



Regulations for the European Open 2018

Ebreichsdorf (Austria) July 27th - 29th, 2018

The European Open 2018 is an Agility competition which is **officially recognised by the FCI** and is based on the **FCI-Agility Regulations of 2018**. The competition is **OPEN** to all dogs, with or without pedigree. All National Member Organisations of the FCI or National Organisations with a close relationship to the FCI are invited to participate in this event. For organisational purposes the number of competitors has to be limited to approximately **750 dogs**. Of these a maximum of 50% may be in the category "Large".

All competitors have to be **citizens** of the country which they represent, or they must have their **main residence** there. For all participating dogs a record book or a license has to be presented, issued by the sending National Member Organisation of the FCI or a National Organisation with a close relationship to the FCI. All dogs must be **24 months or older** on the day of the competition. Each handler is allowed to compete with max. 4 dogs.

All participating countries will receive an **allocation of 32 dogs (max. 16 in Large)**. Austria as organizing country receives a higher allocation (60 dogs, max. 30 in Large). All these allocations are valid for both the Team and the Individual Event. The EO-winners 2017 in Individual are automatically qualified without imposing on their country's number allocation.

Each National Organisation has the right to nominate competitors to the extent of the available allocation and to send the entries to the organiser **at the latest by May 31st, 2018**. A list of reserve dogs and handlers may be attached to the entries. The reserve may take the place of an original entry, should the original competitor have to scratch. The reserve may also be allocated an entry in case of available entries spots after closing of entries. If countries choose to have a **selection process**, this must be **OPEN** to all dogs (with or without pedigree).

All entries have to be sent in by the respective National Organisation or an appointed **Team Leader**. Any and all communication between the organisers and the countries will be done through the Team Leaders. The direct sending of entries to the organiser by single competitors is not possible.

Countries in which the national qualifying results will only be available after the closing date, have to let the organisers know before May 31st, 2018 how many entries they intend to send. In these cases no late additional entries can be added. A complete list of all competitors needs to be handed in by latest end of June 2018.

The organisers will check how many entries are still available after the first closing date (May 31st, 2018), resulting from countries not fully filling their allocations. Any available open entries will be offered to countries with a waiting list.

All S- and M-dogs which were not yet measured at previous FCI World Championships or European Open will be measured at the EO 2018 to check the correct entry category.

EO – Qualification for the Team Event

The qualification for the Team Event takes place on **July 27th, 2018** and is held in the categories **Large, Medium and Small**.

Teams in all height categories consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 handler and dog teams. **Mixed Country Teams** may also compete (one Team composed of members from different countries).

In the Team Event one **Agility round** and one **Jumping round** will be run as qualification for the EO Team Final.

For each round competitors will be ranked according to faults and time. The first placed handler and dog will receive points according to the number of competitors in that round (= number of Teams x 4), the second placed handler and dog team will receive one point less, the third placed team 2 points less and so on. A disqualification receives 0 points.

The points of the 3 best runs of each Team will count towards the Team result for both rounds (= sum of points received). The **20 Teams with the highest point score** after both rounds in the category **Large** and the **12 Teams with the highest point score** after both rounds in the categories **Medium and Small** will be qualified for the EO Team Final. In the case of a tie, the points of the 4th Team member will be taken into consideration. In case of a further tie the highest individual score of a team member will count.

EO – Qualification for the Individual Event

The qualification for the Individual Event takes place on **July 28^h, 2018** and is held in the categories **Large, Medium and Small**.

In the Individual qualification an **Agility round** and a **Jumping round** is run in all 3 height categories. Both rounds are scored separately for faults and time for all competitors.

In the category **Large** the **first 30 placed competitors** in both the Agility as well as the Jumping round will have qualified for the Final, in the categories **Small** and **Medium** each time the **first 18 placed competitors**. Where a team qualifies for the Final in both the Agility as well as the Jumping round, the worse of the 2 scores will be scratched and the next ranking team in that class will move up until all 60 places in Large and all 36 places in Small and in Medium have been filled for the Finals. In case of a double qualification with the same score in both rounds the Jumping result is scratched.

