorities.

It is strongly wished for that at least the opening ceremony is be accompanied by music, folklore dances, etc. ... and the a presentation of the flags of the member countries (these must moreover at all times be visibly present at the venue during the whole event) to ensure the festive nature of the event.

At the end of the opening ceremony there will be a formal introduction of the judges (while playing their national hymns) and the lottery (art. 11) to determine which classes will be judged by which judge.

Part of the closing ceremony – during which the national flags of both the organising club and of the club that will organise the next World Show are shown



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– is a speech of the IFR-President who then will hand over the IFR-flag to the representative of the club that will organise the next event.

It is highly wished for that a festive evening would be organised that is open for the participants and spectators.

## **2. Invitations to participate.**

The organizing club will send an invitation to all member-clubs of the IFR to participate the show. The invitation will be sent at least 10 months before the event. For this purpose, the secretary of the IFR-board will give the organizing club a list of the known address and/or email-address of the affiliated national Rottweiler clubs.

The invitation will be sent in English and will mention the closing date for the entries. Entries that are not received before this date can be refused without means of appeal.

The invitation will be accompanied by an entry-form and the member clubs will be invited and encouraged to copy and publish it and at least make it known to their members.

The information concerning the manner to register the competitors must be clear and simple : all conditions for participation, all required documents, etc. ... must be clearly published, immediately at the moment that registrations open, so everything can be completed and organized in time. Once the registrations are closed, no new requirements may be requested by the organization nor can participation be refused due to conditions not communicated / published in time. The invitation will mention eventual specific demands such as: obligatory liability insurance, national legislation on keeping and handling dogs (example: obligatory wear of a muzzle), etc. ... .

In sending out information to participants and/or spectators, the organizing club will do its best to help finding suitable hotel and/or camping-accommodation.

The organizing club undertakes to keep the IFR-member clubs and especially the entered participants up to date on all information on the show.



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The organising club commits itself to the publication of a website or a webpage on the event to keep all interested Rottweilerfriends informed. This website will hold all useful information concerning the show, the applicable regulations, the conditions for registration/participation, etc. ... and will be published before entries are open. The same information should be clearly published in the catalogue.

The invitation and in general all publications concerning the event will mention that:

- in the morning of each day of the show, a lottery will decide on which of the invited judges will judge which classe(s);
- the judging must and will be done in accordance with the valid FCI-breed standard. Dogs with docked tails cannot be judged, regardless of their age and/or country of origin and even if the amputation was done for medical reasons;
- the International Guidelines about Dog Doping issued by the FCI (recommendations approved by the FCI General Committee in Vienna, July 2009) are applicable at the show.
- the possibility exists that the organizing Member Club and/or the national kennel club will demand and/or organize a doping control and that by registering their dogs, all participants accept to submit their dogs to the test when so asked.

### **3. Entry fee.**

The amount of the entry-fee will be determined by the organizing club. However, the board of the IFR can decide on maximum-amounts.

No entry-fee may be asked for visitors to the show.

### **4. Catalogue.**

The organizing club will see to it that a catalogue will be available in which all participants will be mentioned: name and address of the owner of the dog, the



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name, pedigree-number, tattoo or microchip-number and the name of the father and mother of the dog, the name of the breeder of the dog.

It is allowed that the catalogue would be available in a digital / online version.

The catalogue may not be available before the date of the event. Should the event be organised over two or more days, then two or more separate catalogues should be made.

All participants will receive a catalogue for free. The organizing club is free to sell the catalogue to all others and will see to it that they are available in sufficient numbers.

The catalogue will also mention the program of the whole event, the names of the judges, the name of the show-director, the name of the ring-stewards and secretaries and an alphabetical list of all participants.

The organizing club is free to publish free or paid publicity in the catalogue as long as the publicity is not distasteful or harmful for the IFR and its goals.

Dogs which are not in the catalogue cannot be judged unless problems occur for which the organizing committee is responsible (problem in the printing process of the catalogue, etc.) and provided that the entry forms have been completely filled in and returned to the organisers not later than the entry deadline and that the entry fees are duly recorded on the bank account of the organising committee.

