

Nordic Championship in Junior Handling

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Regulations for the competition

Purpose

The Nordic Championship in Junior Handling is organized to increase the Nordic cooperation between youths and to extend experiences and knowledge about dogs and dog activities.

Organizer

The Nordic championship in Junior Handling is arranged by the national kennel organizations in the four Nordic countries Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland in connection with the Nordic Winner Show. Iceland is a participating country.

Participants

Each national kennel organization sends a team with four junior handlers and one coach to the Nordic Championship. The coach must be at least 18 years old. Each national kennel organization decides how to choose their representatives.

Invitation and entry

The organizer invites the other national kennel organizations in the Nordic countries to participate. The invitation is sent out at least four months before the competition. The final date for the national kennel organizations to enter their teams is 6 weeks before the show.

Costs

Travelling and living expenses are paid by each national kennel organization. The organizer places overnight accommodation at disposal.

The entry fee is free of charge.

Dogs

Each junior handler competes with an unfamiliar dog. The organizer places dogs at disposal. The dogs must be adult, trained, show dogs. The junior handlers may wish for a breed and does this in connection with the entry of the teams. Each junior handler may wish for 3 different breeds and places them in order of preference.

The participants shall receive their dogs 60 minutes before the beginning of the competition.

The organizer chooses 3-4 dogs of the same breed for back up if something unexpected happens. The back-up breed shall be a middle-size dog. The breed shall be announced in the invitation.

Judge

The judge should have good knowledge of how to present different breeds, preferably with previous experiences as a junior handler. It is not an absolute demand that the judge is an authorized show judge. The main point is that the judge shows/has shown interest in Junior Handling.

It's an advantage if the judge does not originate from one of the Nordic countries.

Each year the NKU/Junior Handling makes suggestions of judges. Based on this list, or on suggestions approved by the NKU/Junior Handling, the organizer shall invite a judge.

Ring steward

The judge shall have at least one ring steward in the ring.

Realization of the Junior Handling competition

Before the competition a "number lottery" is arranged by the organizer. The judge should not be present at this event. The numbers used are 1-20.

The junior handlers will compete in a team class and an individual class. The competition will be divided in two rounds:

Round 1 (team class): All participants will be judged in group and individually. All participants receive a number of points.

Round 2 (individual class): All participants will be judged in group and individually.

Both rounds are held in separate rings.

In the first round all junior handlers receive a total number of points. The total number of points achieved by a national team is counted.

The judge will receive a critic form for the calculation of points. The following points should be evaluated on a scale from 1-5 where 5 is the highest score:

- General impression
- Movement within the group
- Setting up dog
- Showing of teeth
- Movement to and from
- Figures (i.e. T or L)
- Ability to use the ring
- Ability to show the specific breed
- Contact/bearing/cooperation
- Judge's own point

After round 2 all participants shall be presented in the final ring. The judge places the junior handlers as 1-3. After that the result in the team competition is announced. If there are 5 teams participating they are placed 1-3. If there are 4 or less teams participating only the winner is placed. If two teams achieve the same number of points, the team with the most 5's will win. If the number of points is still the same, the team with the most 4's wins, and so on. The points from the competition shall not be published.

The competition is arranged on one day.

Moreover, the organizers show regulations apply.

Regulations for the national teams

Age

A junior handler can participate from the year he/she turns 10 to the year he/she turns 17. It is the year that counts and not the birthday.

Participants

Each national kennel organization sends a team with four junior handlers and one coach to the Nordic Championship. The coach must be at least 18 years old. Each national kennel organization decides how to choose their representatives.

Entry

The final date for the national kennel organizations to entry their teams is 6 weeks before the show.

Costs

Travelling and living expenses are paid by each national kennel organization. The organizer places overnight accommodation at disposal.

The entry fee is free of charge.

If it's possible the teams shall wear similar outfits during the show when they are not competing themselves.

Regulations for the judgement of Junior Handling

Junior handling is based on an individual judgement of each junior handler's knowledge. The judgment includes behaviour in the ring and the presentation of the dog.

The junior handler's attention and attitude towards the judge, the ring stewards and the other competitors shall be judged. .

The judge should evaluate the junior handler's outfit in relation to the dog. The footwear should be well adapted to the foundation of the ring and the size of the dog. The junior handler and the dog together should give a harmonious impression in order to make it possible for the judge to see the contours of the dog from a distance as well.

The judge should take into consideration as well the breeds' different conditions in a show ring, and not let the dog's quality be decisive.

Regulations for organizers

Organizer

The Nordic championship in Junior Handling is arranged by the national kennel organizations in the four Nordic countries Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland in connection with the Nordic Winner Show. Iceland is a participating country.

Invitation and entry

The organizer invites the other national kennel organizations in the Nordic countries to participate. The invitation is sent out at least four months before the competition. The final date for the national kennel organizations to enter their teams is 6 weeks before the show.

