



**AGENDA FOR THE FISTC GENERAL ASSEMBLY
11 & 12 June 2022 Italy**

1) Welcome.

The president welcomes all Delegates at the GA and thank to our friends from CIS for organizing the GA and the Cart Championship.

2) Definition of the participants and list of votes.

The number of votes at the beginning of the GA is **14 from 9 countries**

Austria – 2

Belgium – 1

Bulgaria – 1

Czech Republic – 2

Denmark – 1

France – 2

Germany – 2

Hungary – 2

Italy

F.I.M.S.S – 0

C.I.S – 1

Romania CSNNB - 0

Slovakia – 0

Slovenia – 0

Switzerland - 0

3) Adoption of the agenda.

The agenda was unanimously adopted.

4) Adoption of the minutes of the last GA

On the last GA, Belgium wanted to give proxy to France. The proxy wasn't accepted and it was not written in the minutes of the last GA.

5) Reports of

- President - The report was unanimously adopted
- Vice-president and Treasurer - All members had the financial report. The report was unanimously adopted
- Secretary - The report was unanimously adopted
- Technical Director Sprint – There were no sprint races and there was no job to do.
- Technical Director Distance - The report was unanimously adopted
- Technical Director Cart - The report was unanimously adopted
- Veterinarian – All dogs should be trated against mosquitos for extra protections. To be put this information on the web page. Laura will give list for recomnded repalent liquids.
- Animal Welfare Coordinator - The report was unanimously adopted

6) Discharging the members of the board.

The board was unanimously discharged for the work done over the year.

7) Admission of new members.

There was NO applications for membership.





8) Election of Board Members

- Election of the President
Nathalie Mannato – 13 vote in Favor, 1 vote – Abs
- Election of the Vice-president and Treasurer
Laszlo Nagy - 14 votes in Favor
- Election of the Secretary
Ivelin Todorov – 12 votes in Favor, 2 votes - Abs
- Election of the Technical Director Sprint
Marco Visconti – 14 votes in Favor
- Election of the Technical Director Distance
Marco Visconti – 14 votes in Favor
- Election of the Technical Director Cart
Kilyan Klotsch - 14 votes in Favor
- Election of the Animal Welfare Coordinator
Ivelin Todorov - 12 votes in Favor, 2 votes – Abs
- Election of the Veterinarian (Laura Ravaschio can be re-elected)
Laura Ravaschio - 14 votes in Favor

9) Request and proposals from the Board and Member countries.

Proposals from Austria:

1. Extension of the categories at Cart-Championships by the category Scooter Mid-Distance 2 Dogs, the categories will be split by breed but not sex. **12 in Favor, 1 Against, 1 Abs.**

2. Regarding Dog Passes: Regulatory how to proceed with dogs who have FCI Papers but cannot go to a dog show. (e.g due to castration)

The actual situation with the mandatory dog show keeps many interested mushers away from FISTC Championships.

The dog shows are not mandatory to taking part on a FISTC Championship. What is mandatory: an FCI judge must confirm the dog is in the standard – of course next to the FCI pedigree.

So there are two ways of getting the FISTC Dog Pass:

- **with at least a “good” show result the member club/association/federation has the right to issue the dog pass;**
- **if a dog is not showable (castrated, minor faults, missing teeth etc.) we have a form (<http://fistc.com/images/FISTC%20Dog%20Pass%20form%202011.pdf>) what must be filled in by an FCI judge. With this kind of confirmation the member club/association/federation also has the right to issue the dog pass.**

In both cases the pedigree, the show results and/or the upper form must be shown in original for issuing Dog Pass, and the original pedigree is still mandatory to show on our Championships.

3. Finding a solution to find and communicate dates of championships earlier.

For example a fixed weekend in November for Dryland-Championships.

For On-snow Championships it is obvious far more difficult, but also here the communication should be earlier (e.g. one main date and one alternate date)

We think, that many mushers could plan better and therefore we could gain more participants.





The main date should be second weekend of November and the reserve date will be the third weekend in November.

Proposals from Belgium:

1. Number of categories at FISTC championships

As already mentioned, Belgium considers that the number of categories in championships is much too high, even more so with the latest additions.

This reduces the specificities of our sport and just serves to increase the number of participants at the expense of mushing.

- a) On snow, go back to the 11 basic categories x 2, namely: Women and Men.
In international races outside the World and European Championships, the mix should be decided by the organiser.
- b) On Earth, we have to go back to the 15 basic categories x 2, to 1, namely: Women and Men.

In international races outside the World and European Championships, the mix should be decided by the organiser.

The proposal has been withdrawn for a further discuss about categories for the next General Assembly.

2. Sanctions taken by FISTC against Mushers, Federations, etc...

The FISTC is judge and party in the sanctions it takes.

This is completely contrary to the International Code of Sport.

Belgium, which has a Sports Court in compliance with these international rules, has repeatedly presented it to the FISTC without response or further action.

