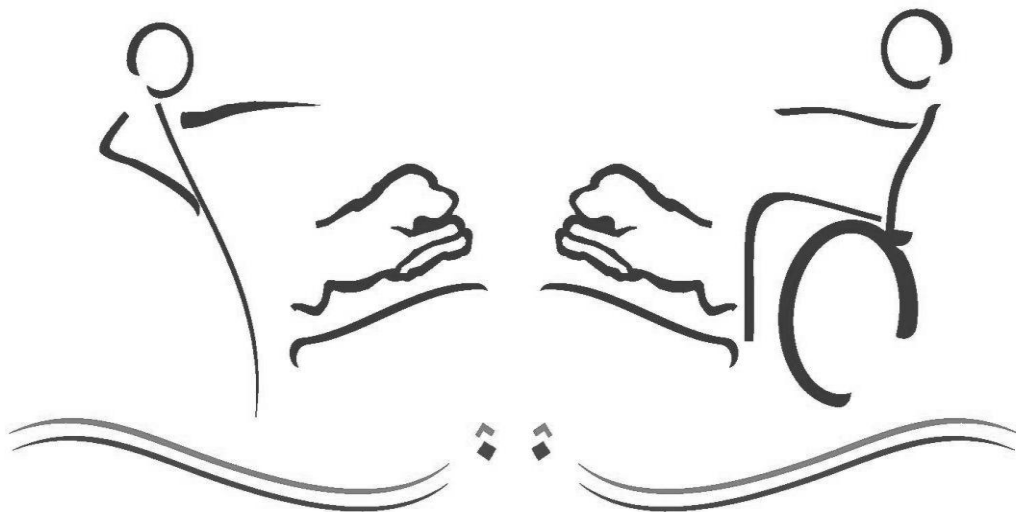


# REGULATIONS PARAGILITY

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

### PAWC



#### Code of Ethics:

**“I am committed to fair and proper handling of my dog, renounce animal tormenting, not animal-friendly methods and utilize any prohibited aids. The health and the welfare of the dog is a top priority for me.”**

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The ruling of the PAWC is based on the IMCA and FCI regulations. Everything what is not in the rules here, and gives any discussion, shall be first examined in the official regulations from the FCI. Final decisions will be taken by the board of the IMCA / PAWC.

## **1 General:**

- In all documents and official information (prizes) the original name should to be used:  
ParAgility World Championship abbreviated PAWC.
- The PAWC will be organised together the International Mix & Breed Championship Agility (IMCA). The PAWC participants train together with their IMCA compatriots.
- The PAWC & IMCA are organized annually.
- Each host country agrees the rules established here for the PAWC by the board IMCA / PAWC.
- The organizing country and contacts PAWC are responsible for the timely information of the judges on the current rules IMCA /PAWC.
- A person who participates in the PAWC does so because he / she are, as a result of their diagnosed handicap, clearly at a disadvantage when participating in a non-disabled race. (Eg. IMCA, EO, WAC, FCI).  
The team leader also bears responsibility for the accuracy of the indication at registration.
- It is allowed to participate for all dogs, breed - with or without pedigree - and mix breed.
- Eligible to enter:  
All dogs over 18 months; they must be tattooed or chipped.  
Bitches in heat are permitted to compete in the competitions.
- Ineligible to enter:
  - Pregnant bitches
  - Dogs those are apparently ill or hurt
  - Drugged dogsDogs coming from or going to a region infected with rabies must have a valid inoculation certificate against rabies.
- All countries are allowed to participate (recognized International Nations).  
The champions of each group (same handler with the same dog) of the last PAWC will be selected automatically, so they can defend their title.
- Susan Rekveld (the Netherlands) and Jeannette Velzel (Switzerland) are the contact persons for the PAWC in the Board of the International Organization Team IMCA & PAWC.

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- The board will after each held PAWC evaluate the regulations and adjust if necessary.

### **2 Competition Categories:**

- Group's classifications are based on disability, NOT on the size of the dog(s):

Note: A handler can only enter one group.

- Group 1: participants with the aid of a battery-powered vehicle (Such as an electric wheelchair, a scooter ...)
- Group 2: Participants with a manually powered vehicle (Manual wheelchair)
- Group 3: Participants, which are moderately disturbed as a result of their disability in the quality of walking. (Compared to a non-disabled)
- Group 4: Participants who are highly disturbed by their disability in the quality of walking.
- Group 5: Participants, in which the quality of walking greatly are disturbed by their disability.
- Group 6: Participants in which the main problem is in an area of the body, this does NOT concern to move. But are clearly at a disadvantage compared to non-disabled (E.g. vision)
- Group 7: Participants who have a mental disability as a result of their disability. In consultation with the contact of the PAWC they can use an accompanying person at the race track.

