

## EALC Rules for

# Bike Jöring & Scooter trial

## **Equipment**

- Properly fitted harness for dogs.
- ❖ Spiked collar and Teletac is not allowed during the trial.
- ❖ Handler must weare head protection.
- ❖ Bike or scooter must be without any technical faults.

## **Eligibility**

- ❖ All registered Catahoulas may enter.
- Spayed or neutered Catahoulas may enter.
- ❖ "In heat" females may enter. They will be the Last at the start. They shall wear a well fitted dog diaper.
- ❖ A person shall not be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs while participating in an event. This may cause a person to forfeit that day's entries.
- ❖ A team of a handler and a dog enter a competition.
- ❖ The handler may form another team with another dog during the event.
- ❖ Minimum age of the dog is 20 months.

#### Line Up

Run position will be drawn by EALC secretary before the start. You will be called for pre-line up. When you hear your name, go to the marked area and check in with the steward. It is important that the steward checks your arm band number and knows you are there, ready to follow instructions. Please stay in the area until your turn.

❖ You must be on time

## **Automatic Disqualifications**

The Judge MUST disqualify if:

- ❖ Dog attempts to bite/attack any person and/or other dogs.
- ❖ Animal welfare-related behavior of the handler before, during or after the trial will not comply with animal protection rules.
- ❖ Any unsportive or unfair behaviour of the handler.

#### **Discretionary Time Deductions or Disqualifications**

The Judge MAY deduct points or dismiss at his/her discretion for:

- Improper equipment.
- ❖ Dog showing aggression or unmanageable behavior.
- ❖ Handler over-correcting, training or disciplining his/her dog during work.
- ❖ Dog showing injury or illness.

#### The Trial

Scooter and Bike are performed and evaluated in separate turns. A handler and a dog has to choose one possibility for one dog. He may form another team with another dog during the event. One dog may enter the event only in one run.

- 1) SPRINT (ca. 3 4 km)
- 2) MIDDLE DISTANCE (8 -10 km)

#### **SPRINT**

The track is ca. 3 - 4 km long. The track is lead at straight, flat, and good forest roads (not tarmac track), without any extremes of a surface or superelevation of the track. The competing teams start at an appropriate distance from the previous starter. The time limit is set according to actual conditions.

#### **Disqualifications**:

- ❖ The team is not finishing the track within the time limit.
- ❖ The handler on a bike/scooter crosses the end point of the track in front of the dog.
- ❖ The dog runs freely without any firm connection to the handler.
- ❖ The handler is not finishing the discipline on the chosen mount.

#### MIDDLE DISTANCE

The track is 8-10 km long. The time limit and accurate length of the track is set for the actual conditions. Interval to the next team is one minute or will be fixed before the competition starts.

#### **Disqualifications**:

- ❖ The team is not finishing the track within the time limit.
- The handler on a bike/scooter crosses the end point of the track in front of the dog.
- ❖ The dog runs freely without any firm connection to the handler.
- ❖ The handler is not finishing the discipline on the bike.
- The team inhibits overtaking by a faster team.