



Trial instructions for foreign judges who will be judging in Sweden

Welcome to judging in Sweden. Special request that apply in our country while judging FCI-TS.

- If the sheep are not suitable or prepared according to the Traditional Style regulations, the judge has the right to cancel the competition. Also applies to if a competition after a few starts proves to be inadequate in terms of animal welfare and prevents the dog's possibilities to perform a good job under reasonable conditions and according to Traditional Style.
- The judge discussions will be in consultation with the "course director".
- If a trial is cancelled the competitors will receive a refund of their entry fee.
The handler has the right to retire his own participation at all time.
- The judge has to disqualify teams that do not meet the competition and/or animal welfare standards.
- In the case of very serious violations, the judge needs to notify the course director whom shall write a report of unacceptable behavior to SKK.
- The sheep are allowed to be used at a maximum of 4 times/day. 2 times/morning and 2 times/afternoon with a substantial lunch break.
- The competition director and judges have a joint responsibility for ensuring that the course and animals follow the rule book. If the animals do not prove to be herdingable according to the rules that applies to Traditional Style, the judge may cancel the competition and the competitors will receive a refund of their entry fee.
- Flock sizes in competition: HWT at least 10 animals, IHT 1–3 increased number and most animals in IHT 3.
- At IHT2 and IHT3 the dog must be unleashed from the entrance.
at HWT and IHT1, the judge designates a place from where the dog must be unleashed to the pen.
- It's important that the dog is active in the work and takes responsibility of moving the flock and has a sense of where the dog needs to be.
- An inactive dog on the course doing other things than herding or just focusing on handler is not a wanted manner of herding.
- The "passages" must be done as the judge explained at the briefing. If the passage is done in wrong manner will receive zero points, for example if it's said to drive sheep in front of you through a passage and the handler just walks first not even trying has to be given zero points.

If a competitor regardless of the reason skipping a "passage" without even trying first will be receive an NPA



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- At all holding and guarding exercises especially at gates its important that the dog is guarding the gates and holding the sheep so the handler can open/close the gates in safe manners without losing the sheep.
- Motorized vehicles are not be allowed in "traffic".
- While "Catching sheep" there is not allowed to sit or laid down the sheep.
- Dragging the sheep by the wool or grabbing the sheep by the horns are not allowed at any time.