

Regulations for the IULH World Championship

1. Purpose

To create an international Leonberger breed specialty event of the highest status as perceived by the dog owners, breeders and judges. Its purpose is to create a common ground for the breed related activities: show ring competition, temperament testing, sport events, socializing and having fun to showcase and celebrate excellence in the Leonberger breed.

2. Organizing country / club.

2.1 A bid to organizer/ host IULH World Championship must be submitted in writing to IULH Secretary at least two months before the IULH annual meeting. A copy should also be sent the IULH President.

2.2 IULH World Championship show location will be chosen 2 years in advance by the IULH board.

2.3 IULH World Championship organizer/ host would be selected from IULH member clubs in locations where either the FCI World Winner Show or the FCI European Winner shows are held. In a case where two clubs submit bids, the organizer/host will be chosen by the IULH board.

Any IULH member country / Club can send a proposal to IULH Secretary and President two years in advance to become the IULH World Championship organizer, if neither the FCI World Winner nor the European Winner shows are organized in IULH member countries or if the IULH member club(s) in these countries don't want to organize the IULH Championship Show.

3. Classes.

Classes to be defined according to the FCI rules or national kennel organization, holding the show. National kennel organization's regulations prevail in the organizing country.

- Minor puppy class: 3 – 6 months
- Puppy-class: 6 – 9 months
- Youth-class: 9 – 18 months
- Intermediate class: 15 – 24 months
- Open class: 15 months and older
- Working class: 15 months and older (based on the rules of the national kennel organization)
- Champion class: 15 months and older (with a proof of International Beauty Champion of the FCI (CIB) or National Beauty Champion title)
- Veteran class: 8 years and older

The decisive date in respect of age is the day the dog is shown.

4. Evaluation, certificates, titles

Judging must be done in accordance with the valid FCI-breed standard.

Each dog in junior, intermediate, open, working, champion and veteran class receives one of the following qualifications:

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Sufficient
- Disqualified
- Cannot be judged

Each dog in minor puppy and puppy classes receives the following qualifications:

- Very promising
- Promising
- Not promising

Each participant will receive a written critique of his dog in the class ring. The judge will dictate these detailed critiques to the ring secretary in one of the FCI languages he/she chooses. The critiques must be written or typed in the same language and will be given to the participant in this language.

The male and female, which were chosen as the best by comparing class winners from intermediate, open, working and champion classes; the best youth male and the best youth female with the qualification "1st Excellent" in their class, the best veteran dog and the best veteran female, which have received the qualification "1st Excellent" in their class, can compete for the title of Best of Breed.

The following titles will be given:

IULH Hope – Minor puppy male and female winners

IULH Young Promise – Puppy male and female winners

IULH World Championship Junior Winner is awarded to the best youth male and the best youth female, chosen from youth class.

IULH World Championship Winner is awarded to the best male and the best female, chosen from intermediate, open, working and champion classes that were awarded the qualification 1^o Excellent in their class.

IULH World Championship Veteran Winner is awarded to the best veteran female and the best veteran male in the veteran class.

5. Judges.

1. The Judges are selected by the organizer country Club Organizing Committee not later than 12 months before the date of the show.

Judges cannot be invited to judge the IULH World Championship

- if they have judged the event less than 2 years before
- if they are judging the same year the FCI World Winner show or European Winner show

- if they have judged the FCI World Winner show or European Winner show previous year.

Only judges from the countries whose national Leonberger club is a member of the IULH can be invited to judge the show and not more than one judge from the same country.

2. The judges in each class are a secret until one hour before the event, when the draw is held.

Unless impossible because of national regulations, in the morning of the show, a lottery will decide on which of the invited judges will judge which class(es) .

The judges should be breed specialists or in case of inviting more than three judges based on the number of entries, two judges are Leonberger breed specialists and one all-rounder or FCI Group 2 judge, who has attended a Leonberger judge seminar organized by the IULH (in Leonberg). Leonberger Specialists are defined as judges that breed or have bred/owned and/or handled successfully the Leonbergers.

The organizing country /Club should appoint a reserve judge- Leonberger specialist or all-rounder or FCI Group 2 judge.

3. A judge:

- Cannot consult the catalogue of the show before or during his judging. The organizer shall not make any catalogue available to the judge before the end of the show;
- Cannot travel to the show where he is judging with the exhibitors who will be showing at this event;
- Cannot socialize with any exhibitor, stay at his/her home or at his/her expense. Staying with an exhibitor or any private meetings with the exhibitors are allowed only after the show.
- Should not be expected to judge more than 80 dogs per day
- Should follow FCI Regulations for Show judges

6. The Prizes.

The organizer country will buy a large Cup for the IULH World Championship Winner BOB with an engraved plate on it indicating "IULH World Championship BOB", place and date of the show.

The IULH will give a limited sponsorship for the prize-table within its means based on availability.

The organizer country will buy the cups for the following awards with a graved placket on, indicating:

IULH Hope – Minor puppy male and female winners

IULH Young Promise – Puppy male and female winners

IULH World Championship Junior Winner - Junior male and female winners

IULH World Championship Winner – male and female winners in comparison of intermediate, open, working and champion CW

IULH World Championship Veteran Winner – veteran male and female winners

Each exhibitor will get a Certificate showing the qualification obtained by the dog. The IULH emblem will decorate the diploma Certificate. The date and place of the show must be indicated on it.

The organizer country has to provide a CAC certificate from the Kennel Club (Federation) of the country for the winning dogs and bitches.

The organizing committee should have a professional photographer present to take professional photo of each Winner to be published on IULH website. The organizing country must present the results and winners photos to IULH secretary in two weeks after the event for publishing on IULH website.

All costs, revenues and all responsibilities of whatever nature, concerning the organization of the show are with the organizing club.

Competitions in the main ring

After BOB and BOS are selected the following competitions might be organized:

- Couple competition
- Breeders competition
- Progeny competition

and

- Best Head and Expression
- Best movement

Nominated by the judges in the class rings male and female dogs enter the main ring. All the ring judges have the paddles with the scores from 1 to 5, which they raise as the candidates one by one stop in front of the judges. The dogs with maximum sum of points wins. In case of a tie, the candidates continue the competition till the winner is determined.

7. Other events

It is highly suggested that on the IULH World Championship occasion other events are organized the same or next day:

- Symposium on the Leonberger health problems, breeding rules and recommendations, breed type of the Leonberger or other interesting subjects.
- ZTP temperament test
- Sport competitions, e.g. dancing, water rescue (if possible), carting, obedience, etc.
- Demonstrations of activities e.g. dancing, obedience, agility, carting, barn hunt, etc.

Guidelines for the IULH World Championship organizer

1. Show location. The wellbeing of the dogs should be the absolute priority in the choice of the show location, an outdoor or indoor event. For the choice of location the following needs to be considered:

- The spectators must have an unhindered view of the show without themselves hindering the participants.
- Sufficient parking should be available at the show location and reasonably priced.
- Restrooms should be available and accessible
- The grounds are sufficient to serve for sanitary purposes of the dogs
- Facilities should be present to sell food and drinks to participants and spectators.
- A special reserved area should be available for judges and other designated people to have food and refreshments.
- An appropriate sound system with microphone and loudspeakers should be available for the judges and organizers.
- Medical and veterinary stations, with materials for the first aid, are to be present during the event.
- During the event and distribution of the prizes, it is recommended to display national flags of all participants.
- The organizing club shall make sure that the national anthems of all the participating countries are available to play it for the BOB and BOS dogs.