#### Note:

In all groups, it is allowed to make the use of tools, for proper benefit. This can be done with to use of one or both hands. The device shall be taken during the entire course and is in constant contact with the handler.

- If, as a result of disability, an auxiliary person is required during training and competition, this only is permitted in consultation with the PAWC contacts.
- A group must consist of at least three participants. ONLY in consultation with the PAWC contacts, if there are fewer than 3 participants in a group, the organization can merge two groups.

### **3Tests:**

- PAWC consists of 3 courses one agility course and two jumping courses. There is one track per day. A registered PAWC participant has the right to participate in all three runs being held for the PAWC.
- The courses are approved by the same judges as those chosen for the IMCA. On the first day of the competition the PAWC is judged by a PAWC-experienced judge.
- Course-scouting:

Directive:

1st group: all participants in Group 1 and 2. Maximum 15 participants and maximum 10 minutes.

2nd group: all participants in Group 5. Maximum 15 participants and maximum 15 minutes.

3rd group: all participants in Group 3, 4 and 6. With the exception of those with much vision problems. Maximum 20 participants and maximum 10 minutes.

4th group: all participants in Group 7, Maximum 15 participants and maximum 15 minutes.

5th group: all participants with a lot of vision problems. If a participant from another group also struggling with vision problems, he / she can explore in this group. Maximum 15 participants and maximum 15 minutes.

Note:

- There only can be explored in one of the groups.
- As inside a group are very few or much participants, in consultation with the contacts PAWC, a different format or composition can be made.
- It is allowed to use personal trainer / coach in the course while exploring the trail. Maximum 2 persons per country are allowed.
- If more helpers are needed, this only is possible in consultation with the contacts PAWC.
- In order to be included in the overall rankings, all 3 courses have to be done by the same team (handler and dog).
- After each run, the dog microchip number can be checked.
- The tests will be judged according to the FCI rules and regulations, with the same exceptions listed in the regulations for the IMCA.

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- For the PAWC include the following exceptions:
    - All sizes (small, medium and large) are admitted. The dog must be at least 18 months to participate.
    - A dog of 7 years or older, veteran, may be assigned one size down, so all obstacles to that size should be adjusted.
- Note:  
For PAWC is not the size of the dog that determines the category of participation! (The category classification is linked to the type of disability, see categories) Only the obstacle height is adjusted to the size of the dog.
- the difficulty of the agility and jumping courses are to build up at the level of grade 2 (according to the FCI-regulations)
  - The agility and jumping courses must be able to be done by all groups. The judges should take into account when building the courses, with passage opportunities along the barriers for people with wheelchairs and other aids.
  - Hurdles: Single  
Height: Large: 55 cm.  
Medium: 35 cm.  
Small: 25 cm.  
  
Veteran Large: 35 cm.  
Veteran medium: 25 cm.  
Veteran Small: 15 cm.
  - Determining the Standard Course Time (SCT)  
The speed in meters per second chosen on the course will determine the SCT. The speed chosen will depend on the standard of the competition and the degree of difficulty of the course and the surface the dog has to run on.  
The SCT (in seconds) will be determined by dividing the length of the course by the chosen speed (in m/s).
- Maximum Standard Course Time:
- |                 |                          |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Group 1 & 3:    | Agility course: 2.50 m/s | Jumping course: 3.00 m/s |
| Group 2, 4 & 7: | Agility course: 2.00 m/s | Jumping course: 2.50 m/s |
| Group 5:        | Agility course: 1.00 m/s | Jumping course: 1.50 m/s |
| Group 6:        | Agility course: 2.75 m/s | Jumping course: 3.75 m/s |
- Determining the Maximum Course Time (MCT)  
The PAWC courses don't have a time limit.
  - If the judges want to adapt the rules of the FCI, which is also used in the PAWC, its contents must be clearly identified at the team leaders meeting.

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The PAWC is judged in accordance with IMCA.

The judge shows the disqualification in accordance with the FCI regulations with a whistle and crossed arms.

