



2024 INTERNATIONAL TRUFFLE CUP PULL OUT

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- Dogs, duly registered in the Canine Registry and with the relevant updated health booklet with the latest vaccinations can participate in the competitions. The booklet can be requested at the time of registration.
- The competing pair must be members of an association affiliated to CSEN Cinofilia.
- Registrations that are not received within the time, or other limits established by the organizing body cannot be accepted.
- During the competition, a fixed collar or a harness is allowed on the dog. The use of sliding collars is not permitted.
- To compete in the competition, the dog's conductor must be at least 14 years old.

THOSE THAT CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION

Dogs that:

- are affected by infections and/or contagious diseases;
- are injured;
- are recovering from surgery;
- are in an advanced state of pregnancy;
- manifest obvious problems of aggression towards people and/or other dogs.

JUDGES AND JUDGMENTS

The judge's decision is final.

The judge has the right to interrupt the competition if the dog shows an obvious inability or disinclination to perform. Evaluations and results are entered on the attached evaluation forms.

All participants are required to behave correctly and civilly, under penalty of exclusion from the competition. No form of coercion or physical, verbal or psychological violence against the dog is tolerated, both during the competition and during the entire event.



Any attitude considered disrespectful towards the dog will result in immediate exclusion from the competition. Any decision rests unquestionably with the Judge, without any possibility of response from the participants.

Judges may not compete in competitions for which they are the judge.

FIELD ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE COMPETITION

- The ground of the ring can be sand mixed with earth, earth, grassy lawn, lawn with trees.
- The competition ring must measure a minimum of 10mt x 10mt (100m²) and a maximum of 15mt x 15mt (225m²).
- The entrance door to the ring must be 1.5 meters.
- Bitches on heat are judged after all dogs and must be kept off the grounds until all other pairs have finished competing.
- There is a waiting area “the call room” adjacent to the ring where the following (subsequent) participant in the order is to wait their turn. (This is to speed up the change-over time between participants.)

PLACEMENT OF TRUFFLES

- A special tool is used for burying the truffles at the official depth (10 centimeters)
- The positive truffle sniffers must be buried at least one hour before the start of the competition in all the rings.
- Before the following pair compete, the positive and negative bags are repositioned in the same holes and the empty holes remain empty.

THE COMPETITION:

The competition is held in a single heat

The order of entry of the pairs and the assigned competition ring, is drawn by lot by the organizing committee the day before the competition.

The order of entry will be displayed outside the competition rings.

During the competition, the dog competes to find the largest number of truffles buried inside a ring in a maximum pre-established time.

The trial ends when all the hidden truffles are found or when time runs out.



The number of truffles found and the time it took to find them are added together to draw up the final order

Awards are given to the top three pairs with the greatest number of truffles found in the shortest time.

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Dogs can compete with a minimum age of 9 months.

At the beginning of the trial, at the judge's signal, the dog is released to search from behind the entry line.

The handler can only move beyond the entry line after the dog starts digging for the first time. After which, the handler moves to where the dog is digging and signals the presence of the truffle by raising his arm with the truffle sack in hand and says "PULL" loudly and clearly. This is to ensure that the judge hears and to confirm the discovery.

The time is taken every time the handler raises his arm holding the bag containing the truffle and shouts, "PULL". The handler must remain stationary at the site of the last dig while the dog searches for the next truffle.

The dog must leave the bag to the handler only inside the ring.

If the dog leaves the bag far from the place where it was found inside the ring, the Athlete must recover the positive bag and reposition himself at the last dig made by the dog and only then can he signal its discovery by raising his arm shouting "PULL".

Positive bags left outside the ring are considered null and void.

14 holes are dug, 8 of which contain a truffle inside a black bag with a yellow band (positive holes); 3 are negative holes filled with the empty black bags with a red band and 3 holes are empty.

The maximum time allowed to find truffles is 3 minutes.

The number of truffles found and the time taken to find them are combined to draw up the final order.

The top three pairs in each category with the greatest number of truffles found in the shortest time are awarded.

Only in case of equal time and truffles found is the time taken to find the last truffle taken into consideration. In the event of a further tie, the time taken to find the penultimate truffle (and so on) will be taken into consideration.



At the end of the competition, the truffles delivered must correspond to the collected number indicated by the Judge, otherwise the round is restarted.

The use of vocal and/or tactile reinforcements is allowed. It is allowed to reward the dog with toys and food.

PENALTIES

For the first and second penalty, a penalty of a number of seconds will be given and will be added to the time for finding each truffle.

All truffles found after the time limit, (including penalty seconds added), will not be considered.

Example: if a competitor has received a 10-second penalty, this penalty is added to the time it takes to find each truffle. Truffles counted after the maximum time including the penalty seconds are not considered.

A third penalty means the loss of 1 truffle from the total found.

A fourth penalty means disqualification.

Penalties will accumulate each time a transgression has occurred. (ie a penalty is given for each transgression.)

Possible Penalties.

- Early entry of the dog, before the Judge's signal, is penalised
By the addition of 5 seconds.
- The handler can only enter the competition area when the dog begins the first dig; early entry is penalized with the addition of 5 seconds.
- The handler who moves away from his or her position, before the start of the next dig by the dog, is penalized with the addition of 5 seconds.
- The handler cannot indicate to the dog with gestures. The penalty will be the addition of 10 seconds.
- Any handler who drops food on the ground is penalized with the addition of 15 seconds.
- It is forbidden for the competitor to simulate throwing earth or other material. The penalty will be 10 seconds.



- It is forbidden to put the truffles into one's pockets; they must be placed in the bag provided. The handler who does not use said bag but who places the truffles elsewhere is disqualified.

If during the competition the dog should leave the ring for 45 seconds or more the pair will be disqualified.

OPEN INTERNATIONAL TRUFFLE CUP PULL OUT SPECIAL PERSON CATEGORY

This is the category for people with functional limitations.

The rules for the Special Person category are the same as above except for the following:

The handler may be accompanied by a collaborator called the "guide handler".

OPEN INTERNATIONAL TRUFFLE CUP PULL OUT SPECIAL DOG CATEGORY

This is the category for dogs with functional limitations.

The rules for the Special Dog category are the same as for the other categories; except for the following:

Depending on its pathology or functional limitations, the dog can compete with aids, it can signal the presence of the bag containing the truffle in different ways and the retrieve can be carried out in different ways.

The handler of a blind dog can use a long leash.

OPEN INTERNATIONAL TRUFFLE CUP PULL OUT

CSEN Cinofilia awards the OPEN INTERNATIONAL TRUFFLE CUP PULL OUT of PULL OUT TRUFFLE SEARCH CSEN Cinofilia to the first placed pair on the day of the final to be held in the province of Cattolica in December.



THE OPEN INTERNATIONAL TRUFFLE CUP PULL OUT is a sporting discipline that aims to promote activities for dogs and their psycho-physical well-being.

In Italy, the collection of truffles is bound by a regulation, which provides, in addition to other rules, the closure of the holes made, in order to preserve the life cycle of truffle.

For this reason it is important to be at the side of the dog during the extraction of the truffle, and to be able to close the hole with the same earth removed.

It is only the Regions that organizes the exams and issues the authorization, commonly termed “the tessera”, which is mandatory for collecting truffles throughout the Italian territory.