

Dog Puller

Choose the place for competition and field's marking

- For Dog Puller Championship we need a field (for dog's and handler/owner work) with the size 50 to 15 meters (547 to 164.1 yards)
- The field is marked as it shown on the picture below. There are have to be three equal zones: in the center 3 squares 10 to 10 meters (10.94 to 10.91 yards)

Catching zone	Running zone	Start zone, Central zone	Running zone	Catching zone
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- Zone of puller catching isn't marked and fenced, it can have different length, but not less than 10 meters (10.94 yards)
- The field is marked with sand, chalk, sawdust spray paint or nontoxic food colorant. Also can be used a tape that might be fixed to the ground. Along the perimeter, also need to fence the field with the help of tape. Zones of puller catching that are on the both sides aren't fenced. Put the flags on the each corner of all squares.
- Surfer of competition field has to be flat, not slippery and not very hard. The field must be without tussock, potholes and fovea. Concrete, asphalt, crushed stone and rubber field for open sport/play grounds are absolutely out of use.

Referees team

- The referees' team is judge the competition. It consists of at least 3 people (can be more). One of them is the main referee of the competition. He is assigned for his objectivity, authority and the sport experience. Two other are side referees for noticing all nuances and solving disputable questions. One person is timekeeper and other is steward. In discipline that needs the start line there must be start referee. Referees team can have more number of people. The main referee assigns their duties.
- The main referee takes place near the central zone – start zone. He watches the handler/owner not to over step the line when he throws the puller. The main referee also records catching and bringing back the puller to the start zone and keep the registry of the competition. He watches the signs (such as hand up or hands cross) from the side referees when the puller is caught by the dog correctly or didn't catch right or wasn't caught by dog at all. The Timekeeper record the time for every competing pair with the help of timer or stop watcher. Timekeeper clock the time after signal from participant - hits puller at puller twice (double puller's hit).
- On the Puller Running discipline side referees are near the running zone (on the left and on the right sides) and they are watch in which zone and how the puller is caught by the dog. When the puller is caught in the right way in the catching zone, the side referee must make a sign to the main referee – to put his hand up. When the puller isn't caught in the right way in the catching zone or was dropped, the side referee must make a sign to the main referee – cross hands. Side referees have to make records of each throw on their side.

- On the Puller Jumping discipline, side referees help the main referee count quantity of jumps made by the dog during the performance of the competing pair. One of the side referees counts dog jumps with grabbing puller and putting off two paws from the ground. Another one counts dogs jump with grabbing puller and putting off four paws from the ground. Side referees have to make records of their counts.

Puller Running

- Competition time is 90 sec. number of throws isn't limited. Two puller rings are used.
- The competing pair dog and handler/owner start their performance in the central zone –start zone.
- Time record is started after the handler/owner hits puller at puller twice (double puller's hit).
- The performance consists of alternate throwing of pullers in different sides. The dog has to catch the rolling puller in the catching zone and bring it back to the start zone. The puller's rings are throwing by handler/owner one by one, every time in the different side.
- In the start zone dog can leave puller on the ground or give it just into handler/owner hand.
- Performance finishes in 90 sec. If the handler/owner manages, throw the puller before the time ends, the score will be counted (if the puller is caught by the dog in the right way and returned to start zone).

Scoring in discipline Puller Running

- If the dog catches the moving puller out of 10 meters running zone and brings it back to the start zone it is 1 point
- If the dog takes the puller (not moving) from the ground (doesn't refer to puppy category) it is 0 point
- If the puller is caught in 10 meters zone it is 0 point
- If the puller is dropped by the dog on the ground while the dog is bringing it back to the start it is 0 point (doesn't refer to puppy category)
- If the sportsman over steps the start line – the throw isn't scored

Puller Jumping

- The working zone for this discipline is field 10 to 10 meters (square)
- Performance time is 90 sec.
- Two puller rings are used during the performance
- Competing pair dog and handler/owner begin their performance in any marked square with the size 10 to 10 meters (start zone or running zone).
- Time record is started after the handler/owner hits puller at puller twice (double puller's hit).
- The performance consists of alternate grabbing the puller by the dog. The dog has to grab the pullers in turns putting two or four paws from the ground. The handler/owner has to hold the puller while the dog grabs it. The puller can be released by the handler/owner or by the dog after grab. In depends on the work technique.
- Performance ends in 90 sec.