### **4 Applications:**

- It is allowed to participate for all countries (**recognized International Nations, as listed in FIFA-country list**), only one team from each country.
  - Handlers should have the nationality of the country or must have their legal residence in the country for which his/her dog will compete.It can therefore be chosen to participate for the country they live in, or the country of nationality, however always only for one country. The participant must meet the qualification requirements of the country in which he/ she participates. Once started for the country of residence, cannot be changed again, unless it is again moved to the country of nationality.  
It is up to the organizing country to control the residential status of the dog handler.  
In case of dual nationality, he/she can choose either country without restriction: however, he/she can only compete for one country.
- Each PAWC-handler is allowed to compete with maximum 2 dogs.
- The registration can only be accepted from a team leader of each country. This person must be registered and approved by the board.  
The team leader is responsible for all the members of his / her team.  
If no team leader of the country is known, the application can ONLY be done by contacting Susan Rekveld, [susanrekveld@para-agility.nl](mailto:susanrekveld@para-agility.nl)
- Each PAWC candidate with a physical and / or mental disability can be finally registered as a participant, after filling in the request form PAWC by a doctor. The 2nd part is to be completed by the participant or a supervisor.  
All documents (PAWC request form, video with three runs (National- or International Matches) and Wheelchair / scooter mobile insurance copy) must be collected from the Teamleader and then sent to Susan Rekveld.  
[susanrekveld@para-agility.nl](mailto:susanrekveld@para-agility.nl)  
This data defines the competition category of participation.  
Each new participant will be assigned in a category to the training day or, if necessary, at the latest after the first course.
- Mentally disabled people can participate only if a supervisor, manager, is present during the event, and always only in consultation with the PAWC contacts.
- The number of participants in the PAWC per country is unlimited.

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- The Competition Category, as filled in at the entry form, will be verified by the contact persons PAWC.
- All (also previous) contact persons PAWC are required to handle medical and other sensitive data in confidence.  
The medical records are in the possession of the current main responsible contact person, currently Susan Rekveld.
- Within the Board IMCA & PAWC is a member recorded with a professional background in medicine and / or rehabilitation, currently Jeannette Velzel.
- If difficulties arise, they must be referred to the Board of the IMCA/PAWC.
- To qualify as a competitor at PAWC, the Board recommends to achieve the qualification 'Excellent' or at least 'Very Good' in an official (Para-) Agility test. The countries himself can consider other criteria. However, always fair and free from personal antipathies.
- The competing countries will send the entry forms, properly completed and signed, to the organizing committee and PAWC contact Susan Rekveld, before the closing date.  
They will, at the same time, appoint a 'team leader' or coach who shall be responsible for the team.  
They immediately have to inform the organizing country in case of delay (for instance; the qualifications are still going on after the deadline)
- Participation is at your own risk and responsibility. Insurance is the responsibility of the participant.

### **5 Ring equipment:**

- It is the responsibility of the organization that the floor of such a quality is, that it endures the load of, for example, electric wheelchairs.
- During competitions IMCA / PAWC, a clearly identifiable area with direct sight on the tracks and wheelchair accessible, must be available for participants, dogs and coaches of the PAWC.

### **6 Veterinary control:**

- Each dog will be submitted to a veterinary control and before the training starts checked for:
  - A valid European Dog-Passport or Veterinary Certificate.
  - All vaccinations have been registered in the dogs European Passport or Veterinary Certificate.



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- The inoculation certificates against rabies will be checked. Dogs coming from or going to a rabies-infected region must also have a valid health certificate issued by their veterinary surgeon.

When the vaccination is inadequate, the decision to participate will be made by the vet and the organization.

- Identification by chip or tattoo.

- Minimum age of competing dogs: 18 months

- Pregnant bitches, bitches with pups under 8 weeks or dogs that are ill or hurt will not be allowed to compete.

- Bitches in heat are allowed to compete, provided they are separated from the other competing dogs, and kept away from them. They run as last in the competition.

### Note:

One of the judges must be present at the veterinary inspection and measure the height if there are doubts whether a dog is placed in the correct category.

Once a dog has been measured and accepted in a category it must always compete in this category.

- A dog can and will be removed from the competition if:
  - The dog is suffering from a contagious disease.
  - The dog is an unhealthy impression, with further participation is not responsible. (After verification and consultation with the veterinarian)
  - The dog or becomes so injured in the competition that further participation could aggravate the injury or suffering.
  - The dog is drugged. (After verification and consultation with the veterinarian)

### **7 Record-, workbook or license:**

- Each handler can let hand out a dog record-, workbook or license by the team leader, to the organizing committee before the competition starts. The organizers must correctly register the results in the issued record-, workbook or license, including a signature (can be a stamp) from the judge.

### **8 Specifications:**

- The organizing committee must abide by the IMCA/PAWC rules and regulations that lists all the committee's duties and responsibilities and implement them correctly.

