

NKU Obedience Commission meeting 1/2025

Date: October 26th, 2025 at 7 pm
October 27th, 2025 at 9 am

Place: Hotel Scandic Julia, Eriksgatan 4, Åbo Centrum

Invited :

Finland:	Carina Savander-Ranne
	Pernilla Tallberg
Norway	Stein-Ole Nergaard
Sweden	Martha Landin
Denmark	Brian Esbensen

1. Opening

Carina Savander-Ranne opened the meeting and welcomed all the delegates.

2. Introduction of the delegates present

Stein Ole Nergaard	Chairman of the Norwegian Kenneclub's obedience commission and FCI and NKU obedience commission delegate
Martha Landin	Chairman of Swedish Obedience commission FCI and NKU obedience commission delegate
Carina Savander	Delegate of the Finnish Kennel Club until present.
Pernilla Tallberg	New member from Finland of the NKU obedience commission from 2025.
Brian Esbensen	Not present

3. Introduction of secretary for the meeting

Pernilla Tallberg took notes, Carina Savander takes responsibility for the minutes.

4. Minutes of the November 2024 meeting

Last year's minutes were discussed and proven correct and according to the course of the meetings.

5. Examiner of minutes

The president will send the minutes to all delegates to be checked.

6. Approval of / complementing the agenda

No new issues were included. If some new issues arise during the meeting, they can be dealt with.

7. NKU Obedience commission 2025-2027 and guidelines for our working practices

- Members, contact information
 - Please provide name and contact information of your delegates and of the contact persons of your NCO.
- Guidelines for our working practices
 - The guidelines were discussed and accepted. A summing up attached.
- Responsibilities for arranging the meetings and time
 - It has been a practice for several years that the NKU commission meeting is arranged in connection with the Nordic Championship. The hosting country provides the facilities and secretary for the meeting. The President of the commission takes care of the invitations, agenda, etc. The President also summons all other meetings of the commission. She/he also does the work of a secretary in between the major meetings i.e. except for taking the minutes at our major face-to-face meeting. Please note that the president (or chair of a meeting) always has the final responsibility for the meeting.
- Question of electing president and secretary for the commission
 - The election of president is done amongst the delegates for a period of three years. As this is a small commission, the president also does the work usually done by a secretary i.e. the paperwork. Thus, a secretary outside the commission is only appointed for the annual meeting. This way it is easier for all the delegates to concentrate on matters at hand.
- Information forums, FB, Whatsup, etc.
 - It would be convenient to have a Facebook page for our Nordic championship. It should be updated annually. There information could be posted and questions asked and answered.
 - Access to the page should be for example: commission members, national team leaders, representatives of the organising community.
- Active participation in the commission work and cooperation in the FCI commission
 - Once more Carina wished better activity and participation in the future.
 - Also, she wished that the NKU obedience commission members who are also members of the FCI obedience commission, would cooperate much better in the future so that the Nordic view on obedience would be clearly represented.

8. Comments on the latest Nordic Championship competition, 2025 Turku – Åbo.

We had a new implementation of the NordM competition this year. All in all, it was successful and is worth to be used in the future as well. A few changes were, however, considered. Preferable to be implemented from year 2026 onwards.

The maximum number of competitors entered per nation is 10. This leads to 40 competitors overall. Now the rules state that the three (3) best from each country may continue to the finals on Sunday. This leads to 12 competitors. The rest (8) will be according to the order of points.

A suggested change, that also had been supported by the competitors, was to only have the two (2) best from each nation to enter the finals automatically. As a result, the remaining twelve (12) would enter the finals on basis of their results at the qualifications.

The following change would be made:

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<p>The championship is carried out as a qualification competition on Saturday for all 40 competitors and a final with 20 competitors on Sunday.</p> <p>The team results are calculated on basis of the results of Saturday.</p> <p>The finalists are chosen on basis of the results of the qualification competition (Saturday):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the three (3) best from each nation may continue to the second day final • the rest (8 competitors) are chosen on rank order of their results. 	<p>The championship is carried out as a qualification competition on Saturday for all 40 competitors and a final with 20 competitors on Sunday.</p> <p>The team results are calculated on basis of the results of Saturday.</p> <p>The finalists are chosen on basis of the results of the qualification competition (Saturday):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the two (2) best from each nation may continue to the second day final • the rest (12 competitors) are chosen on rank order of their results.

9. Future Nordic Championships, decision on expenses.

It was decided: the entering fee would be 150 €/competitor for the future three (3) years. This includes the dinner on Saturday evening.

If no major changes occur that demand to change the entering fee, the next estimation should be in 2028 to be applied in 2029. Thus, the suggested entering fee would be applied for episodes of four (4) years.

10. Obedience champion title from a lower class (cl2) in the Nordic countries

Situation today.

Finnish and Norwegian obedience champion titles can be achieved in classes 2 and 3. Sweden is working on the issue. It was noted that Denmark has had this system for many years. In Finland the class from which the title has been achieved can be seen from the title Lydnads champion elit is from class 3.

11. Future Nordic judges' meetings

It was discussed and decided that the next Nordic judges' meeting should be arranged in 2027. Stein-Ole Norgaard welcomed us to Norway. It would be beneficial to also invite f. ex. the Baltic judges.

12. Discussions and decisions for the next FCI obedience meeting

- Nordic delegates

13. The challenge prize/cup (rotation award)

The situation of our rotation awards (vandrings pris) should be surveyed.

- The prize for the individual champion.
- The prize for the team champions.

14. President NKU Obedience Commission for 2025 – 2027

Martha Landin was chosen as the next President for the NKU Obedience Commission. Carina Savander said that she will assist Martha and the commission if necessary.

15. Discussing the mode of operation for our Nordic cooperation

Carina Savander once more pointed out the importance of our Nordic cooperation. It is important to keep our obedience rules on right track as a dog sport for all breeds, not just the fast dogs. The Nordic delegates should cooperate at all levels of decision making.

16. WWCh 2025 in Helsingborg, Sweden

Martha Landin welcomed our competitors to WWCh 2026 in Helsingborg, Sweden. Information will be posted on the website and facebook.

17. The next meeting

If no urgent issues occur, the next meeting will be in connection with the Nordic Championships in the autumn of 2026 in Sandefjord, Norway. In the meantime, also teams meetings, e-mail meetings or Facebook meetings can be applied.

18. End of meeting

Carina Savander ended the meeting and thanked all the delegates for a constructive meeting, wished the commission good luck, but most of all diligence and enthusiasm to work for our Nordic obedience dog sport.

Martha Landin thanked for the display of confidence.

Carina Savander-Ranne
Chair and secretary

These minutes have been approved by all attendees using Visma sign.