In addition, the competitors of every country will be ranked separately according to the total of faults and time of both runs in each height category. This ranking determines the internal, **country-specific selection order** for the EO final. If no team (handler + dog) of a country finished the qualification without elimination in one of the 2 runs, the lower number of faults in the other run decides. In the case of a tie (elimination in one run + same number of faults in the other run, no matter in which run the elimination happened) the better score in the overall result list of the run without elimination counts. In the case of a further tie the better Agility-run will break the tie, finally a draw will decide. A team with 2 eliminations will not qualify for the Final.

The **top team from a country** qualifies in each height category for the EO Final, as long as no dog from this country has already qualified directly for the EO Final as "Top 30" (L) resp. "Top 18" (S/M) in this height category. The qualification for the Final is not transferable to another team.

Furthermore the **EO Individual Winners of 2017** in all 3 height categories (Large: Krisztina Beitl-Kabai with "Tiu" – Germany, Medium: Silvia Trkman with "Le" - Slovenia, Small: Claudia Schwab with "Mitch" - Switzerland) have qualified for the EO Finals of 2018, without imposing on their country's number allocation.

European Open – Finals

All Finals of the European Open 2018 are held on **July 29th, 2018**, first the EO Team Finals and then the EO Individual Finals.

The **EO Team Final is a relay race** where 4 separate courses are built in one (extended) Agility ring, partly using shared obstacles. The time is started when the dog of the 1st Team member passes his starting line and stopped when the dog of the 4th Team member passes his finish line. Eliminations of Team members are counted with 100 faults for the respective part, and the time for the whole Team is in this case automatically the fixed maximum time. The 20 (Large) resp. 12 (Small and Medium) qualified Teams start in reverse order of the qualification score, so the best Team in the qualification will run last at the Final.

All Teams have to start in the Final with all the team members who were running the qualification before. If a Team, which was running with only 3 members in the qualification, reaches the Final, one member of this Team has to run twice.

The winners of the Team Final will be the “**European Open – Team Champion 2018**” in the categories Large, Medium and Small.

The **EO Individual Final** is an Agility round at A3 level.

The **running order in the Individual Final** is determined as follows:

- First the **qualified teams from the country qualifiers**. They will start in reverse order of their time in the Individual Agility round. That is the fastest qualified team will run last, irrespective of the number of faults they had. Qualifiers to the Final without a valid time from the Individual Agility round will run first.
- The **60 (L) / 36 (M) / 36 (S) qualified teams** from both Jumping and Agility in reverse order and alternating (i.e. second to last will be the winner of the Jumping round, and last the winner of the Agility round)
- The **EO winner of the previous year** will run last at the Final.

The winners of the Final will be the “**European Open – Individual Champion 2018**” in their respective height category.

Prize Giving Ceremony

The prize giving for the **EO-Qualification runs** will be held on July 28th, 2018, after the completion of all individual qualification runs.

First the 3 top placed teams of the qualification for the Team Final in all categories (S, M and L) will be announced as “**1st/2nd/3rd of the EO-qualification for the Team Event 2018**” (without national anthems). Then the 3 first places of both the Agility and the Jumping rounds in all categories (S, M and L) will be announced as “**1st/2nd/3rd of the EO-qualification for the Individual Event 2018**” (without national anthems).

The prize giving for the **EO-Finals** will be held on July 29th, 2018, after the completion of all final runs. First the top 3 placed Teams of the **EO-Team Finals** in all categories (S, M and L) will be announced, the anthem of the winning country will be played. Should the winner be a „Mixed Country Team“, the European Anthem will be played. Thereafter the prize giving for the **EO-Individual Finals** will take place. The top 3 places of the Final round in all categories (S, M, L) will be announced, the national anthem of each winning country will be played.

Finally the EO-flag will be handed over to the organizing country for the following year.

These regulations are only valid for 2018 and may be changed for 2019 if needed.