A.I.C.E.B. International Championship rules

(2015 revision)

Article 1
CONSTITUTION

-a) This trial has been created by the Club de l’Epagneul Breton the 9th of April 1987, at Epieds-en-Beauce (France), originally under the name of « European Cup of Epagneuls Bretons », becoming later the « European Championship of Epagneuls Bretons ».
-b) When the « Amicale Internationale des Clubs de l’Epagneul Breton » (A.I.C.E.B.) was founded, on April 10th, 1996, at Nivelles (Belgium), the name of this trial was changed into « International Championship for Epagneul Breton ». It is opened to any club of Epagneul Breton admitted by the F.C.I. and whose subscription to the A.I.C.E.B. is updated on the day prior to the championship.
-c) This AICEB championship will be organized every year, by the Epagneul Breton club of the country where the cup of the European Continental Pointing Breeds is organized, unless some specific difficulty.
-d) In case of specific difficulty, the Board of Directors of the AICEB will decide of the place where the trial will be organized.

Article 2
GOALS

-a) The AICEB championship aims to select the Epagneuls Bretons who are hunting with the most efficiency, in a style as close as possible to the working standard of the breed, such as defined by the C.E.B. working standard.
-b) This selection is made by comparing, during trials organized exclusively on wild partridges, the qualities of the dogs of the participating countries, in order to contribute to a selection of the best stud dogs and brood bitches of the breed.
-c) This selection also considers the morphological qualities specific to the breed, by a morphological check of the competing dogs prior to the trial itself (including the standby dogs). This morphological check will be done the day before the start of the competition, by a jury of two or three persons qualified to judge the Epagneul Breton in official shows. Each dog will be rated from 0 to 20 determined by its accordance to the official FCI standard.

Article 3
KIND OF STAKE

-a) The AICEB championship is an international springtime field-trial.
-b) The AICEB championship is ran in solo during two days.
-c) The more recent version approved by the FCI General Committee of « Official Rules and Bylaws for International Field Trials and International Hunting Tests for Continental Pointers » of the FCI will be applied.
-d) The trial is to be organized on wild partridges. A good point on another kind of game may be considered on occasion, but the dog must have one valid point on partridge to be classified.
-e) The barrage for the CACIT, if any, must be ran in couple, among all the CACT winners of the day.

Article 4
NATIONAL CLUB TEAMS
-a) To be allowed to enter a team, the Club must be a member of the AICEB, and its subscription updated the day before the championship by the latest. Any country which would not satisfy this condition would not be allowed to compete.

-b) Every country shall be represented by only one team of a maximum of four dogs. A team of one single dog can only pretend to an individual classification.

-c) A « standby dog » may be designed. It must then be entered at the same moment as the titular dogs of the national team.

-d) Every nation is free of the composition of its own team.

-e) Every dog representing its national club, in titular or “reserve” quality, must be checked morphologically the day before the championship’s day. If it shows a disqualifying fault as defined in the FCI standard N°95, it will be allowed to compete and will keep the benefice of its eventual awards. Nevertheless, these awards will not been taken in the AICEB classifications either in individual or by team.

-f) Will only be admitted in a national team dogs which are, at the day of the championship, registered since at least six months by the kennel club of their country and which are owned by a person living in this country since the same time. A dog which has been a member of one nation’s team will never be allowed, later, to become a member of any other country’s team.

-g) The person responsible of a national team may change its team at any moment. It may, in particular, decide to replace a titular dog by the one entered as standby. This decision must then be notified to the organizers at least one hour before the beginning of the trial. This delay is suppressed in case of death or injury of a titular dog.

Article 5
ENTRIES
-a) Every year, the organizing club shall inform the other associations at the latest the 15th of December, about the dates and place for the next AICEB championship. The list of the associations will be communicated to the organizer by the president of the AICEB. No country not mentioned on this list can be accepted unless it has a previous agreement by the AICEB’s president.

-b) The 30th of January at the latest, the national clubs will have to confirm their participation (or renunciation) to the championship to the organizer, and inform about the number of dogs they intend to enter in their team.

-c) The organizing club will confirm to the AICEB’s Chairman 15 days before the championship, by the latest, the list of the participating countries and the number of dogs entered by each of them.

-d) Seven days prior to the beginning of the championship trial, the composition of the teams (including the standby dog) must be known by the organizer, who will forward it immediately to the president of the AICEB. The president of every national club will have to supply a handwritten and signed certification that all the dogs of its team comply to the conditions mentioned at the article 4f) of the present rules.

-The following information must also be supplied:

1. Name of dog -with kennel name if any-, gender, registration number of the National Kennel Club register, copy of the identification certificate (tattoo or microchip) mentioning the name and address of the dog’s owner.

