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## **REGULATIONS FOR THE FCI INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**



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### **INTRODUCTION**

In order to be eligible for the title of FCI International Champion, a dog must:

- 1) belong to a <u>breed recognised on a definitive basis by the FCI</u> according to the FCI Breeds Nomenclature.
- 2) be <u>pure-bred</u>. A dog is considered to be pure-bred when its pedigree includes 3 complete generations registered in FCI recognised studbooks (the registrations in the appendix to the studbooks are not valid), i.e. dog's name, initials of the FCI recognised studbook + registration number.
  - In addition, the conditions for the awarding of the different certificates (CACIB, CACIT, CACIL, CACIAG et CACIOB) as described in the different FCI international regulations and the other requirements included in the present regulations have to be respected.

I. TITLE OF FCI INTERNATIONAL BEAUTY CHAMPION (C.I.B.) FOR BREEDS SUBJECT AND <u>NOT</u> SUBJECT TO A WORKING TEST ACCORDING TO THE FCI BREEDS NOMENCLATURE

### I.1. Breeds NOT subject to a working test according to the FCI Breeds Nomenclature

To be eligible for the title of C.I.B., these dogs have to meet the following requirements:

- a) have earned, in <u>3 different countries</u>, under <u>3 different judges</u>, 4 CACIB (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté) no matter the number of competing dogs;
- b) between the first and last CACIB, a minimum period of one year and one day must have elapsed. This period is to be understood as follows: for example, from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

For a) and b), exceptions can be granted to the national canine organisations provided that they are approved by the FCI General Committee.

Any C.I.B. title application for the breeds not subject to a working test must be filed by the national canine organisation of the country where the owner has his/her legal residence.

The use of the official FCI form (Annex 1a) is compulsory for this kind of application.

However, depending on the agreements with some members and/or contract partners, the FCI Office can, upon request of the owner, issue the title provided that the <u>complete</u> show results (lists of results and catalogue) have reached the FCI Office.

The use of the official FCI form (Annex 1b) is compulsory for this kind of application.

### 1.2. Breeds subject to a working test according to the FCI Breeds Nomenclature

To be eligible for the title of C.I.B., all these dogs have to meet the following requirements:

- a) have earned, in <u>2 different countries</u>, under <u>2 different judges</u>, 2 CACIB (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté), no matter the number of competing dogs;
- b) between the first and last CACIB, a minimum period of one year and one day must have elapsed. This period is to be understood as follows: for example, from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

For a) and b), exceptions can be granted to the national canine organisations provided that they are approved by the FCI General Committee

In addition to a) and b), the dogs of breeds subject to a working test according to the FCI Breeds Nomenclature must have passed a breed-specific test in which the Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat National de Travail (CACT) is competed for in any FCI member or contract partner. The date of the test is not taken into account.

Any C.I.B. title application for the breeds subject to a working test must be filed by the national canine organisation of the country where the owner has his/her legal residence. It is up to this organisation to make the necessary checks regarding the validity of the test.

The use of the official FCI form (Annex 2) is compulsory for this kind of application.

# I.2.1. Specifications for breeds of GROUPS 1, 2, 3 (Utility, Tracking, Rescue work) subject to a working test according to the FCI Breeds Nomenclature

The tests organised according to the:

- FCI Regulations for International Tests for Utility Dogs and for the International Test for Tracking Dogs (IPO and IPO-FH)
- FCI and IRO Regulations for International Tests for Rescue Dogs (IPO-R)

are the only tests valid for the title of C.I.B.

