



Regulations for Working Trials for the Cirneco dell'Etna

Art.1

The trials take place exclusively on natural game (rabbits) and are divided as follows:

- a) trials with the shooting of the game;
- b) trials without the shooting of the game.

Art. 2

Cirnechi registered with the LOI (ROI) or the LIR (RSR) are admitted to the trials.

Art. 3.

Subjects competing for the qualification required for registration in the Recognised Supplementary Register (RSR) will be included in the batteries and drawn together with the dogs entered in the competition; the CAC will never be awarded. The qualification for entry in the working class at shows must be obtained after the certificate of registration has been issued.

Art. 4

In each trial, competitors may be divided into batteries, provided that the number of dogs actually competing requires the judges to hold more than eleven rounds. In any case, each battery must consist of not less than six rounds.

Art. 5

In each trial, a C.A.C. will be awarded for each battery.

Art. 6

To obtain the Italian Working Championship, each dog must have two C.A.C.s; both obtained in a single type of trial, or one C.A.C. in each type. The two C.A.C.s must be awarded by different judges. In addition, each dog must have obtained a qualification of at least "Very Good" (M.B.) in a National Show or Breed Rally.

Art. 7

Trials can be judged by a single judge for each battery or by a panel of judges (which is preferable if the terrain is marked by hollows or dense thickets).

Art. 8

Each round will have a maximum duration of twenty minutes.

Art. 9

After five (5) minutes from the start of the round, any dog that does not show constant commitment, lingers on various tracks, displays distraction, or does not tackle the assigned hunting ground, will be eliminated from the trial.

Art. 10

The dog that demonstrates performances perfectly in line with the Working Standard, provided that these performances are carried out in the smoothest, most spontaneous, and relatively swift manner, will be awarded the highest qualification.

Art. 11

The following will not be awarded the highest qualification, even if their work corresponds in the various phases:

- the dog that does not give voice at the “forte” (den);
- the dog that, indicating a hot scent, does not give voice in the immediate proximity of the “forte”;
- the dog that, having reached the burrow, does not show vigour and determination; the dog that has indicated the “forte” from which, however, it was not possible to verify the exit of the rabbit by using a ferret;
- the dog that abandons a scent to follow another, even if it subsequently returns to the first and completes it successfully;
- the dog that does not commit to following smoothly the scent of a rabbit that has left its refuge and whose path and shelter could be visually checked or inferred;
- the dog that persists in hunting at an excessive distance from the handler, or does not maintain contact, or does not show normal responsiveness to recall;
- the dog that gives voice inappropriately during the search or with a certain insistence.

Art. 12

The judge will in any case assess the extent of non-complete adherence to the Working Standard and will assign lower qualifications accordingly; also giving the utmost consideration to intelligence, intensity of action, searching method, stamina, courage in facing obstacles, autonomy in keeping contact, game sense, and gait.

Art. 13

Defects and errors that always result in the dog's elimination:

- lack of passion;
- neglecting game that appears spontaneously as the judge or the handler passes, or for any other reason, in suitable ground;
- lack of ability, under optimal conditions, to track the certain scent of game seen by the judge;
- making the game bolt by chance without having detected it in time;

- giving voice insistently during all phases of the search;
- lingering, from the start of the round, on a scent for over five minutes, or returning to it several times, without reaching any concrete result;
- fear of the gunshot, or fear of game;

Art. 14

Organisers are allowed to schedule trials in which dogs will work individually (solo), or in pairs; provided in the latter case that the judge's evaluation and therefore the qualification are expressed individually for each member of the pair. The order of rounds will be determined by a draw;

Art. 15

For Working Trials with shot game, the Organising Committee must ensure the presence of an Official Shooter for each group;

Art. 16

For all matters beyond the specific criteria of the Cirnechi Trial, which fall under the general rules governing Canine Events, reference should be made to the General Regulations for Working Trials recognised by ENCI.