

ABRIDGED RULES-POLICE SERVICE DOGS – 2022

GUIDING BODIES:

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EVENTS:

UNISEX: 18+

Obstacle Course

GENERAL RULES

Please read these rules carefully so as to avoid any unpleasant and unexpected surprises.

1. Participants may report in work gear.
2. The dress code for the presentation of the prizes and the buffet dinner is: Military: **Service Dress**; all other guests: equivalent attire.
3. You are obliged to allow all medical checks by the medical staff or a veterinarian. If the medical staff or the veterinarian should determine that it would be irresponsible to allow a particular team to participate in the biathlon, this team will be withdrawn from the competition immediately.
4. It is not allowed to explore the track beforehand (without supervision by the stewards).
5. During the competition the contestants shall be dressed in work gear and trainers. (This means: a pair of full-length trousers and (military- issued) T-shirt).
6. The working dog is not allowed to be wearing a strangler leash or spiked collar during the competition.
7. It is not allowed to start any discussion with the members of the jury or the inspectors during the competition. Any complaints may be lodged with the competition officials until 30 (thirty) minutes after the last contestant has finished.
8. Every penalty imposed shall be executed immediately (if possible), at the relevant obstacle. Instructions from the jury pertaining to such penalties must be followed unconditionally, on pain of disqualification.
9. Deliberate detours from the track will lead to disqualification.
10. The working dog must be kept on the leash at all times, except when taking obstacles or performing exercises that must be carried out by the dog independently. If the working dog is found to be unleashed, a 2- (two) minute penalty will be imposed.
11. Dog-handler and/or working dog must pass across, through or under the obstacle. The number of attempts at each obstacle is limited to three.
12. The penalty for an incorrectly completed or incomplete routine will be 2 (two) minutes at minimum, depending on the obstacle to be taken (for Obstacle no. 16, for example, this will be 4 (four) minutes).
13. The track and obstacles will be marked with red-and-white tape and red-top bollards.
14. At the routines involving firing, the contestants must follow the instructions of the jury and the range commander. Non-compliance with these instructions will lead to disqualification.
15. Incorrect handling of firearms, firing before or after the appropriate commands, aiming the firearm into a direction other than the designated targets, as well as throwing down the firearm will lead to immediate disqualification.

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16. The decision regarding the situation described at 15 above shall be taken by the firing range jury.
17. Skipping the firing test will result in disqualification for the remainder of the competition.
18. Every miss will carry a time penalty of 30 (thirty) seconds.
19. The international rules for dog-handling biathlons shall be applicable to these championships.
20. in the event that the rules described here, or the rules for international dog-handling competitions should fail to offer a solution, the final decision shall rest with the organizing committee of this (25th) dog- handling biathlon.
21. Every 30-second time penalty shall be converted on the spot into a penalty run; the distance to be covered will be 50 (fifty) meters for every 30 seconds

DESCRIPTION OF OBSTACLE COURSE

Obstacle 1: Cycling

The dog-handler must cycle an anti-clockwise round on the cinder track, with the dog running along either on the left or on the right. On completion, the bicycle must be placed on the designated spot in an orderly manner.

Obstacle 2: Tires

The handler and the dog must go together through all tires, stacked in piles of two in a row. It does not matter who goes first: the handler or the dog.

Obstacle 3: Climbing Frame

Handler to climb over climbing frame

Obstacle 4: Sewage pipes

Handler and dog must both pass through the pipe.

Obstacle 5: Windows

Handler and dog must both pass through a window in the wall.

Obstacle 6: Crawl-and-sneak

Handler and dog must both crawl underneath the netting and between the poles.

Obstacle 7: Ditch

Handler and dog must both pass underneath the nets and through the ditch.

Obstacle 8: Tube/hose

The dog must go through one of the tubes/hoses on its own; the handler is allowed to encourage the dog.

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Obstacle 9: Nets

Both handler and dog must pass underneath the nets.

Obstacle 10: Hills

Handler and dog must complete track through the hills.

Obstacle 11: Crossing the pond

Handler and dog must pass through pond

Obstacle 12: Wading the water

Handler and dog must complete wading the pool together.

Obstacle 13: Lifting the dog.

Handler lifts the dog and carries him from one cone to the other (50 meters).

Obstacle 14: Container

Handler passes through container

Obstacle 15: Carrying weighted crate (men 20 kg/women 15 kg)

Handler lifts the weighted crate and completes a square track together with the dog.

Obstacle 16: Dog in wheelbarrow

Handler must lift dog into the wheelbarrow on the spot and walk a square track, pushing the wheelbarrow with the dog in it.

Obstacle 17: Bunker

Handler and dog must go across and through the bunker together. Inside the bunker, follow the light sticks.

Obstacle 18: Truck

Handler and dog must climb into the truck from the rear of one of the trucks, proceed to the front and exit the truck through the side.

Obstacle 19: Attacking mock intruder on exiting tunnel

Handler and dog take their position in the frame; handler directs the dog through the tunnel to the mock intruder. Handler is not allowed to walk up to the dog until the dog has a firm grip on the target.

The command to let go must be given while the dog is unleashed.

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Once the dog has released the target, the handler is allowed to pick up the leash again and continue along the track. If the dog should get hold of the target again, the handler must drop the leash again and subsequently command the dog to let go of its target.

A two-minute penalty will be imposed if the handler is found to have exercised undue influence (e.g. corrective leash, threatening movement, etc.) to get the dog to release the target. This decision will be at the discretion of the jury. The dog should be at ease after five commands, on pain of disqualification.

Obstacle 20: Throwing Balls

Handler throws three balls into a frame. The dog must lie down next to the handler and is not allowed to get up. The handler is not allowed to be standing on the dog's leash.

Obstacle 21: Target practice

Handler takes his/her dog to the designated shelters and proceeds to the shooting Range.

All safety instructions issued by the jury must be followed here at all times. Should safety be compromised this will result in disqualification, at the discretion of the jury.

Following the target practice routine, the handler will receive a card showing the number of any misses. Once the handler has retrieved his/her dog, the card must be handed to the jury member outside the shelter. A penalty walk for misses will be imposed on handler and dog, to be run together along the cones (each miss equals a 50-meter penalty run).

Obstacle 22: Pallets

Handler and dog must pass across and beneath the various pallets together.

Obstacle 23: Lay-down

The handler must lay the dog down within the square, then proceed to the first cone/markings and call the dog from this point. At the second cone/markings, the handler must have the dog on the leash again and continue the track. The dog must be lying still until called by its handler.

Obstacle 24: Pool test

Handler and dog get into the pool together.

The dog must take this obstacle on its own without coercion from its handler, and without any extra pushing or shoving. The handler must wait until the dog has gotten hold of the target and subsequently proceed to the dog in order to give the command for releasing the target.

The command to release the target must be given while the dog is unleashed. Once the dog has released its target, the handler may pick up the leash again and proceed on the track. If the dog gets hold of its target again, the handler must drop the leash again and subsequently command the dog to release the target.

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The handler will then retrieve the dog and continue the track towards the finish.