- 1) IPO (utility): the dog must have obtained, in class 1, at least 70% of the points in each discipline, i.e. tracking (IPO-A), obedience (IPO-B) and defence (IPO-C). The IPO-preliminary trial (IPO-VO) is not a valid test.
- 2) IPO-FH (tracking): the dog must have obtained at least 70% of the points on the two tracks.
- 3) IPO-NS (Nordic Style)
- **4) IPO-R (rescue)**: the dog must have obtained at least 70% of the points in <u>class A</u> in every discipline (2): *Scent work* (Tracking, Area, Rubble, Avalanche or Water) and *Obedience and Dexterity*

# I.2.2. Specifications for breeds of GROUPS 1, 2, 5 (Herding work) subject to a working test according to the FCI Breeds Nomenclature

The following tests are the <u>only</u> tests valid for the title of C.I.B.:

- FCI-HWT (Traditional or Collecting style)
- International Sheepdog Trials (Traditional or Collecting style)
- 1) FCI-HWT (Traditional or Collecting style): the dog must have obtained at least 60% of the points.
- **2)** International Sheepdog Trial (Traditional or Collecting style): the dog must have obtained at least 70% of the points in class 1.

# I.2.3. Specifications for breeds of GROUP 6 subject to a working test according to the FCI Breeds Nomenclature

The breeds of that group must have passed a hunting test on <u>live</u> and <u>natural</u> game, in which the CACT (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat national) is competed for.

### I.2.4. Specifications for all breeds from GROUP 7

The breeds from that group must have obtained:

- either at least the qualification "Very Good" at a <u>national</u> field trial where the CACT (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat National) is competed for or at an <u>international</u> field trial where the CACIT (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International) is competed for;
- or at least a second prize at a <u>national</u> (CACT) or <u>international</u> (CACIT) hunting test "field and water";
- or at least a second prize at a <u>national</u> (CACT) or <u>international</u> (CACIT) multiple hunting test.

# I.2.5 Specifications for Retrievers, Flushing and Water dog breeds of GROUP 8 subject to a working test according to the FCI Breeds Nomenclature

The breeds of that group must have passed a hunting test on <u>live</u> game, in which the CACT (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat national) is competed for.

# II. TITLE OF FCI INTERNATIONAL SHOW CHAMPION (C.I.E.) FOR BREEDS SUBJECT TO A WORKING TEST ACCORDING TO THE FCI BREEDS NOMENCLATURE

To be eligible for the title of C.I.E., the breeds subject to a working test according to the FCI Breeds Nomenclature have to meet the following requirements:

- a) have obtained in <u>3 different countries</u>, under <u>3 different judges</u>, 4 CACIB, no matter the number of competing dogs;
- b) between the first and last CACIB, a minimum period of one year and one day must have elapsed. This period is to be understood as follows: for example, from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Any C.I.E title application for the breeds subject to a working test must be filed by the national canine organisation of the country where the owner has his/her legal residence.

The use of the official FCI form (Annex 1a) is compulsory for this kind of application.

However, depending on the agreements with some members and/or contract partners, the FCI Office can, upon request of the owner, issue the C.I.E. title provided that the <u>complete</u> show results (lists of results and catalogue) have reached the FCI Office.

The use of the official FCI form (Annex 1b) is compulsory for this kind of application.

## III. RULES COMMON TO I. AND II. REGARDING THE CACIB/RCACIB

#### III.1. General specifications regarding the awarding of the CACIB

When a breed includes several varieties which differ in weight, colour, type of coat, etc., the FCI General Assembly will decide whether all the varieties should compete for one single CACIB or whether there should be more than one award.

In case of disagreement or uncertainty, the FCI General Committee will make the final decision after consultation with the member of the country of origin of the breed and the FCI Standards Commission.

### III.2. Particular specifications regarding the CACIB/RCACIB

The specifications regarding the awarding and confirmation of the CACIB and the awarding of RCACIB are described in the FCI Show Regulations.

# III.3. Particular specifications regarding turning a Reserve CACIB (RCACIB) into a CACIB

A RCACIB is <u>automatically</u> turned into a CACIB if the CACIB was awarded to a dog (subject or not to a working test) that already has the title of C.I.B. (this title must have been confirmed by the FCI latest on the day of the show).