The last date for entry has to be mentioned in the invitation. It also has to be mentioned that the national teams shall bring their national anthem to the competition. The organizer shall deliver the timetables for local transportation to the teams in advance.

The entry form can gladly contain questions about the junior handlers. The answers can be used during the competition when the speaker presents the competitors.

Costs

Travelling and living expenses are paid by each national kennel organization. The organizer places overnight accommodation at disposal.

The entry fee is free of charge.

Number lottery

Before the competition a "number lottery" is arranged by the organizer. The judge should not be present at this event. The numbers used are 1-20.

Activities for the competitors

The organizer can gladly arrange some kind of activity for the junior handlers so they get the chance to get to know each other.

Dogs

Each junior handler competes with an unfamiliar dog. The organizer places dogs at disposal. The dogs must be adult, trained, show dogs. The junior handlers may wish for a breed and does this in connection with the entry of the teams. Each junior handler may wish for 3 different breeds and places them in order of preference.

The participants shall receive their dogs 60 minutes before the beginning of the competition.

The organizer chooses 3-4 dogs of the same breed for back up if something unexpected happens. The back-up breed shall be a middle-size dog. The breed shall be announced in the invitation.

Accommodation

The organizer shall make preliminary reservation for all the teams at the same hotel and near by the show area if possible.

Transportation

The organizer shall arrange the teams' transportation to/from the show area if possible.

Judge

The organizer invites the judge and covers his/her travelling, hotel and living expenses.

Each year the NKU/Junior Handling makes suggestions of judges. Based on this list, or on suggestions approved by the NKU/Junior Handling, the organizer shall invite a judge.

Prices

The organizer gives a rosette and a souvenir to each junior handler.

Regulations for Nordic Championship in Junior Handling

Nordic championship in Junior Handling is arranged by the four Nordic countries; Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland in connection with Nordic Winner Show. Island is only participating country.

Purpose

Nordic Championship in Junior Handling is organised to increase the Nordic cooperation between youths and to extend experiences and knowledge about dogs and dog activities. One will compete in a team class and an individual class.

Age of the Junior Handlers

Youths can participate from the year they are 10 years of age including the year they are 17.

Entry

The organising country invites the other Nordic kennel clubs to participate. Each country has four participants and one leader. The leader must be of full age. The selection rules are decided independently by each kennel club.

The entry must be done by each kennel club to the organising country's kennel klub, within the deadline. The entry is free of charge. Travelling and living expenses are paid by each kennel club. The organising country places overnight accommodation at disposal.

Dogs

The organising country places dogs at the disposal of the participants. The participants may wish for a breed, three different alternatives. The dogs must be trained show dogs. The participants shall have received their dogs 90 minutes before the start of the competition.

Judges

The organising country invites the judge and covers his/her travelling, hotel and living expenses. The junior handling judge cannot have other judging assignments at the same show.

The judge should have good knowledge of how to present different breeds, preferably with previous experience as a junior handler. It is not an absolute demand that the judge is an authorized exterior judge. The main point is that the judge shows/has shown interest in and understanding of junior handling.

Each year NKU's Junior handling committee will make suggestions regarding judges. Based on this list, or on suggestions approved by the NKU Junior handling committee, the organising country shall invite judges.

Regulations for the judgment of Junior handling

Junior handling is based on individual judgment of each junior handler's knowledge. The judgment includes behaviour in the ring, the interaction between the handler and the dog, and the presentation of the dog.

The attention of the junior handler should be judged with regard to the judge, the ring stewards and the other competitors.

The judge should evaluate the junior handler's outfit in relation to the dog. The footwear should be well adapted to the foundation of the ring and the size of the dog. The junior handler and the dog together should give a harmonious impression in order to make it possible for the judge to see the contours of the dog from a distance as well.

The judge should take into consideration as well the breeds' different conditions in a show ring, and not let the dogs' quality be decisive.

The judge will receive a critic form for the calculation of points. The critic form should not be given to the participants in the competition.

The following points should be evaluated on a scale from 1-5 where 5 is the highest score:

- General impression
- Movement within the group
- Setting up dog
- Showing of teeth
- Movement to and from
- Figures (i.e. T or L)
- Ability to use the ring
- Ability to show the specific breed
- Contact/bearing/cooperation
- Judge's own point

The competition will be divided in two rounds:

1. Round: All participants will be judged in group and individually. Critic form according to the above. The critic form will not be handed out.
2. Round: All participants will be judged individually and given a written critic.

After round 2 all participants shall be presented in the final ring. The judge places 1-3.

In the first round all participants receive a total number of points. The total number of points achieved by the national team altogether will give the result of the team competition. The winner team should be announced in the final ring. If two teams achieve the same number of points, the team with the most 5s will win. If the number of points is still the same, the team with the most 4s wins, and so on.

The competition may be arranged on one as well as two days. The decision on this will be taken by the organising country.

Moreover, the show regulations of the organising country applies.