

NKU AGILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MAY 9TH 2022 (REMOTE MEETING)

Date and place

2022.05.09 (remote meeting)

Participants

Thomas Thiesen, Norway, chairman
Bonnik Berthelsen, Denmark
Risto Ojanperä, Finland, meeting minutes

Absent

Dag Brück, Sweden

Opening the meeting

Chairman opened the remote meeting at 19:47 (EET).

Approval of the agenda

Accepted

Approval of the minutes of last meeting

Meeting minutes from last NKU Agility remote meeting March 16th 2022 was accepted.

In the future acceptance of meeting minutes will be done by email after each meeting to get the meeting minutes delivered to NKU board as soon as possible.

Proposals for NAC rules

Countries have sent their NAC proposals to the delegates.

The NKU Agility Committee discussed and decided the following changes:

Individual competition:

- FCI height categories apply
- Eight (8) contestants from each country plus reigning champion is allowed to participate for the national team
- One jumping and one agility run on Saturday,
- the 20 competitors with the best combined results move on to the finale on Sunday where all the competitors start from scratch and a single agility run decides the results

- In case a country doesn't have any dogs in the final, the best contestant from that country can compete in the finals.

Teams:

- The team consist of 3 contestants and 1 reserve contestant
- The team run will be a relay
- The reserve contestant can be named to compete up until the course drawing is released.

New proposal for "*Format and rules*", as part of "*Regulations for the Nordic Agility Championship (NAC)*" is attached (attachment 1).

Thomas Thiesen promised to have a look at the entire "*Regulations for the Nordic Agility Championship (NAC)*" and make proposal for other changes there.

Nordic Kennel Union - Agility Commission's physical meetings

According to NKU board decision one physical, face-to-face can be organized yearly. The next one will be organized during the NAC (Nordic Agility Championships) on Saturday 2022.08.28 in Sweden.

Next meeting, time and place

To be decided later.

Closing the meeting

The chairman closed the remote meeting at 21:37 (EET)

Attachment 1:

Proposal for “*Format and rules*”, as part of “*Regulations for the Nordic Agility Championship (NAC)*”

Format and rules

The NAC has both a team and an individual trial in four size categories (small, medium, intermediate, large).

Each country can enter max. 8 dogs in each size group. All 8 dogs can participate in the individual trial. Each country can have two teams in each size category in the team trial – one team consists of 3 dogs and 1 reserve dog. If a reserve dog is to be used it can be announced to the chief steward at latest before the course drawing for the team trial is released.

Even if they are not selected in the team the reigning individual Nordic champions are eligible to participate in the NAC individual trial. If so, they must be entered by their country’s kennel club and they will start according to the random draw by the organizer.

Individual trial:

The NAC individual trial consist of three different courses.

8 contestants from each country plus the reigning champion. In the Individual trial one agility course and one jumping course is run in all 4 height categories on Saturday. In each height category, the 20 best from the combined results move on to Sunday where all the competitors start from scratch and a single agility run decide the results.

In addition, the top dog from a country qualifies in each height category for the NAC Final, if no dog from this country has already qualified for the NAC Final.

Disqualification counts as 100 fault points plus the maximum course time, MCT (equaling 2 x the standard course time, SCT). Apart from this the results on the course are calculated in accordance with the FCI agility regulations.

Team trial:

A relay with 3 contestants (including 1 reserve) and 2 teams from each country. Just a single run, on Sunday.

For the team trial, the ring must be bigger than 20m * 40m, the minimum requirement is 1200 m² and the minimum width is 24 m.

The course for the team event has 3 separate courses with between 8 to 10 obstacles built in the ring, partly using shared obstacles. The time starts when the

first dog passes the starting line and stops when the last dog passes the finish line.

An elimination of a team member is counted as 100 faults for the respective part. The time for an eliminated run is taken from the timing if a team member that is eliminated performs all the obstacles in correct order and direction on his course.

The time for the whole team is set to the maximum time if a team member that is eliminated doesn't perform all the obstacles in correct order and direction on their course.

To make it a bit more tactical, the order within the team does not need to be announced until after the drawing of the course is published Sunday morning.