This (existing) regulatory tool could serve as a basis for discussion for FISTC to comply with the International Sports Code.

The Belgian Federation sends their example documents to the FISTC Board for a further discuss.

3. Voting at FISTC General Assembly

- a) Following the GA in Hungary, it had been agreed that countries with few mushers (- of 50) would have one vote, countries between 50 and 100 members would have two voting rights and countries with a further hundred would have one more voting right. Since, Belgium pays an annual voting fee as provided. It seems the rules are different all of a sudden! Certain that an error has crept in some documents, we confirm our right to 1 vote during the FISTC General Assembly.

To modify the §12, point 2. in FISTC Statutes about votes. We cancel the previous regulation about 2 votes per Country (under 500 mushers).

The new regulations of voting:

0 - 50 -> 1 vote

50 - 100 -> 2 votes

100 - 200 -> 3 votes

>200 -> 4 votes

Price of the voting right remained 150 EUR/vote.

14 votes in Favor.

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- b) Regarding the possibility of giving proxy to a delegate to represent the federations at the general Assembly, we have read the articles of association of the FISTC. There is no mention of that. However, the text, as regards the representation and delegation of a member of a country to the FISTC General Assembly, allows the country to nominate its representative(s) provided he or they have the agreement of the federation of the country represented. Therefore, nothing prevents a federation from appointing a person to represent it on the understanding that both parties agree.

Belgium thinks that a clear text on the subject of powers of attorney is included in the statutes of the FISTC and offers you its assistance in its realization.

We have to write in the statutes that one country can not give proxy to another country.

Proposals from Czech Republic:

Taxi is rising to 100 euro for adult mushers and 25euro for Juniors. 65 euro go to the organizers.

1. Proposal for a change in the statutes / rules on the maximum entry fee for the European Championships / World Championships FISTC carts, snow sleds

Based on experience, it is not possible to organize a race under such conditions with such a low contribution of the starting athlete. The regular entry fee for the European Championships and World Championships ranges from 120 to 180 euros. In some stage and long races even several times more I suggest cancel the maximum entry fee and leave it to the responsibility of the race organizer.

The entry fees of the Championships organized under FISTC umbrella must be fixed. So the responsibility of the entry fees of FISTC Cart, Sprint and Distance Championship remain fixed by the FISTC General Assembly. It's a fact the costs are increasing, so the FISTC Board proposed to raise the entry fees of our Championships to 100 Euros (for adults) and 25 Euros (for juniors). To help the organizers the FISTC part of the entry fees doesn't change, so 35 Euros goes to FISTC and 65 to the organizer of the Championship. As in the past, the junior entry fees are going to the organizers.

2. Change of the method of payment for the entry fee to the FISTC European Championships and World Championships Currently, the representatives of the states send the entry fee to the FISTC account before the race. The organizer will then receive a proportion of the entry fee only after the event has ended, which is economically unbearable. I suggest the organizer of the race will receive the entry fee in bulk from the delegate of the country to the account in the given period before the organized event. The organizer undertakes to return the entry fee in full to all in case of non-competition. In the event that the organizer carries out the event, he will transfer the FISTC share to the FISTC account according to the number of registered competitors no later than the day of the start of the championship.

The proposed method is against financial and tax rules, laws and regulations. As the invoice of the entry fees issued by FISTC, it's not possible to transfer the entry fees directly to the organizers.

The organizers of FISTC Championships still have the right to ask their part of the entry fees before the Championship – of course if the amount from the member associations are arrived to FISTC account already.

3. Date and organization of FISTC races

It is undesirable for the situation from 2022 to be repeated, when the date and place of the championship changed at least 3 times. In the event that the championship cannot take place in due time, only one alternative date will be determined. Or due to the situation, the race will be cancelled without compensation.

Competitors then have a chance to go and register for another race

1st and 3rd weekends in February are fixed for FISTC Championships

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Proposals from France:

1. About Passing teams rule

III. On the trail - E. Passing team - c) When a Musher has been passed, he is not allowed to re pass within 2 minutes - regardless which class

We suggest shortening these 2 minutes to 1 and only when the 2 mushers are from the same category. It could even be reduced if the 2 mushers on the trail are ok for this. – **14 in Favor to remove the time.**

2. About Yellow and Red cards

Were some yellow or red cards already distributed since they have been adopted? We suggest to come back to warnings and suspension if necessary.

14 in Favor we are going back to “Warning” and “Disqualification” rule.

3. About Feminization

We suggest to divide roller and bike classes between men and women when we have minimum 3 starters per sex, as in canicross. In France we modified this rule starting last season.

We already use this system, so it must be added to our rules.

4. About the date of the championships

Is it possible to postpone the date of the European championships towards the end of November, beginning of December for coming years. This would give some countries a little more time to organize their national championship before the European championships without being too early in the season

Already discussed

5. About Cart Nation Cup and Cart World Championship

As on snow, what do you think about having a Cart Nation Cup? And what about a Cart World Championship?