Scoring in the Puller Jumping discipline

- The dog has to perform the maximum quantity of jumps with grabbing the puller
- Jump with grabbing and putting of 2 paws from the ground it is 1 point
- Jump with grabbing and putting of 4 paws from the ground it is 2 points
- Jumping without grabbing it is 0 point
- Grabbing without jumping (putting at least 2 paws from the ground) it is 0 point
- The puller has to be in the handler's/owner's hand and can be released after the grab.

Categories

- The dogs are divided into the categories by the age and height. The dogs less than 12 months are puppies, over 12 months are adults.
- Puppies category – age under 12 month (12 months+1 day)
- Mini category – under 45 cm in the height at the shoulder
- Maxi category – over 45 cm in the height at the shoulder
- Heavyweight category – molossian and other dogs, that can't show high speed and compete in agility with other categories because of their breed and features (Can exist from 5 dogs in category).
- Drive category – high speed and energy dogs like border collies, Belgian shepherds and their mixes (Can exist from 5 dogs in category).
- Veteran (Senior) dogs category – dogs which age are 8 years + 1 day (Can exist from 5 dogs in category).
- The dogs that can be defined by the referee either to maxi category or to heavyweight category. It depends on the dogs constitution and it's physical fitness

Holding a competition

- In every category a sportsman can take a part with maximum two (2) dogs.
- In all disciplines, only a one sportsman and his dog can be on the field at the precise moment of time. Every competing pair has their time according to the participant list.
- The Puller of TM COLLAR of any size is allowed for this competition.
- The dogs of Maxi and Heavyweight category can't take part in with rings Puller Mini or Micro.
- Quantity of points for every throw and jump and general result of pair performance is scored by the main referee of the competition and can't be discussed by the sportsman or can't be contended.
- The audience and the mass media are forbidden to be on the competition field during the performance of sport pair.

Mistakes, violation, disqualification

- The sportsman can change the damaged puller. The sportsman can change the puller at any moment during his performance if the dog damages it. He has to give the damaged puller to the referee before he continues his performance. The time of performance isn't stopped in this case and decision to change the puller is up to the sportsman consideration. Can be puller's change outside the start zone after the main referee's permission.

- The time of performance is immediately stopped if the dog do a crap (poo) or damage the field, inside or outside, but within the competition ground. The sportsman has to eliminate the consequences of incident, than their performance can continue. If the sportsman doesn't do it – the pair is disqualified in this discipline. If the dog urinates (pee) on the field during performance time is immediately stopped. In this case the points received by the pair before the incident are scored.
- Females in season (heat) are permitted at the competition. In this case the pair performs the last. The pair is disqualified if the sportsman didn't inform referees about it.
- Sick dogs and pregnant females (second part of pregnancy) can't take part in the Dog Puller competition either. The dog with development defect or constitution defect or acquired can take part in the competition if these defects and health problems don't make problems for the dog and sportsman during the performance and will not be cause the dog's injury. The permission is given by the main referee on the field.
- If the sportsman is cruel with his dog during the performance, swears, curses, treats other sportsman aggressively or comes to the competition in drunken state – he is disqualified.
- The dogs with any type of electronic collars, prong collars, choker dog collars and harnesses and some piece of clothing that don't let the dog move freely and can cause injure either dog or sportsman are banned.
- During the performance food treatment of the dog is forbidden.
- The sportsman can have only the puller (2 rings) in his hands when he is in the start zone.
- Only one pair, sportsman and his dog can be on the field during performance, besides the referee team. Nobody can touch either dog or puller, during the pair performance, apart from dog's handler/owner. The main referee records the violation and he makes the further decision.
- Dog's aggression is forbidden in the competition. If the dog is aggressive towards either a person or another dog and it is noticed by the main referee (before, during or after the competition until the end of awarding) the dog and sportsman are disqualified and their result is zero.
- Arguments with referee team, any appeals are forbidden at any time of the running competition. Appeals against the results or other referee's actions related to their referee's activity after the competition are forbidden too.

Safety rules

- The puller's form protects the trainer's hand from the occasional bites. You have to hold the puller correctly – the hand is down and the elbow is up. These hand's state is safe for dog's handler/owner during the jump exercise. The handler's/owner's hand always direct to the dog.
- You have to throw the puller from the up, behind the ear. You should hold the puller with three fingers.
- You have to direct your dog to jump after the puller horizontally, but not vertically. Landing after the vertical jumps can be negative for dog's joints.