

## Rules and Regulations as of 2020

(Changes compared to the "rules & regulations 2017" are marked in yellow)

Please read carefully before entering the show.

Participation is open to all Border Collies with a pedigree recognized by the Kennel Club from the country of birth. Dogs must have reached the age of 18 months on the day of the competition.

1st grade combinations are eligible to enter on <enter date>.

2nd and 3rd grade combinations are eligible to enter the European Championship on <enter dates>.

It is not possible to enter for just **one day**.

### Classes

1<sup>st</sup> grade (Friday)

Competitors will run 3 or 4 courses (to be determined by the organisation, depending on the number of entries). Prizes will be awarded for **at least** the top 3 winners of each course.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Saturday & Sunday, **Friday optional**)

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade run separately on their own courses. All competitors will run 6 courses: 3 agility and 3 jumpings.

On Sunday there will be two finals: the National Team Final and the Individual Grand Final.

The class in which the dog competes per <enter date> is the class for which the dog is eligible at the BCC. At the event, you need to be able to proof (e.g. with a record book or an official declaration issued by your national Kennel Club) in which Grade the dog is allowed to run. This can be checked randomly by the organisation.

The maximum number of combinations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade is <enter max number>.

The maximum number of combinations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is <enter max number>.

Registration is from <enter date> until <enter date>. In the event the maximum number of entries is exceeded during this registration time, a draw will be made.

The organization reserves the right to refuse entries, and make any alterations they may consider necessary in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

### Individual Grand Final

The results from the Agility 1, 2 and 3, and the Jumping 1, 2 and 3 will count for a place in the Individual Grand Final. For 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, the top 10 placed combinations (= handler & dog) per round will be invited to take part in the Individual Grand Final. For 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, the winners of each round will be invited to take part in the Individual Grand Final. **The winner of the previous year will be automatically invited to take part in the Individual Grand Final.** This means that the maximum number of participants at this final will be **67**. In the event that one or more combinations qualify at two or more courses, the open spaces will not be filled. The title "BCC2016 Champion" will be awarded to the winner of the Individual Grand Final.

### National Team Final

National teams will compete in the National Team Final on Sunday. Each national team consists of the three best 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade combinations and **the** best 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade combination from that country. The combinations qualifying for the Team Final are determined by the combined results of **all** courses run on Saturday **(and Friday when applicable)**, per Grade. If there are countries with less than 3 participants in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, the organization will combine countries into ad hoc country teams.

It is not allowed to replace the qualified combinations in a country team, f.i. in case of injury. In such case, the country team will run with less than 4 combinations.

The National Team Final will be an Agility course. To determine the winning country in this Final, only the results of the three best combinations of a national team will count.

### **FCI rules and jumping height**

The FCI rules and regulations are applicable to this show (see [www.fci.be](http://www.fci.be)). Until FCI has officially introduced the Lower Height (LH) class, national BCC organisations have the option to offer LH as a service to the participants. In that case BCC will offer 3 heights: M, LH and L (jumping 40cm, 50cm and 60cm respectively). LH is voluntary and open for dogs which are between 43 and 50cm at the withers. This has to be proven by an annotation in their record books. There will be no measurement at BCC. If there is no height mentioned in their record book, the dog has to enter in Large.

The official BCC-title will only be awarded in L-class. Only dogs in L-class are eligible to the individual finals, leading to the BCC-title. For dogs entering in LH or M there will be a prize for best M or best LH based on the combined results of the 6 courses. Only dogs in L-class are eligible for the country team final.

### **General rules**

A dog will be withdrawn from competition and removed from the show if it is:

- suffering from any infectious or contagious disease,
- has any injury which is likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing,
- of such temperament or is so much out of hand as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal,
- interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.

No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the show.

All dogs will be entered at this show at their owner's and/or handler's risk. Whilst the organization and helpers will undertake every care, they will not take responsibility for loss, damage or injury howsoever caused to dogs, persons or property. All competitors must have a third-party insurance.

In the event of abandonment of the show through circumstances beyond the control of the organization, expenses will be defrayed from the entry fees to cover the cost of the preparations for the show.

There will be no practicing/training allowed in the rings or at the venue during or after the show. No food or toys will be allowed in the ring.

Dogs should be kept on a lead, no longer than 2 meters, except in the exercise area or when working.

A handler working more than one dog in the same class must ensure that the dogs compete in the sequence in which they are drawn (according to catalogue). Failure to do so may result in elimination.

It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order, and to visibly wear their number.

Dogs must be handled by the same handler throughout the whole event. It is not allowed to switch handler during the event.

Randomly during the tournament, chips can be checked.

People or dogs acting in an unreasonable/irresponsible manner will be removed from the show and forfeit all fees paid. All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult, who will be held responsible for their conduct for the duration of the show.

Please clean up after your dog and deposit in the containers provided. Competitors consciously ignoring this request will be asked to leave the showground without restitution of their entry fees. Bags will be provided by the organization and will be available throughout the showground.

Please, don't forget we are guests at <enter location> and we kindly ask you to show respect to their rules and regulations, other campers and guests.

All that remains is the good luck wishes from the BCC committee and don't forget to enjoy yourselves.