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14 in Favor: “Cart World Championship” (Musher can start with wild card and confirmation from the FCI judge. Show results are also acceptable.), and Nations Cup on Cart Championships – adopted.

Nations Cup: Cart + Cart MD together, Sprint - and if the Distance held on the same place and date – together.

6. About Pulka category

We have no charge in Pulka. What is really the difference with skijoering? The whole point of pulka is to draw a load. Having an empty pulka has no interest. Can't we put that charge back ? To set this load according to the composition of the team. – **14 in Favors**

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7. About Canicross and skijoering for Junior A and Junior B

In France we are working to shorten canicross and skijoering trails for young participants till juniors. As in athletics and nordic skiing for reference, the trails we actually propose to these junior categories are too long.

What about the trail length for this categories in other countries ?

For example, in canicross for 13 years old young people, 8km is too long, in France in athletics they are authorized to run maximum 3 km, at 14 y.o they can run maximum 5 km.

We believe that there is a need for reflection on the subject at the international level

The Board will discuss it and give a feedback

Proposals from Hungary:

1. Our proposal is the same, like the last time.

We think, we are going to have several youth competitor in Canicross, if they can get European Champion title. Without title, the most important thing is missing for our youngest competitors: the motivation. If they want to take part on an international race they can compete in their own country as all FISTC member clubs and associations organize international races, so they don't need to travel hundreds or thousands of kilometres for a medal. So please, think about it, and please accept our proposal.

For your interest: it has been held the ICF World Championship 2022 (29. Apr. - 1. May) in France with lots of youth competitors.

"Nowadays the most popular category in our sports is the canicross. Most of the mushers are starting their carrier in this sport.

The youth education is also very important for our sports, that's why our proposal is to start a new category for the youngest athletes, the "Canicross Youth" category.

- age: from 8 to 10 years (8 years must be filled at the first day of the race);

- trail: minimum 1 - maximum 2 kilometers;

- dogs: 1 (the same) dog on both 3 heats;

- classes: 1 - common for both girls and boys; (if there are more, than 3 girls and 3 boys, can be separated)

- the youth musher must complete the race alone - if it is possible, without adult help."

If the GA adopts the proposal and youth mushers can get a title too, their entry fee can be the same as juniors: 20 EUR - which amount goes to the organizers.

2 Against, 12 in Favor

2. Hungary would like to apply for Cart EC 2024, if the FIMSS can agree with this.

14 in Favor

3. Last year the GA decision:

According to the above decision: FISTC has two new "test" categories on the following two Sprint Championships:

- Kicksled/snowscooter: with only one dog - dividing the breeds and sex are the same as the other categories, as well as the minimum 3 starters;

- Canicross: with only one dog - dividing the breeds and sex are the same as the other categories, as well as the minimum 3 starters.

In these two years in trial categories we don't give EC/WC titles (in these categories the entry fee will be reduced to 50 EUR).





Our opinion: if there will be no titles, nobody will come and take part in these categories.

Our proposal: to give titles if there are minimum 3 starters in the category - in this case their entry fee would be the same as in all other categories.

Separated category (men and woman) possible, if there are minimum 3 starters per sex.

8 Against, 6 in Favor

- 10) Race-calendar for the season 2022/2023 and future FISTC Championships.
09 – 12 November 2023 Abertamy, Czech republic
1st or 3rd weekend in February, To receive feedback from all countries till the end of the month.
- 11) Place of the next General Assembly 2023.
03 – 04 June 2023 Abertamy, Czech republic
- 12) Establishment of the number of mushers by the member countries. Each member will give his number of mushers of 2021-2022 season.
 - Austria – 20
 - Belgium – 28
 - Bulgaria – 10
 - Czech Republic – 60
 - Denmark – 35
 - France – 352
 - Germany – 104
 - Hungary – 32
 - Italy
 - F.I.M.S.S – 20
 - C.I.S – 60
 - Romania CSNNB - 20
 - Slovakia – 35
 - Slovenia – 10
 - Switzerland - 2

13) Other Issues.

Denmark asked why Bulgaria is in FISTC when Bulgarian Republican Federation of Cynology is not a member of FCI?

Laszlo Nagy: It doesn't affect our sport. What is written in our Statutes: the dogs must have an FCI pedigree, and an FCI judge must confirm the dog is in the standard. In many countries the sport clubs cannot be members in their national canine organizations.

Ivelin Todorov: All the dogs that compete in FISTC races, and also in races organized by Sleddog Sport Bulgaria are with FCI pedigrees. All the new-borns have pedigrees from the National Canine Organizations of the neighbour countries (recommendation from FCI to support the breeders) or are imported in Bulgaria with FCI official export pedigree. As Laszlo said there are sport clubs that can not be members in their national canine organizations and as we all know there are judges that are not members in their own national canine organizations.

As there were no any other issues the newly elected president, Nathalie Mannato closed the General Assembly.

