

# FMBB Canicross and Bikejöring Regulations

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## 1. Regulations for Dogs.

- The dog has to be older than 18 months.
- The dog has to have a valid anti-rabies inoculation and has to have a certificate of vaccination.
- The dog has to have a valid insurance.
- The identity of the dog has to be attested by the chip.
- The dog has to be a Belgian Shepherd according to the official Belgian Shepherd standard (FCI nr. 15)
- The dog is allowed to wear a muzzle, but the dog has to be able to breath, drink and eat. The size has to be checked by the vet and the judges.
- Pinch collar and choke chain are not allowed before, during or after the competition.
- Every dog is allowed to start once, two times is forbidden.
- Pregnant and lactates dogs are not allowed. Injured or sick dogs are not allowed. In case of doubt, the decision is taken by the judges or veterinarian.

## 2. Female Dogs.

- Female Dogs in heat are allowed to participate. The start position during the competition will be specified by the judges.

## 3. Rules for dog handler.

- Every dog handler has to be older than 18 years old.
- The winner of the last FMBB WM is allowed to defend his/her title, this obliged with the same dog and same handler as the previous championship.
- The dog handler does not need to be member in a breed club.
- There is no legal claim to participate in the event.

## 4. Qualification requirements and notification for the competition.

- Permitted number of participants Canicross: 100
- Permitted number of participants Bikejöring: 100
- Maximum number of participants per nation and per discipline:
  - Qualification Times
    - Canicross:
      - ❖ Women 2000 meter: below 7:15 Minutes
      - ❖ Men 2000 meter: below 6:40 Minutes
      - ❖ Women 5000 meter: below 21 Minutes

- ❖ Men 5000 meter: below 20 Minutes.
- Bikejöring:
  - ❖ Women 2000 meter: below 6 Minutes.
  - ❖ Men 2000 meter: below 5:30 Minutes.
  - ❖ Women 5000 meter: below 20 Minutes.
  - ❖ Men 5000 meter: below 18 Minutes.

## 5. Registrations.

- The Registration will be on the FMBB WM homepage (Caniva).
- Classes Canicross and Bikejöring:
  - Women: Women younger than 50 years.
  - Senior (w): Women older than 50 years.
  - Men: Men younger than 50 years.
  - Senior (m): Men older than 50 years.

## 6. Equipment.

- The dog has to wear a harness (harness from protection work is forbidden).
- The dog and the dog handler are linked with an elastic leash. The leash at Canicross is allowed to be 2 m and at Bikejöring 2,5m. The dog handler has to wear an abdominal belt and has to use a panic snag. The dog handler has to use an antenna, which is as long as the front wheel for bikejöring.
- Other collars are not allowed.
- The judges have to control the equipment. In case of wrong equipment they are allowed to disqualify the dog handler.

## 7. Reporting Procedure at the FMBB WC.

- The dog handler has to go to the registration point at the time published in the schedule.
- The dog handler has to show all documents- passport, valid anti-rabies inoculation and has to have an certificate of vaccination, document that the dog is a Belgian Shepherd (FCI papers), insurance papers.
- The vet will check the chip for identification and make sure that the dog is in a condition to start.
- The dog handler receives all information and materials needed for the competition.

## 8. Competition.

- The order of the starts will be published the day before the first race.
- In the first race the distance between the dog handlers in Canicross are 30 seconds and in bikejöring 60 seconds.

- The order of the second race will be - the fastest dog handler first and the next on after 30 (60) seconds and so on. There will be no separation of women and men.
- It is allowed to get help of two people at the start of bikejöring. The instructions of the judges have to be followed.
- There is no allowance for help at the start during Canicross.
- The dog handler has to be in the Starting Area 10 minutes before the start and has to follow the instruction of the judges and helpers. After three times asking for the dog handler in the starting area, no start will be possible.
- There will be a check of the equipment and the chip of the dog.
- The distances will depend on the weather conditions.
- It is forbidden to force the dog to run. It is not allowed to use motivation equipment.
- If the dog is not able to run any more, the dog handler has to leave the competition and inform the judges.
- The dog handler has to make sure, that the dog is always on leash and does not show any aggression toward other dogs or people during the race. The dog handlers have to see to it that they never hinder other teams.
- If the dog handler is not following these rules, the dog handler can be disqualified.
- There will be control of the chip at the finish line.

## **9. Route.**

- The route will be marked from the start till the finish line.
- The route will be published on the homepage of the FMBB WC.
- One route will be about 2 km and the second about 5 km. Every dog handler has to take part at both races. The smallest sum of both races times will show the winner. The time will be stopped when the dog and the dog handler pass the finish line.
- The veterinarian and the judges have to approve the routes.
- Following markings will be on the courses:
  - round red point on the right side
    - change of the directions in the next 20 meter to the right
  - round red point on the left side
    - change of the directions in the next 20 meter to the left
  - blue square mark
    - go on this way
  - yellow triangular mark
    - be careful, dangerous passage

## **10. Evaluation.**

- Every dog handlers has to take part at both races.
- The first race is on 04/27/2017.
- The second race is on 04/29/2017.
- The fastest time (sum of both races) will win the competition.
- The times measurement can be electronic with a transponder.
- The results will be documented at the finish line.
- There will be no separation during the competition between women and men, but the results will be separated (§4).

## **11. Award Ceremony.**

- There will be a ceremony for the first, second and third place.
  - Canicross:
    - Women: Women younger than 50 years.
    - Senior (w): Women older than 50 years.
    - Men: Men younger than 50 years.
    - Senior (m): Men older than 50 years.
  - Bikejöring:
    - Women: Women younger than 50 years.
    - Senior (w): Women older than 50 years.
    - Men: Men younger than 50 years.
    - Senior (m): Men older than 50 years.
- Every dog handler has to attend; attending must be asked to the judges.

## **12. Spectators.**

- It is allowed to support the dogs and dog handlers by voice and applause.
- It is not allowed to motivate the dogs by food, balls or other things or running with the dogs.
- The Spectators have to follow the instructions of the helpers and judges to avoid incidents with the dogs.
- Dogs of the Spectators have to be at leashes and are not allowed on the route. Dogs from the spectators have to have a valid anti-rabies inoculation.

## **13. Judges.**

- The judges are proposed by the organization and approved by the FMBB board.
- The judges have to judge to the best knowledge and applying the rules.

## **14. Defiance of the rules.**

- In the case of defiance of the rules, wrong handling of the dogs, the judges or the FMBB board and the DMC Board is allowed to disqualified the dog handler without given back the registration fee.

**15. Liability Exclusion.**

- The dog handler confirms any liability exclusion. Every dog handler has to sign the liability exclusion at the registration.

**16. Registration Fee.**

- The Registration fee will be 35 Euro.

**17. Protest.**

- see General Rules FMBB

**18. Doping.**

- See General Rules FMBB