#### **5. Publication of the results.**

All results will, as soon as possible, be clearly readable written on a scoreboard and after the show, sent to all member-clubs.

#### **6. Classes.**

Unless impossible because of national cynological regulations, participation in the following classes will be offered:

- Baby-class 3 – 6 months
- Puppy-class 6 – 9 months



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| • Youth-class        | 9 – 18 months       |
| • Intermediate class | 15 – 24 months      |
| • Open class         | 15 months and older |
| • Working class      | 15 months and older |
| • Champion class     | 15 months and older |
| • Veteran class      | 8 years and older   |
| • Couple class       | optional            |
| • Breeders class     | optional            |
| • Progeny class      | optional            |

The decisive date in respect of age is the day the dog is shown.

To enter a dog in working class, the entry form must be accompanied by a copy of the FCI compulsory certificate containing the confirmation -by the member country in which the holder and/or owner has his permanent place of residence- that the dog has passed the test as well as details about this test. In countries that are not FCI-affiliated, only certificates proven to be even worthy can be accepted.

To enter a dog in Champion Class, one of the following titles must have been confirmed on the day of the official closing date of entries; proof of this, by copy, must be enclosed with the entry form:

- International Champion of the FCI;
- National Champion: this title must have been issued by the national FCI-affiliated Kennelclub);
- National Champion titles issued by Kennelclubs of countries which are not members of the FCI may be recognized but not titles issued by Clubs.

Can be entered in couple class: a dog and a bitch belonging to the same owner.

Can be entered in breeder's class: minimum three and maximum five exhibits without distinction of sex, bred by the same person (same kennel name), even if they are not his property.

Can be entered in progeny class: a sire or dam with minimum three and maximum five of his/her progeny (first generation, sons/daughters).



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Once the catalogue is printed, it is forbidden to transfer a dog from one class to the other unless the problem is due to a printing mistake.

At all times, the show-organization can demand that the identity of a dog is proven by the control of the tattoo and/or microchip by which the dog is identified. In case a tattoo and/or chip cannot be found or shows to be totally unreadable, the dog will be excluded from participation and its results will be revoked.

### **7. Show-location.**

The wellbeing of the dog should be an absolute priority in the choice of the show-location, especially the choice of an outdoor- or indoor event.

The show-terrain will at all times be clean and free of all obstacles. The national flags of all IFR member clubs must at all times be visibly present at the venue during the whole event.

Sufficient tables and chairs will be available for the judge, ring writer and ring stewards and in case of an outdoor show, these will be placed under a sufficiently large tent or other waterproof construction.

For the choice of the location it will be taken in consideration:

- that spectators must have an unhindered view on the show without themselves hindering the participants;
- that sufficient parking-lots should be available;
- that accommodations are present to sell food and drinks to participants and spectators on the venue of the event;
- that accommodation is available for the judges and other collaborators to enjoy food or refreshment;
- that sufficient restrooms or sanitary-accommodation is available;
- that a terrain is available to serve for sanitary purposes for the dogs;
- that hotels and/or camping facilities are available at reasonable distance;

that an appropriate sound-system with micro-phone and loudspeakers is available for both the judges to explain their decisions in the rings and for all organisation matters.



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A Red-Cross post or similar medical care is to be present during the event, at least facilities and materials for first medical care are to be present and all information available for immediate action should more medical care be necessary.

During the event and the distribution of the prizes, national flags of all participants will be present.

The organizing club will also see to it that the national hymn of all participating countries is available.

**8. Veterinary – control.**

All dogs will be submitted to a veterinary control before entering the show-location. The handler will be required to show the dog's medical vaccination book. All dogs entered for the show must be identified by micro-chip or an at least readable tattoo.

Dogs that are not in good condition or that show to be ill, will not be allowed to participate. Female dogs in heat will be allowed to participate. At all times a veterinary will be present or at least stand-by and quickly reachable.

**9. Qualifications and titles.**

The show will be organized according to FCI show regulations if the CACIB can be issued at the show and / or the organizing country's national show regulations if not.

