

RULES FOR THE NORDIC RETRIEVER CHAMPIONSHIP (NRC)

Art 1 - CONSTITUTION

- A. Established in 2023 by Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden - national retriever clubs, under the FCI kennel clubs of the respective countries
- B. Nordic Championship for Retrievers, which will take place every two years in the Nordic countries.

Art. 2. – AIM

The aim of the NRC is to select dogs from each country that most efficiently and in the style appropriate to their breed find and retrieve game on a practical shot.

Art. 3. - TYPE OF COMPETITION

- A. The NRC is a two-day international field trial for all retriever breeds.
- B. The CACT and the FCI-CACIT will be offered through the host country.
- C. The field trial will be held according to the **International Regulations for Field Trials for Retrievers**.
- D. Period of organization: during the shooting season of the host country.
- E. The event is judged by four judges, among whom must be at least two FCI Field Trial Judge.
- F. All judges have to be selected from the FCI Retriever Field Trial Judges Panel List (Annex B) or the Kennel Club Official Panel of Field Trial Judges (A or B panel).
- G. "Fair-play" and "fair treatment" should be of first priority in the competition. In questionable situations the judgement should always be to the dog's advantage.

Art 4. – ORGANISATION

- A. The NRC Committee will be responsible for:
 1. Designating, if possible, at least two years in advance, the host country and ground for the NCR.
 2. Taking all the necessary steps for a successful organization of the Nordic Retriever Championship.
 3. The NCR Committee is responsible for organizing the competition and nominating the judges.

Art. 5 - QUALIFICATIONS

- A. The NRC Commission will decide how many dogs per country may run.
- B. Each country can submit up to 6 dogs to the NRC.
- C. Each country delegates the best and most consistent dog(s).

The selection will be based on results obtained on international field trials or open national field trials held in accordance with the FCI regulations or the Kennel Club regulations.

The five (5) best results of each dog over the past two (2) full shooting seasons are taken into account. If there are field trials before the deadline of entries for the European Championship, these results can also be taken into account.

National field trials

- A first place (with "Excellent" if applicable) and ticket towards a national title equals 11 points.
- A second place (with "Excellent" if applicable) equals 9 points
- A third place (with "Excellent" if applicable) equals 8 points
- A fourth place (with "Excellent" if applicable) equals 7 points
- An "Excellent" without a ranking if applicable equals 6 points
- A Diploma or Certificate of Merit or comparable or a "Very Good" equals 4 points
- A qualification "Good" equals 2 points

International field trials (FCI-CACIT)

- FCI-CACIT equals 12 points
- Res-FCI-CACIT equals 10 points
- "3rd Excellent" equals 8 points
- "4th Excellent" equals 7 points
- "Excellent" equals 6 points

- “Very Good” equals 4 points
- “Good” equals 2 points

For the national FT championship of a country, the same scale as for FCI international field trials can be used, even if the championship itself is not an international field trial.

If two or more dogs have the same number of points, the dog with the highest qualifications (first place, FCI-CACIT, etc...) will be selected. If this does not resolve the ex-aquo, the dog with the most recent results will be selected.

The defending winner of the last FCI-ERC has a fixed run in the following one. A handler shall only handle one dog if there are enough dogs with qualifications. The dog is qualified with the handler with whom he achieved the results.

Art. 6 - NATIONALITY

The OWNER and HANDLER must have the nationality of the country for which his/her dog will compete or must have his/her legal residence for a minimum of 12 months in the country for which his/her dog will compete.

The DOG must have been registered with the studbook or appendix to the studbook of the national organisation for which it will compete for a minimum of 12 months.

Art. 7. – PRIZES

The Winner will get the title “Nordic Retriever Champion *year*”. The original Cup for the winning dog will be presented at each event and the name of the dog and the handler will be engraved in the Cup. Other prizes will be provided by NCR Commission.

These regulations were approved by the NRC Committee, on the occasion of its online meeting, January 11, 2023.