# **Tryouts Scoring Protocol**

For each of the 5 Rounds, Candidates will be ranked based on time plus faults. Yards per second (YPS) will be tracked for each Round for each dog to be used when selecting dogs to run in individual.

# **Rules and Regulations**

To ensure reliable scoring, the FCI Judge will use the FCI Rules as defined in the document, *Agility Regulations of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale*, which will be in effect at the 2023 EO and AWC events. Scoring will be adjusted to reflect all FCI rule changes that directly affect the 2023 EO event. For a copy of the FCI Agility Regulations refer to: <a href="http://fci.be/en/Agility-45.html">http://fci.be/en/Agility-45.html</a>).

#### **Sanctioned Course Times**

Sanctioned Course Time will be calculated by adding **5%** to the fastest dog's time for each jump height before faults for each Round at Tryouts.

#### **Time Faults**

Time faults (i.e., time over SCT) will be added back into the Candidate's Round score. Exceeding course time is faulted. **3** seconds will be added for every second or partial second overtime. (For example, if the SCT is 35:00 and Round time is 36:00; 3 seconds will be added to the time, resulting in a score time of 39:00 for that Round.)

### **Course Faults**

#### **Faults on Course**

A course fault (e.g., missed contact, dropped bar, etc.) will be scored as a 3-second penalty.

### Refusals

Refusals will be called, but **not be faulted** for each of the 5 Tryouts Rounds. Refusals must be corrected, failure to do so will result in a **10-second penalty**.

Course Faults	Definition	Tryout Penalty  3-second penalty		
Knockdowns	When negotiating an obstacle, it is a fault each time any part of the obstacle (pole, wing, tile, etc.) is knocked down.			
Refusals	The following actions are faulted with a refusal:	0-second penalty		
	<ul><li>A dog that stops in front of an obstacle.</li><li>A dog that stops on the course.</li></ul>	Refusals will be called, but not be faulted.		
	<ul> <li>A dog that turns away from or runs by an obstacle, jumps between the tire and its frame, or goes under the pole of a jump.</li> <li>A dog that puts its head or a paw in a tunnel and comes back out again.</li> <li>A dog that jumps over a tunnel or jump wing.</li> <li>A dog that takes the long jump from the side.</li> <li>A dog that runs under or jumps over a contact obstacle.</li> <li>Each incorrect weave entry is penalised with a refusal.</li> </ul>	Refusals must be corrected immediately, failure to do so will result in a 10-second penalty.		
Contact Areas	Dog Walk and A-frame	3-second penalty		
	The dog must touch the down contact zone with at least one paw or part of a paw.			
	Seesaw			

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Course Faults	Definition	Tryout Penalty			
	The dog must touch the up as well as the down contact with at least one paw or part of its paw.				
Breakaway Tire	Tire breaks away when the dog goes through.	3-second penalty			

### **Elimination**

Eliminations in a Round will result in a score of 0 for that Round.

#### **Reasons for Course Eliminations**

Course Elimination Criteria	Notes				
Wrong Course	Taking of obstacles out of sequence (an "off course"). Includes taking an obstacle in the wrong direction.				
Exceeding maximum course time	Sanctioned Course Time (SCT) x 1.75 seconds				
Dog taking or touching obstacles out of sequence	An off course or wrong course				
Dog taking an obstacle in the wrong direction	An off course or wrong course				
Non-completion of an obstacle, including the weave poles	The obstacle must be completed correctly before negotiating the next obstacle; failure to do so results in elimination penalty on the next obstacle.				
Back-weaving	Back-weaving (more than 2 gates) results in an elimination penalty.				
Replacing the dog at the start after it crosses the start line	Unless instructed to do so by the judge				
Starting the run before the judge's start signal					
The handler leaves the ring (unless instructed by the judge)					
Handler interacting with equipment	Includes knocking down obstacles, as well as going over under obstacles				
Dog fouls or leaves the ring or is no longer under control					
Dog snapping constantly at the handler					
Handler holding something in his/her hand					
Harsh handling of a dog					

# **Points Placement Ranking**

All dogs will be pooled together for Points Placement scores, whether applying for EO, AWC, or both. For each Round, dogs will be ranked as follows based on their score:

- Large and Intermediate 1st to 10th
- Medium and Small 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

The Points Placement ranking will be used as follows:

- Dogs will be ordered by ranking for each run based on their time plus faults score. Then points will be assigned in descending order.
- Points given will be the same for Agility and Jumping runs.