A RCACIB can also be turned into a CACIB but <u>only at the request of the owner of the dog that won the RCACIB</u> or <u>at the request of his/her national kennel club</u> provided that one of the following requirements is met:

- The CACIB was awarded to a dog that does not have a pedigree recognised by the FCI or has a pedigree that is recognised by the FCI but incomplete (i.e. without 3 complete generations registered with FCI recognised studbooks. Registrations in the appendix to the studbook are not valid).
- 2. The CACIB was awarded to a dog that was entered in a wrong class which prevents it from being eligible for this award (see *FCI Show Regulations, 5. Classes*).
- 3. The CACIB was awarded to a dog that fulfills, on the day of the show, the requirements (in terms of number of CACIB earned and necessary time required) for the title of C.I.B., as described in paragraphs I.d II. This means for breeds not subject to a working test, 4 CACIB under 3 different judges in 3 different countries over a minimum period of one year and one day and for breeds subject to a working test, 2 CACIB, under 2 different judges, in 2 different countries over a minimum period of one year and one day.
- 4. The CACIB was awarded to a dog subject to a working test and already holding a title of C.I.E. (this title being confirmed by the FCI latest on the day of the show)
- 5. The CACIB awarded was cancelled for any other reason.

In case the dog that has earned the RCACIB is already a C.I.B or C.I.E, the RCACIB can under no circumstances be turned into a CACIB.

Any application to turn a RCACIB into a CACIB must be sent <u>in writing</u> (fax, post or email) to the FCI Office.

The use of the official FCI form (Annex 3) is compulsory for this kind of application

# IV. TITLE OF FCI INTERNATIONAL WORKING CHAMPION (C.I.T.) FOR BREEDS SUBJECT TO A WORKING TEST ACCORDING TO THE FCI BREEDS NOMENCLATURE

The breeds for which international tests or field trials are organised by the FCI are eligible for this title.

# IV.1. General provisions for the hunting breeds from GROUPS 3-4-6-7-8 (with the exception of the continental pointing dogs) subject to a working test according to the FCI Breeds Nomenclature

To be eligible for the title of C.I.T., these breeds have to meet the following requirements:

- a) have earned, at any age, 2 CACITs (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Travail) awarded at FCI sanctioned hunting test or field trials (i.e. tests and trials where FCI international regulations are applied) <u>under 2 different judges</u>, <u>in one country or more</u>. These 2 CACIT have to be linked to two 1<sup>st</sup> prizes.
- b) have obtained at the minimum age of fifteen months, in an international show under the patronage of the FCI, whatever the number of dogs shown, at least the qualification "Very Good" or, in countries where this qualification does not exist, a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the working, intermediate or open class.

### IV.1.1. Specifications for the earth dog breeds from GROUPS 3-4

The only tests where the CACIT can be awarded are indicated in the *Annex* to the document *Specific* requirements for the title of International Working Champion (C.I.T.) for earth dogs.

### IV.1.2. Specifications for British pointing dogs from GROUP 7

One (1) of the 2 CACIT has to be earned in an international field trial, an international Grande Quête field trial or an international hunting test (practical hunting) in brace.

# IV.2. General provisions for the breeds from GROUPS 1-2-3 and 5 (Utility, Tracking, Rescue, Herding work) subject to a working test according to the FCI Breeds Nomenclature

To be eligible for the title of C.I.T., these breeds must have obtained:

- a) At the minimum age of 15 months, 2 CACIT or 2 RCACIT under 2 different judges in 2 different countries or under the organisation of 2 clubs of a different nationality in:
  - either an IPO test (utility) in class 3,
  - either an IPO-FH test (tracking),
  - either an IPO-NS test (nordic style),
  - either an IPO-R (rescue) test in <u>class B</u>, in one of the following 2 disciplines: *Obedience and Dexterity* and *Search Work* (tracking, area, rubble, avalanche or water),
  - or an International Sheepdog Trial (Collecting or Traditional style) in class 3.
- b) At the minimum age of 15 months, in an international show under the patronage of the FCI, whatever the number of dogs shown, at least the qualification "Very Good" or, in countries where this qualification does not exist, a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the working, intermediate or open class.