Should the judging take place at the same time in more than one ring, the four best dogs of each class will be picked but will not be placed. Placing these dogs will happen when the judging of all classes is over and this in a central ring so all spectators can enjoy and witness the final placements of the dogs. They will be placed by the same judge that judged their class.

The adult (= starting as of intermediate class) dog and bitch which were chosen as best of their sex, the best youth male and the best youth bitch should they have received the qualification "1st Excellent" in their class, the best veteran dog and



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the best veteran bitch which have received the qualification “1st Excellent” in the Veteran class, can compete for the title of Best in Show.

The following IFR-titles will be awarded :

**IFR World Junior Winner “year”** : to the best youth male and the best youth bitch, chosen from youth class (9 – 18 months) or if this class is subdivided, chosen from the males and females that were awarded the first place in their classes within this range of age (9 – 18 months).

**IFR World Winner “year”** : to the best male and the best female, chosen between the dogs from intermediate, open, working and champion classes that were awarded the qualification Excellent in their class and that have successfully passed a character test (hereafter called “utility dog test”) on the day before the show.

The day before the IFR World Show starts, at the last the day before any adult classes (= as of intermediate class) will be judged, a test will be organized based on and aimed at recognizing the characteristics of the utility dog. The judge(s) for the test, the helpers and the dogs used for the demonstration of the test-routines are invited by the organizing IFR-Member club. At least 2 helpers will be available, licenced for official IGP trials and wearing the full IGP-costume, soft stick and bite-sleeve as determined by the FCI. The test will be judged by one judge who is (FCI) licenced to judge both the Rottweiler breed and international official IGP-trials or by two judges of whom at least one is (FCI) licenced to judge the Rottweiler breed and at least one to judge international official IGP-trials. In case judges do not agree, the conclusion is “not pass”. A third judge with both qualifications may be added to the jury that will then decide by majority. Show judges that will officiate at the World Show cannot be a member of this jury. They will be allowed to be present and to witness the test but their presence is not mandatory nor may they influence the judge’s work and decisions.

The test will consist out of protection work, namely two exercises : an attack on the dog from the blind and a courage test. Precise instructions on the routines of the exercises will be given by the judge (s) and will be shown to all participants before the actual test starts.





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The test may not be organised in an open ring. The terrain on which the test is organised must be materially and effectively separated from the public in order to prevent persons and/or dogs from entering the terrain or, conversely, that the participating dog can reach the public and/or dogs. A mere separation by means of eg. a ribbon is not acceptable.

There must be a publication (e.g. a poster) with mention of the order in which the dogs will participate the test to avoid that participants/dogs stand needless waiting to be called. The judge(s) will not conclude the dog's participation by giving scores or qualifications but by simply qualifying the dog's work with : "pass" / "not pass". The decision of the judge(s) is final and is not open for discussion.

The aim of the test is not to establish the degree of training or the ability to successfully participate trials but to establish the presence and minimal intensity of the drives that are needed and typical for the utility dog. Not just the nature and intensity of reactions, grips and of the guard is to be established but also the ability to change drives and to remain (self)controlled at all times. Not letting go of the sleeve after 4 commands, the last one in the proximity of the dog, and/or the dog not being under control or biting the helper elsewhere than in the sleeve must lead to disqualification.

All dogs entered in an adult class of the World Show (starting as of intermediate class but excluding veteran class) can be entered to participate the "utility dog test". However, on the day of this test, only dogs of whom evidence is provided that they have prior successfully passed the FCI Companion Dog Test (= FCI-BH) will be allowed to participate the test. No alternative tests can or will be accepted.

Participation to the Utility Dog Test is however not mandatory and yes or not participating and/or passing the test cannot and may not influence the grading and placing of the dog during the IFR World Show nor the possibility to be declared best male or female and/or Best In Show and/or to be awarded a CAC or CACIB if those certificates are issued at the show.

However, regardless and independent of the official show results and titles, the title of IFR World Winner can only be awarded to a male and a female that has participated and passed the "utility dog test".



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Should the best male and/or female chosen at the IFR World Show between the winners from intermediate, open, working, and champion class have participated and passed the test, then the title of IFR World Winner will automatically be awarded to this male and/or female (if awarded an excellent grading).