2. Name, address, and nationality of the owner

3. Name of Handler

4. Photocopy of valid rabies vaccination
Article 6
ENTRY FEES
-a) The amount of the entry fee for each AICEB championship will be determined yearly by the board of the AICEB. It is now of 100 euros by dog with a minimum of 200 euros for each national team.
-b) The payment of the fees (maximum of 4 = 400 €) has to be done on the spot, to the organizing club, and before the drawing to compose the series.

Article 7
SERIES
-a) The number of dogs competing in each series shall not be under 8 and not exceed 14.
-b) In case of need, one or more complementary series will be constituted. The organizing club and the Board of Directors of the AICEB will try and split the dogs of each team in different series whenever this is possible. The handler of more than one dog will be entered in a maximum of two series. The drawing will be done by the Board of the AICEB the day before the first day of the competition. They will first distribute the judges in the different series. The grounds will be drawn afterwards, and finally, there will be a drawing of the dogs and the order of their run.
-c) The order of the runs is purely informative. A handler who would not be present because he is also entered in another series, will have its run when he arrives on the spot, the jury having to wait for him as long as necessary.
-d) There will be no drawing for the second day of the championship. The juries will remain on the same ground as the first day. Every series of dogs will change from ground and jury according to the following procedure: Series n°1 will be examined by jury n°2, series n°2 by jury n°3, series n°3 by jury n°4, etc., the last series being judged by jury n°1. The order of the runs will be reversed compared to the former day.

Article 8
JURY
-a) The juries will be composed by one judge for each nation member.
-b) Every club member of the AICEB will provide to the president of the AICEB a list of 1 to 6 judges of its country qualified for the springtime field-trials. This will allow establishing a list of judges entitled to judge the AICEB championship for three years renewable.
-c) The president of the AICEB will choose in this list a number of judges sufficient to ensure two judges for each series. There will be no president of the juries. In case of defection of one judge at the last minute, the AICEB’s Board will proceed to his replacement from the list provided by the organizer’s country. Even in case of replacement, there will never be more than two judges of the organizer’s country in the jury.
-d) A judge will not be allowed to judge a dog of which he has been owner or co-owner, or which he has trained, or boarded or sold within six months prior to the competition in which he is appointed as judge, and this applies also for dogs owned by its family members or partners.
-e) The jury for the eventual barrage (run-off round) for the CACIT, or to part dogs aiming the individual victory, will be determined once all the results of the day have been announced by the president and the
two vice-presidents of the AICEB. Whenever possible, it will be avoided to choose judges of a nation concerned by dogs participating to this barrage.

-f) The travelling expenses of the judges will be paid by the clubs of the countries who proposed them (article 8 b).

- g) the AICEB will take charge of the travelling expenses for the AICEB board members (except if one member presents one of his dogs during the competition)

-g) The accommodation and restaurant expenses of the judges and the board of AICEB will be paid by the organizer from the day before the first event to the morning following the last one.

Article 9

CLASSIFICATION

a) Every dog with at least one valid point will be noted by each jury.

b) Based on these notes, an individual classification will be made, allowing the determination of a classification by team.

- CACT + CACIT = 14 pts
- CACT + RCACIT = 13 pts
- CACT = 12 pts
- RCACT = 11 pts
- 1st Excellent = 10 pts
- 2nd Excellent = 9 pts
- Excellent = 7 pts
- Very Good = 4 pts
- Good = 2 pts

Classification by team.

a) to be classified by team, a nation should at least have two individual classifications, with two different dogs. If the team is of only two dogs, the condition is reduced to two classifications, without any consideration of the number of dogs classified.

b) The points totalized by the dogs of each national team will determine afterwards the classification of the team. The team with the highest amount of points will be declared AICEB Champion for the current year. The team that follows will be declared AICEB Vice-Champion for the current year. In case of a same number of points, the team with the most individual classifications will be designed. In case there should still be parity, the determination will be according to the team which got the best average note during the morphological check.

Individual classification.

The points gained by each dog along the two days allow an individual classification. The dog having the highest score is declared Individual Winner of the AICEB Championship. The dog placed second is Vice-Winner of the AICEB Championship. In case of parity, a barrage as mentioned at the article 8e above, will design the winner.

Article 10

REWARDS

The choice of the rewards is to be defined by the organizing club. However, a reward will be, at minimum remitted to the winner team and also to the individual winner. A special reward must be given to the female with the highest score during this championship. So, this reward will design the best female of the championship.
It is the Board of Directors of the AICEB who will give the rewards to the individual and team winners.
The AICEB will pay on request of the organizer’s club and after presentation of an accounting document, the contribution of 120 € for the reward’s supply.

Article 11

EVENTS SURROUNDING THE AICEB CHAMPIONSHIP
The organizing club will try as much as possible, to manage so that the AICEB championship will be preceded or followed by other field-trials or shows, open to all the Epagneuls Bretons of the nations present on the place.
These rules cancel and replace any earlier rules.

Marchena, on 12 february 2015

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Note: In case of difficulty, the French text will be considered as the authentic one.