### Points Assigned for Agility and Jumping Run Placements

Large and Intermediate										
Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Medium and Small										
Rank	1	2	3	4	5					
Points	5	4	3	2	1					

# **Posting of Results**

Live results will be available for each Round. It is the Candidate's responsibility to check their results following each Round. There will be no paper scribe sheets.

A list of results for all Candidates in each Round, Points Placement standings for each Round, and points for EO and AWC standings will be posted following the completion of every Round.

# **EO ATC Selection**

Refer to the table on above, Points Assigned for Agility and Jumping Run Placements, for an overview of the scoring system.

The ATC Selection Committee will allocate and recommend to ATC Management, entry for 28 dogs to the EO event (maximum of 8 dogs in any height category) and 7 teams selected through the Tryout process. Selection will be determined by jump height category for Large, Intermediate, Medium, and Small as explained below.

### Large Dog Selection – Win On (8 Spots)

# Individual Round Winners - 5 Win On Spots

One Win On spot will be awarded for each Round in the order in which the Rounds are run: Jumping 1, Agility 1, Jumping 2, Agility 2, and Agility 3.

If a Candidate wins more than one Round, the first round they win will count as their Win On spot. In subsequent Rounds, if the winner has already earned a Win On spot, then the next highest placement (e.g., 2nd) in that Round will be given the Win On for that Round. If the 2nd place Candidate has already won a Round, then the Win On spot will be awarded to the 3rd place Candidate in that Round. This order will continue down to a maximum of 5th place.

Any Rounds without an individual Round Win On spot awarded, will be selected from the next Candidate in the Cumulative Points Placement ranking (after the cumulative win-on spots are awarded).

### Cumulative Point Placement Ranking Winners - 3 Win On Spots

The top 3 Candidates overall will earn Cumulative Win On spots. If a Candidate in the top 3 has already won a spot in the individual Rounds, then the next Candidate in the Cumulative Points Placement ranking will be offered a Win On spot until all 3 spots are filled.

Any ties in Cumulative Points Placement will be decided by the total amount of points earned over all 3 Agility Rounds. The Candidate with the highest total in the 3 Agility Rounds will be ranked higher in the cumulative points.

## Intermediate, Medium, and Small Dog Selection - Win On (4 Spots per Height)

Four Win On Spots will be earned for each height as follows:

### Individual Round Winners - 2 Win On Spots

• One Win On spot will be given to the Candidate who places 1st in the Cumulative Points Placement ranking for the 3 Agility Rounds.

• One Win On spot will be given to the Candidate who places first in Cumulative Points Placement ranking for the 2 Jumping Rounds.

### Cumulative Point Placement Ranking Winners – 2 Win On Spots

• The top 2 Candidates overall will earn Cumulative Win On Spots. If a Candidate in the top 2 has already won a spot in the individual Rounds, then the next Candidate in the Cumulative Points Placement ranking will be offered a Win On spot until both spots are filled.

Any ties in Cumulative Points Placement will be decided by the total amount of points earned over all 3 Agility Rounds. The Candidate with the highest total in the 3 Agility Rounds will be ranked higher in the cumulative points.

#### **Remaining 8 Spots**

The remaining 2 teams (8 dogs) will be allocated in 2 of the following heights: Intermediate, Medium, or Small. This will be decided by the Selection Committee based on the strength of the overall performance at Tryouts, and the ability to field a second team in the height division.

