



ICF Spring GA Pardubice, Czech - 26 April 2025

1).14:09 the Opening of the ICF Spring GA

YL - There is a busy agenda - anything not agreed this meeting will be passed to the next meeting in Autumn.

3). 2 scrutineers appointed: Cliff Tarrant(UK) Patricia Steur (Swiss)

4). Present in room:

Czech, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Denmark, France, Belgium, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia

Online:

Mexico, Ireland, Greece, Columbia, Netherlands, UK, Sweden, Columbia, Ecuador, San Marino, Brazil, USA, Canada

If any Federations email addresses have changed they must let the ICF Secretary know.

5). Approved minutes of 2024 Autumn GA Meeting

6.) Financial documents will be sent as an attachment to meeting minutes

- When you send payments for membership to ICF, you must state the country which you are paying for.
- Thierry (ICF Treasurer) looking at bank account to see if they change to one which gives interest on a current balance

7). Clarifying role of ICF Continental representatives.

They are not a board member, they have no extra voting rights. They are ambassadors of the ICF and the goal is to have direct contact between the continent or region with the ICF.

Eastern part of Europe still working on that and Western part is covered by members of the ICF board of directors.

ICF board is always working behind the scenes to grow the ICF - you may not hear much from us between meetings.

8.)

- Sweden are starting a Federation to join the ICF. No objections raised, so welcomed to the ICF.

- Columbia - was in ICF in the past, and would now like to rejoin. No objections raised, so welcomed to the ICF.
- Ecuador new member. No objections raised, so welcomed to the ICF.

When a new country asks to join, they must provide a lot of information on their Federation etc. They cannot automatically just join.

As they have joined, these countries now have current voting rights.

9.) 2025 - Validation of World Championships course.

This morning all the nations present approved the venue and in general the course have approved the trail for the Championships this year.

It is not an easy track, a lot of turns, and the grass will be hard work, so everyone will need to be fit, as well as their dogs.

YL personal point of view, is that due to the number of turns, a smaller dog may have same advantages as a bigger dog, as they can take the turns quicker and pick up speed.

10.) Allocation of quotas - is a challenge.

- Due to parking restrictions = 800 places available
- Number of places requested = 1200 from all nations

Negotiating with organisers to see

Smaller Nations numbers will not be cut. The larger Nations will be asked to look at their numbers.

(UK) - are you going to set numbers of entries from each nation or the number for each discipline? Is it Masters, the Elite?

Czech organisers have more parking and are looking at how many more starts they can accommodate. Racing will start at 30 minutes sunrise and finish at sunset.

Expect to be able to accommodate 900 entries.

300 starts will need to be reduced.

- Austria - have 45 starts and 10 are a double start, so would not need additional parking. They would suggest cancelling double starts in the first instance.
- Germany - have 20 children starts - so will be arriving with parents and will not require additional parking.

Organisers need to know the number of camping cars and vehicles, so the organisers can calculate the number of people that can be accommodated.

Remember that Nations will have to pay for the number of starts they ask for.

Czech organisers asked: if second round has to be the next day, e.g. could do event on Friday and Sunday. This will be evaluated and then put into the rules.

Netherlands - senior classes race on Saturday afternoon and then Sunday morning

Nations will be asked to submit numbers in the next 2 weeks.

How many Vans/camping cars, reduced/revised number of athletes.

Organisers will rework the starting programme (next week) and send out through the ICF to all Nations.

End of May all athlete numbers to be submitted by all Nations.

Need to reduce numbers by 25%

Suggestion for Nations to drop double starts

Nations must select their best athletes, regardless of which discipline they are entering.

It is a World Championship and only the best athletes should be selected. e.g. France has 6000 members and they have selected 80 athletes to represent their country.

Mass start of Canicross - still negotiating starts with organisers. Organisers want to send out whole category.

Event will have an official website and FB page launched mid May: carnilove.cz

Only available in Czech at the moment, will be translated to English as well.

Drones are strictly prohibited at the event due to the close proximity of the military airport.

11). 2026 Championships - Austria withdrew, was going to use a military area, but area also co-owned by local authority and the Mayor stopped the event. Need to wait for a change in Mayor (2-3 years) and will then be in a position to offer to host event again.

Greece and Ireland have been asked to host 2026 Championships.

It is too soon for Ireland to organise.

Greece presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCghIjvXM74>

Festival taking place at the beginning of November, so waiting to hear exact dates mid May.

12). Ireland bid for 2027 ICF Championships - cannot give exact location or dates, will confirm in November.

Will look at putting on a 3-4 day event.

France entering a bid for 2028 World Championships.

Other countries encouraged to send in bids.

13). Judges expenses - proposal to increase entry fees to cover costs of veterinary team, committee expenses and judges fees for attending AGM and Championships.

- YL - if there is a budget left perhaps it can be used for anti-doping tests

The additional €15 per entry is returned to the ICF to pay for these services.

14.) Paraspot - first draft of the document by Paola

3 x distinct categories of impairment, physical, sensory & intellectual disabilities. Must be certified, duty of each Federation to present theses.

Proposal for 4 Junior age categories from France.

Will compete over normal race distance and only for Canicross at the moment.

Can be accompanied by a guide, who must be the same person for the two days.

- Will there be a paraspot category in the schedule at Pardubice in 2025?

2025 will stay the same as it was in Italy 2024.

New rules can be approved in Autumn GA 2025 and then can be implemented into 2026 when the rules are in place.

15). Press release on veterinary study on effect of temperatures on racing dogs.

Still 2 remaining stages to be done by the end of May and the results of the study should be published by early 2026.

16). Proposal to raise ICF fees from €150 to €250. Main reason is to pay for the anti-doping in place. That will be on a separate budget and will not be used for other costs.

Agreed to increase price from 2026.

17.) Currently a single document for race rules. It will now be separated into two documents, race rules and an event organisers document.

Update to race rules:

- Young/children categories changed: "8.3" in rules - Canicross age categories and distances updated, including whether accompanied by an adult.
- 9.4.1 (d) Glasses - not mandatory, but highly recommended - change to "under the sole responsibility of the competitor"
- Hungary asked for information on joining the veterinary and judging committee.

Poland asked for an extra handler for the bike category to be discussed at the next Autumn GA, one to hold the bike and one to handle the dog.

Poland would like to put a bid in for 2026 World Championships if Greece are unable to .

Spring GA closed at 7pm.