(See also the FCI Guidelines for awarding the CACIT at International Herding, Utility and Tracking Tests and the FCI Guidelines for awarding the CACIT at International Rescue Dog Tests)

### IV.3. General provisions for the continental pointing dog breeds from GROUP 7

The continental pointing dogs from GROUP 7 are <u>exclusively</u> eligible for the titles of **C.I.T.** (ft) (field trial) or **C.I.T.** (ec) (hunting test).

To be eligible for **the title of C.I.T. (ft)**, a dog must have earned:

- a) at the minimum age of 15 months, 2 CACIT or 1 CACIT and 2 RCACIT in international field trials, organized under the responsibility of at least one national canine organisation and under different judges;
- b) if all awards were earned in field trials where retrieving is not required, in addition to the above, at least the qualification "Very Good" or, in countries where this qualification dos not exist at least a second prize in a field trial under FCI patronage where retrieval is required;
- c) at the minimum age of 15 months, at least the qualification "Very Good" or, in countries where this qualification does not exist, at least a second prize in open, intermediate or working class at an international show under FCI patronage, independent of the number of dogs shown.

To be eligible for the title of C.I.T. (ec), a dog must have earned:

- a) at the minimum age of 15 months, 2 CACIT or 1 CACIT and 2 RCACIT in hunting tests, organized under the responsibility of minimum one national canine organisation and under different judges;
- b) if all awards were earned in hunting tests *field and water*, in addition to the above, at least the qualification "Very Good" or, in countries where this qualification does not exist, at least a second prize in a multiple hunting test under FCI patronage;
- c) at the minimum age of 15 months, at least the qualification "Very Good" or, in countries where this qualification does not exist, at least a second prize in open, intermediate or working class at an international show under FCI patronage, independent of the number of dogs shown.

  (See also Official Rules and Bylaws for International Field Trials and International Hunting Tests for Continental Pointers)

Any application for the C.I.T., C.I.T. (ft) or C.I.T. (ec) for the breeds subject to a working test must be filed by the national canine organisation of the country where the owner has his/her legal residence. This organisation must make sure that the CACIT counting towards the C.I.T., C.I.T. (ft) or C.I.T. (ec) are in accordance with the above and must provide all the necessary information to the FCI Office.

#### V. SPECIFIC RULES ABOUT THE CACIT

## V.1. General specifications regarding the awarding of the CACIT

Only one CACIT can be awarded per breed in each test or trial.

If the test or trial in which the CACIT is being competed for is judged on points and if several dogs obtain the same number of points, the method for choosing between them shall be the same as set down in the rules for the national championships in the country where the test or trial is taking place.

If these rules do not provide such a possibility, the dogs that tie for first place have to take part in one or more tests until one of them wins more points than the others. If possible, the tests shall consist of a combination of all the exercises making up the test or trial; otherwise, they will go through each exercise in turn, in the order of the programme, until one dog has obtained more points than the others.

#### V.2. Particular specifications regarding the awarding of the CACIT

<u>Several</u> CACIT can be awarded <u>to one and the same breed</u> <u>in a trial</u> according to the specifications in the different FCI regulations for earth dogs.

# V.3. Particular specifications regarding turning a Reserve CACIT (RCACIT) into a CACIT

A RCACIT can be turned into a CACIT at the request of the owner of the dog that was awarded the RCACIT or his/her national kennel club, provided that one of the following requirements is met:

- 1. the CACIT was awarded to a dog that already holds the title of C.I.T. (title being confirmed by the FCI) —with the exception of the Continental pointing dogs.
- 2. The CACIT was awarded to a dog that has already earned 2 CACIT whether its title of C.I.T is confirmed or not.
- 3. The CACIT was awarded to a dog that does not have a pedigree recognised by the FCI or having a pedigree that is recognised by the FCI, but incomplete (i.e. without 3 complete generations registered with FCI recognised studbooks. Registrations in the appendix to the studbook are not valid).
- 4. The CACIT has been awarded to a dog which is too young to be eligible for the CACIT in accordance with the various FCI Regulations for working/hunting tests or trials.
- 5. The CACIT awarded was cancelled for any other reason.