### **Reserve Positions**

Two Reserve spots will be named per jump height.

The Reserve can be called upon if a change occurs within the EO ATC roster. Changes may occur due to handler or dog injury, failure to meet veterinary requirements, etc.

Being named Reserve does not guarantee a competition spot on ATC if a competing member withdraws. ATC Team Management reserves the right to select from within the competing Team members if this is in the best interest of ATC.

### **AWC ATC Selection**

Refer to the table above, Points Assigned for Agility and Jumping Run Placements, for an overview of the scoring system.

The ATC Selection Committee will allocate and recommend to ATC Team Management entry to the AWC of Candidates selected through the Tryouts process as follows:

- 4 Candidates per size category (Small, Medium, Intermediate, Large) for the AWC Team event.
- A maximum of 12 Candidates for the AWC Individual competition, with a maximum of 6 per size category (Small, Medium, Intermediate, Large).
- Yards per second (YPS) will be tracked for each dog for each Round to be used by the Selection Committee to help determine which dogs will run the Individual event at the AWC.

Selected Candidates will be offered competition spots for the "Team Event" and/or the "Individual Event" at the AWC.

The final Team and Individual rosters will be given to the AWC Trial Secretary by the Team Leader just before the AWC event begins on October 4, 2023.

### **Team Event**

The top 4 Candidates in each jump height will earn Win On spots for Team based on their overall Cumulative Points Placement ranking.

Any ties in overall Cumulative Points Placement will be decided by the total amount of points earned over all 3 Agility Rounds. The Candidate with the highest total in the 3 Agility Rounds will be ranked higher in the cumulative points.

#### **Individual Event**

There are 12 total Individual spots available for ATC at the AWC. A maximum of 6 can be from any single height category. Six Win On spots will be awarded as follows:

Large and Intermediate - 2 Win on spots per height

- One Win On spot will be awarded to the Candidate that places 1st in the Cumulative Points Placement ranking for the 3 Agility Rounds.
- One Win On spot will be given to the Candidate that places first in Cumulative Points Placement ranking for the 2 Jumping Rounds.

#### Medium and Small - 1 Win on spot per height

One Win On spot will be awarded to the Candidate that places 1st in the overall Cumulative Points Placement ranking.

The remaining 6 Individual spots will be determined by the Selection Committee based on the following:

#### **Large and Intermediate**

- Candidates must finish in the top 5 in at least 1 Round.
- YPS for all 5 Rounds will be tracked.

### **Small and Medium**

- Candidates must finish in the top 3 in at least 1 Round.
- YPS for all 5 Rounds will be tracked.

#### **Reserve Positions**

One Reserve Candidate per jump height category is permitted on the FCI AWC entry. The Reserve can be called upon if a change occurs within the AWC ATC Team Event and/or Individual Event rosters. Changes may occur due to handler or dog injury, failure to meet veterinary requirements, etc.

Being named Reserve does not guarantee a competition spot on the Team if a competing member withdraws. ATC Team Management reserves the right to select from within the competing Team members if this is in the best interest of the Team.

# **Announcement of EO ATC and AWC ATC 2023**

### **EO ATC 2023**

The initial **Win On** Assignment of Candidates to EO ATC Large, Intermediate, Medium, and Small Teams, will occur at the end of Tryouts. The announcement of the remaining teams will be made shortly after Tryouts.

#### **AWC ATC 2023**

#### **Team Event**

The 4 Candidates for each height category who earned their team spot based on Win On criteria will be announced at Tryouts.

### **Individual Event**

The 6 Candidates who earned their individual spot based on Win On criteria will be announced at Tryouts. The selection of the remaining 6 spots will be announced shortly after Tryouts.

### **Invitations to ATC**

The ATC Team Leader will make invitations to all successful Candidates. Once the rosters are confirmed, a general announcement will be made. This is expected to be within two weeks of Tryouts.