Should the best male and/or female chosen between the winners from intermediate, open, working and champion class not have participated the test or not have passed the test, then an additional competition will be organized between the dogs of that gender that did participate and pass the test and obtained the highest placements in their respective classes with at least an excellent grading. This competition will be judged by the same show judge(s) who were appointed to decide on the best male and/or female between the before mentioned class winners. The winning dog (if awarded an excellent grading) will be awarded the title of IFR World Winner of the gender concerned.

**10. Distribution of prices.**

The organizing club will see to it that at least (more and other prices are allowed) the following prices are available for:

- a. Souvenir for each participating dog;
- a. Price for the four best dogs in each class (not combined with the souvenir for each dog);
- b. For the best baby / puppy;
- c. For the male and female World Junior Winner;
- d. For the male and female World Winner;
- e. For the best in Show.

A souvenir for the judges and other collaborators would be appreciated.

The IFR will offer sponsorship to the price-table within its means.

The national hymn of the owner of the dog that is rewarded Best in Show will be played during the distribution of this price.

The IFR-Board will ensure the availability of a digital format to print diploma's for the IFR World Junior Winners and IFR World Winners. The organising club will



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ensure the presence of a PC and printer so these formats can be completed, printed and presented to the owners of the winning dogs at the closing ceremony.

### **11. Judges.**

Unless explicitly and even for the occasion unchangeable impossible because of national regulations, in the morning of each day of the show, a lottery will decide on which of the invited judges will judge which classe(s).

Only the officiating judge is authorized to make decisions regarding the awarding of qualifications, and placing. In this respect, he is obliged to do this without outside help and/or interference by anybody else. For organizational support, a ring writer and/or a ring assistant, and if necessary an interpreter, are to be available to the judge.

The judge will be assisted by at least one ring writer and a ring steward. Both will fluently speak the language of the judge.

Each participant will receive a written critique of his dog. The judge will dictate these detailed critiques to the ring writer in the language he chooses. The critiques must be written or typed in the same language and will be given to the participant in this language. Should the organization choose to give additional translations of these critiques, it will do so on its own responsibility.

Judging must be done in accordance with the valid FCI-breed standard. Dogs with docked tails cannot be judged, regardless of their age and/or country of origin and even if the amputation was done for medical reasons.

It is forbidden to treat the coat, skin or nose with anything that alters the structure, colour or form. It is forbidden to prepare the dog in the show ground with any substances or equipment. Only combing and brushing are allowed.

Only judges from countries whose national Rottweilerclub is a member of the IFR can be invited to judge the show and not more than one judge of the same country.

Before inviting judges, the organizing club will present their choice of judges to the IFR-board. Only after having received approval by the IFR-board, will they send a written invitation to the judge.



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Judges cannot be invited to judge the IFR World Winner Show if they have judged the event less than 2 years before.

The organizing club will take care of all administrative formalities, including obtaining permission of the national cynologic authorities to organize the show and/or to invite the chosen judges.

Judges' rights are as follows:

- The show organization or the inviting club must take care of the judge, according to previous agreement, from the time of his arrival in the country where he is judging until the time of his departure; this normally includes the day before and the day after the show is due to take place.
- A judge must be provided with lodging accommodation in addition to all regular meals.
- All normal travelling expenses incurred by a judge should be reimbursed immediately upon arrival or, by previous arrangement, should be provided beforehand.
- Liability insurance must be provided by the show organization.

It is advisable that financial arrangements should be laid out in advance in the form of a contract or written agreement between the judge and the show organization and should be honoured by both parties.

A judge:

- cannot consult the catalogue of the show before or during his judging. Consequently, the organizer shall not make any catalogue available to a judge before the end of the show;
- cannot smoke or drink alcohol in the show ring while judging the classes;
- cannot travel to a show where he is judging with the exhibitors who will be showing under him at this event. In this respect, the organizer is not allowed to entrust any person who will be showing a dog with the task of looking after a judge prior to the judging process;
- cannot socialize with any exhibitor, stay at his/her home or at his/her expenses if he is expected to judge his/her dog(s). Staying with an exhibitor whose dogs should be judged by him is only permitted -if this was agreed-



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after the end of the show. The same applies by analogy in the case of private meetings with exhibitors;

- should not be expected to judge more than approximately 50 dogs per day;
- is in charge of the ring. In matters of organization the chief steward is responsible but all activities can only take place with the agreement of the judge.