### **9 Awards and Prizes:**

- Per group for each course there are three prizes to distribute, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Only those participants, who have come round without disqualification, are eligible for these awards.

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- The World Champion in each group is determined by the results of all 3 courses.
- In an ex-aequo result, the agility charged more as the jumping.
- The first three placed persons in each group, will be recognized (maximum one disqualification is permitted for the overall results).
- The prizes (cup or medal) are World Cup worthy, with at least the following information;  
The year, PAWC, group of disability, Jumping or Agility and ranking  
If possible also with the logo of the organization.
- The organizing country may issue to all PAWC participants a reminder of participation to the event, stating PAWC, the year and place.
- Best country award:

All first three countries by each course (IMCA and PAWC / individual and team) deserve the following points for their country.

IMCA:	PAWC:
1st country at the 1st place : 20 points	1st country at the 1st place : 12 points
2nd country after the 1st place: 18 points must be another country as place 1.	2nd country after the 1st place: 10 points must be another country as place 1.
3th country after the 1st place: 16 Points must be another country as place 1 & 2	3th country after the 1st place: 8 Points must be another country as place 1 & 2

After the last run of the event the points are counted, and the country with the most point is “Best Country of IMCA & PAWC 20...”

**These specifications were approved by the Board IMCA/PAWC, 03.2019.**

**Helmut Flek (Austria)**  
**Walter Casier (Belgium)**  
**Susan Rekveld (The Netherlands)**  
**Jeannette Velzel (Switzerland)**

## **PAWC Request form**

**The first part of this form must be completed by your doctor**

### **Personal Details:**

First name: ..... Surname: .....

Date of birth: ..... Nationality: .....

Address: ..... Zip code: .....

Residence: ..... Country: .....

### **Medical Physical / Psychiatric Diagnosis:**

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.....  
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### **Disabled since: ..... (Date)**

At birth  yes /  no

As a result of illness:  yes /  no

As a result of accident  yes /  no

**Use of transport devices:**  yes /  no (by 'no' go to use of walking aids)

Electric wheelchair:  yes /  no

Scooter:  yes /  no

Other electric transport:  yes /  no

Manual Wheelchair:  yes /  no

**Use of walking aids:**  yes /  no (by 'no' go to artificial limbs)

Walker:  yes /  no

Crutches:  yes /  no

Cane (-s) (for ex. Blind cane):  yes /  no

Other walking aids:  yes /  no

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**Artificial limbs:**  yes /  no (by 'no' go to other tools)

One forearm / arm / hand:  yes =  Left /  Right /  no  
(Delete as applicable)

2 Forearms / arms / hands:  yes /  no  
(Delete as applicable)

1 Foot / Leg /Thigh:  yes =  Left /  Right /  no  
(Delete as applicable)

2 Feet / Legs / Thighs:  yes /  no  
(Delete as applicable)

**Other tools, namely:** .....  
.....

**The quality and quantity of walking and running:** (only to fill in for walking participants)

The own base-walking pace can be accelerated:  yes /  no

Running is possible:  yes /  no

While running, with maintaining the speed, a curve can be taken:  yes /  no

It is possible to keep the running for 2 minutes:  yes /  no

Are there during the walk / run balance disorders:  yes /  no

**!! Very important to fill in:**

**Clear and detailed description of the handicap compared to the agility sport:**

**(Why is the above person harmed if he / she would participate in the agility valid? Why he / she is disadvantaged to participate in a non-handicapped match?)**

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**Chance of recovery:**  no  partial  full

**filled in by:**

Name (doctor): .....  
Address: .....  
Zip code / Residence:.....  
Phone number: .....  
@-Adress: .....

**official stamp of the doctor:**

**The next part of the application form is filled in by the participant.**

**Competition experience:**

Only with disabled participants:  yes /  no

Only with non disabled participants:  yes /  no

Mixed not disabled and disabled participants:  yes /  no

Within your own association:  yes /  no

In your own country (where you live):  yes /  no

International:  yes /  no

**Last matches:**

Own association: ..... (Date)

Own country: ..... (Date)

International: ..... (Date)

**To this form please add:**

- A Medical certificate from your doctor
- 3 videos of runs from **National or International** matches, not older as 1 year
- Wheelchair / scoot mobile insurance copy, if you use one at the match.

**Send this entire information to:**

Susan Rekveld  
susanrekveld@para-agility.nl

**We need the COMPLETE information to take your request into process.**

**Truthfully:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)