Any application to turn a RCACIT into a CACIT must be sent <u>in writing</u> (fax, post or email) to the FCI Office.

# VI. CUMULATIVE TITLE OF FCI INTERNATIONAL BEAUTY AND WORKING CHAMPION (C.I.B.T.) FOR BREEDS SUBJECT TO A WORKING TEST ACCORDING TO THE FCI BREEDS NOMENCLATURE

All dogs of breeds subject to a working test according to the FCI Breeds Nomenclature are eligible for the C.I.B.T., if they fulfil the conditions of both championships (i.e. if they hold a C.I.B <u>and</u> a C.I.T. or C.I.T. (ec)/C.I.T. (ft)).

Any application for the title of C.I.B.T. for the breeds subject to a working test must be filed by the national canine organisation of the country where the owner has his/her legal residence.

## VII. TITLE OF FCI INTERNATIONAL RACE CHAMPION (C.I.C.)

Only the sighthounds breeds from GROUP 10 are eligible for the title of C.I.C.

To be eligible for the title of **C.I.C.**, the sighthounds must fulfil the following conditions:

- a) have been awarded at least
  - 3 CACIL (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Lévriers) or
  - 2 CACIL et 2 RCACIL (Réserve CACIL)

in two different countries (in races or coursing organised by two different national canine organisations) over a period of at least one year and one day. This period is to be understood as follows: for example, from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

b) have obtained at least the qualification "Very Good" in open, intermediary, working or Champion class) at an FCI international CACIB show at the minimum age of 15 months.

Any C.I.C. title application must be filed by the national canine organisation of the country where the owner has his/her legal residence. It is up to this organisation to make the necessary checks regarding the RCACIL and the qualification obtained.

The use of the official FCI form (Annex 4) is compulsory for this kind of application.

# VIII. TITLE OF FCI INTERNATIONAL BEAUTY AND PERFORMANCE CHAMPION (C.I.B.P.)

To be eligible for the title of **C.I.B.P.**, the sighthound breeds from GROUP 10 must fulfil the following conditions:

- a) have been awarded at least
  - 3 CACIBs or
  - 2 CACIBs and 2 RCACIB

in two different countries under two different judges over a period of one year and one day. This period is to be understood as follows: for example, from January  $1^{st}$ , 2011 to January  $1^{st}$ , 2012.

- b) have taken part in at least three (3) CACIL international events (either races or coursing)
- c) have been awarded at least one (1) CACIL or two (2) Reserve CACIL.

Any C.I.B.P. title application must be filed by the national canine organisation of the country where the owner has his/her legal residence.

It is up to this organisation to make the necessary checks regarding the RCACIL and the participation.

The use of the official FCI form (Annex 5) is compulsory for this kind of application.

#### IX. RULES COMMON TO POINTS VII AND VIII REGARDING THE CACIL

### IX.1. Particular specifications regarding the awarding of the CACIL/RCACIL

The particular specifications regarding the awarding of CACIL/RCACIL are indicated in the FCI Regulations for FCI International Sighthound Races and Lure Coursing Events.

No Mediterranean sighthound breed in group 5 (Pharaoh Hounds, Cirneci, Podencos Ibicencos and Podencos Canarios) can be awarded the CACIL/RCACIL and be eligible for the titles of C.I.C. and C.I.B.P.

### IX.2. Particular specifications to turn a Reserve CACIL (RCACIL) into a CACIL

A RCACIL can be turned into a CACIL <u>at the request of the owner of the dog that was awarded the RCACIL</u> or <u>at the request of his/her national kennel club</u>, provided that one of the following requirements is met:

- 1. The CACIL was awarded to a dog that already holds the title of C.I.C. (title being confirmed by the FCI).
- 2. The CACIL was awarded to a dog that does not have a pedigree recognised by the FCI or having a pedigree that is recognised by the FCI but incomplete (i.e. without 3 complete generations registered with FCI recognised studbooks. Registrations in the appendix to the studbook are not valid).