Any decision made by a judge regarding the qualifications, awards and placing is final and indisputable.

However, complaints about the organization of the show and about the procedure followed to give the qualifications, awards and placing are admissible. These complaints are to be expressed in writing and given to the show-director, at the very latest before the beginning of the prize-distribution. They will be handled and appreciated by a board made out of the present member(s) of the board of the IFR and the show-director. In every case, its decision is final and undisputable.

All participants and all concerned with the organization of the event and/or its course are advised that unsporting behaviour at the IFR-show, including exclamations or publications at the show and even prior or after the show and in whatever form, that are insulting for the IFR, the judges, the organization and/or other participants can be punished. In case of such a complaint or in case the IFR-Board gains knowledge of such behaviour and/or exclamations and/or publications itself, the IFR-Board will be entitled to investigate and – with respect for the rights of defence of those concerned - to penalize the wrongful acts as the Board sees fit. This includes the possibility to refuse participation by those concerned to all future IFR-events, the publication of such decision and informing the concerned national Kennelclubs and/or Rottweilerclubs and/or the FCI of the facts and the Board's findings.

When an IFR Member Club and/or it's national kennel club has issued a disciplinary sanction (at least the "suspension" to participate further canine activities) to one of its national residents because of an infraction on (inter)national (show) regulations or in general rules of good sportsmanship and that has become final and is no longer open to appeal, it may ask the IFR Member Club that organizes



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the next IFR World Show to refuse the entries by this person(s) and his / their dogs for the World Show and ask all IFR Member Clubs to refuse the entries by this person(s) and his / their dogs for their national Clubshows. The decision by the organizing club, which may depend on national regulations, must be motivated but is not open for discussion.

**12. Insurance.**

The organizing club will make sure it has an insurance that covers all its collaborators and judges. The IFR can in no way be held responsible for eventual accidents and damages. Each participant is responsible for the damages caused by his dog and the organizing club has the right to demand that the handler can prove that his liability toward third parties is covered by an insurance.

**13. Costs / revenues / responsibilities.**

All costs, revenues and all responsibilities of whatever nature, concerning the organization of the show are for the organizing club. The IFR will give a limited sponsorship for the price-table within it means.

**14. Regional Winner Shows.**

In addition to granting the organization of the IFR World Winner Show to a Member Club, the Federation may also grant the organization of a IFR Regional Show.

For this purpose, the following "Regions" are recognized : Europe, Asia, North America, South America, Africa, Oceania, all defined by their usual geografic definition.

Granting the organization of a IFR Regional Show is not an obligation or automaticity but rather the exception. Permission is only granted when deemed necessary or appropriate to correctly represent the breed of the Rottweiler as well as the objectives of the Federation within the region concerned.

Only one regional exhibition can be admitted annually and this only if the annual IFR World Winner Show is not organized in that region in the year in question.



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The organisation of a regional exhibition and the awarding of IFR titles is subject to the same regulations as apply to the organisation of the IFR World Winner Show, including the organisation of the Utility Dog Test mentioned in art. 9 here above.

The titles that can be awarded at a regional exhibition are:

- IFR “Region” Junior Winner “Year” : to the best youth male and the best youth bitch, chosen from youth class (9 – 18 months) or if this class is subdivided, chosen from the males and females that were awarded the first place in their classes within this range of age (9 – 18 months).
- IFR “Region” Winner “Year” : to the best male and the best female, chosen between the dogs from intermediate, open, working and champion classes that were awarded the qualification Excellent in their class and that have successfully passed the character test mentioned in art. 9 here above on the day before the show.

This text and the adaptations it holds to the then existing regulations was repeatedly communicated to all Delegates by email and with mention that if no objections would be sent, it would be understood as accepted. Only approving reactions were received. The regulations are therefore understood to be accepted and binding as of 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 and are published on the website [www.ifrottweilerfriends.org](http://www.ifrottweilerfriends.org).

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