Any application to turn a RCACIL into a CACIL must be sent <u>in writing</u> (fax, post or email) to the FCI Office.

## X. TITLE OF FCI INTERNATIONAL AGILITY CHAMPION (C.I.AG.)

All the breeds subject or not to a working test according to the FCI Breeds Nomenclature are eligible for the title of C.I.AG.

To be eligible for the title of C.I.AG., a dog must have obtained:

- a) at the minimum age of 18 months, 2 CACIAG (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International d'Agility) in 2 different countries and under 2 different judges;
- b) between the first and last CACIAG, a minimum period of one year and one day must have elapsed. This period is to be understood as follows: for example, from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012;
- c) at least the qualification "Good" in an international show under the patronage of the FCI.

The particular specifications regarding the awarding of CACIAG/RCACIAG and turning Reserve (RCACIAG) into CACIAG are indicated in the *Requirements to get the Title of International Agility Champion*.

Any C.I.AG. title application must be filed by the national canine organisation of the country where the owner has his/her legal residence.

Any application to turn a RCACIAG into a CACIAG must be sent in writing (fax, post or email) to the FCI Office.

## XI. TITLE OF FCI INTERNATIONAL OBEDIENCE CHAMPION (C.I.OB.)

All the breeds subject or not to a working test according to the FCI Breeds Nomenclature are eligible for the title of C.I.OB.

To be eligible for the title of C.I.OB., a dog must have obtained:

- a) at the minimum age of 15 months, 2 CACIOB (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International d'Obedience) in 2 different countries.
- b) Between the first and last CACIOB, a minimum period of one year and one day must have elapsed. This period is to be understood as follows: for example, from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.
- c) At least the qualification "Good" in an international show under the patronage of the FCI.

The particular specifications regarding the awarding of CACIOB/RCACIOB are indicated in the *General Regulations for Participation in Obedience Trials and Competitions in the International Obedience Class with CACIOB.* 

A RCACIOB can under no circumstances be turned into a CACIOB.

Any C.I.OB. title application must be filed by the national canine organisation of the country where the owner has his/her legal residence.

### XII. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING ALL FCI TITLES AND CERTIFICATES

## XII.1. FCI International Champion Title

The title of "FCI International Champion" is awarded by the FCI General Committee.

## XII.2. Confirmation of titles

The different titles of "FCI International Champion" can be issued by the FCI Office provided that all necessary documents — application forms correctly filled in, official catalogue and list of results, confirmation that the dog is pure-bred- have reached the FCI Office.

### XII.3. List of official abbreviations (Certificates and Titles)

CERTIFICATS D'APTITUDE AU CHAMPIONNAT INTERNATIONAL	
CACIB	Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté
RCACIB	CACIB Réserve
CACIT	Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat international de Travail
RCACIT	CACIT Réserve
CACIAG	Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International d'Agility
RCACIAG	CACIAG Réserve
CACIOB	Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International d'Obedience
RCACIOB	CACIOB Réserve
CACIL	Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Lévriers
RCACIL	CACIL Réserve
CERTIFICAT D'APTITUDE AU CHAMPIONNAT NATIONAL	
CACT	Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat National de Travail
TITRES DE CHAMPION INTERNATIONAL DE LA FCI	
C.I.B.	Champion International de Beauté
C.I.E.	Champion International des Expositions
C.I.T.	Champion International de Travail
C.I.T. (ft)	Champion International de Travail (field trial)
C.I.T. (ec)	Champion International de Travail (épreuve de chasse)
C.I.B.T.	Champion International de Beauté et Travail
C.I.C.	Champion International de Course
C.I.B.P.	Champion International de Beauté et Performance
C.I.AG.	Champion International d'Agility
C.I.OB.	Champion International d'Obedience