

How to obtain Finish Champion titles



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REQUIREMENTS APPLIED TO ALL BREEDS

A Champion title application must be made no later than five (5) years after the last result counting towards the title was achieved. After this, the title is no longer granted. (Council 22/11/2020)

For Champion titles granted in trials and competitions, the dog is required to have obtained at least the quality grade good at a Dog show approved by a member or partner country of the FCI at the minimum age of 15 months. (Council 30/05/2021)

Finnish Show Champion (FI CH)

At least three certificates obtained in Dog shows in Finland under three different Judges. At least one of these certificates must be obtained at the minimum age of 24 months. Possible breed-specific requirements regarding trial results will also have to be met. The amendment enters into force on 1.6.2011. (Council 29/5/11) The requirements regarding trial results are minimum requirements. For a dog that has a Finnish owner / holder, results in breed-specific trials gained in Nordic countries count towards the Finnish Show Champion title. (Council 24/11/2007)

Finnish Junior Show Champion (FI JCH)

At least three Junior Certificates from Finland under three different judges. The Finnish Junior Show Champion title is not subject to trial result requirements. Possible Junior Show Champion titles from other countries do not count towards the Finnish Junior Show Champion title.

Finnish Veteran Show Champion (FI VCH)

At least three Veteran Certificates from Finland under three different judges. The Finnish Veteran Show Champion title is not subject to trial result requirements. Possible Veteran Show Champion titles from other countries do not count towards the Finnish Veteran Show Champion title.

Finnish Agility Champion (FI ACH)

A dog is awarded the Finnish Agility Champion title once it has been awarded three Agility Certificates in the highest class in Agility, under three different Agility judges.

A foreign dog is awarded the Finnish Agility Champion title, once it has obtained the national Agility Champion title of its country and has been awarded one Agility Certificate in the highest class in Agility in Finland. (Council 23/11/2019)

Finnish Jumping Champion (FI ACH-J)

A dog is awarded the Finnish Agility Jumping Champion title once it has been awarded three Jumping Certificates in the highest class in Agility, under three different Agility judges.

A foreign dog is awarded the Finnish Agility Jumping Champion title, once it has obtained the national Agility Jumping Champion title of its country and has been awarded one Jumping Certificate in the highest class in Agility in Finland. (Council 23/11/2019)

Finnish Tracking Champion (FI TCH)

A dog is awarded the Finnish Tracking Champion title once it has been awarded the 1st Prize in Blood Tracking Trial for Hunting Dogs in Winner's Class three times, under at least two different judges. (Council 31/05/2008)

Finnish Dog Dance Champion

Heelwork to Music (FI DDCH-HTM)

A dog is awarded the Finnish HTM Champion title once it has been awarded three Dog Dance Certificates in Heelwork to Music competitions. At least six (6) months must separate the first and last certificate. (23/11/2019)

Freestyle (FI DDCH-FS)

A dog is awarded the Finnish Freestyle Champion title once it has been awarded three Dog Dance Certificates in Heelwork to Music competitions. At least six (6) months must separate the first and last certificate. (Council 23/11/2019)

Working Champion (FI WCH)

In addition to the required dog show result, breed-specific trial result requirements must be met. Trial results that count towards the Finnish Working Champion title, granted by the Finnish Kennel Club, must all be gained in Finland. (Council 27/05/2012)

Finnish Working Champion title in Working Dog Trials

(Breeds entitled to compete in Working Trials are marked with *)

3 x 1st prize in the highest class in the same Working or Rescue Dog (IPOR) Trial or at least the grading very good, which is at least 90 % of the maximum score, gained over at least two calendar years and under at least two different judges. (Council 23/11/2003) (Council 23/11/2019)

Granted champion titles are recorded for each trial form as follows:

National Rescue Dog Test FI WCH-PEKO

International Rescue Dog Area Search Test FI WCH-RH-FL

International Rescue Dog Tracking Test FI WCH-RH-F

International Rescue Dog Rubble Search Test FI WCH-RH-T

Working Dog Trial – Tracking FI WCH-PKJ

Working Dog Trial – Searching FI WCH-PKH

Working Dog Trial – Versatility FI WCH-PKE

Working Dog Trial – Messenger FI WCH-PKV

IGP Trial – Tracking FI WCH-IGP

Mondioring FI WCH-MR

Specialty Tracking Test FI WCH-IFH

International Tracking Test FI WCH-IGP-FH

Finnish Working Champion (Injured Elk Tracking Trial, FI WCH-VAHI)

2 x pass in Injured Elk Tracking Trial and 1 x pass in Tracking Trial for Elkhounds. Once a dog has gained all trial results needed for the Champion title, it may no longer participate in trials. (Council 26/11/2006)

Finnish Working Champion (FI WCH-LUT and FI WCH-LUME)

A dog is awarded the Finnish Working Champion (hunting) title once it has gained two qualifying results in Natural Underground Trial for Ferreting Dogs under two different judges; the achieved title is marked FI WCH-LUME. A dog may no longer participate in Natural Underground Trial for

Ferretting Dogs once it has gained all trial results required for the FI WCH-LUME title. If a dog obtains the Finnish Working Champion (cave) title, the title is marked FI WCH-LUT. Thus, the titles for a dog that has obtained both the Finnish Working Champion (cave) and the Finnish Working Champion (hunting) title are marked FI WCH-LUT FI WCH-LUME. (Council 05/05/2005)

Finnish Nosework Champion (FI NWCH)

3 x 100-point-results from the highest class with no penalty points, within the same trial form of Nosework and under at least two different judges. (Council 28/11/2021)

Granted champion titles are recorded for each Nosework trial form as follows:

All search forms FI NW-KEK

Indoor search FI NW-S

Box search FI NW-L

Vehicle search FI NW-A

Outdoor search FI NW-U

Finnish Herding Champion (FI HCH-TS)

A dog is awarded the Finnish Herding Champion title (FI HCH-TS) once it has been awarded 3 x Excellent (ERI) in Herding Trial (PAIM) in the highest class, under two different judges. (Council 29/05/2022)

Finnish Herding Champion (FI HCH-BCAK)

A dog is awarded the Finnish Herding Champion title (FI HCH-BCAK) once it has been awarded 3 x 1st Prize in Herding Trial for Border Collie and Australian Kelpie (PAIM-BC&AK) in the highest class, under two different judges. (Council 29/05/2022)

Finnish Rally Obedience Champion (FI ROBCH)

A dog is awarded the Finnish Rally Obedience Champion title once it has gained a minimum score of 95 points in Master Class three times, under at least two different judges. (Council 23/11/2014)

Finnish Obedience Champion (FI OCH)

A dog is awarded the Finnish Obedience Champion title once it has been awarded the 1st Prize in Obedience in Elite Class three times, under at least two different judges.

Finnish Water Rescue Champion (FI WRCH)

A dog is awarded the Finnish Water Rescue Champion title once it has been awarded the 1st Prize in Water Rescue Trial in Winner's Class three times, under at least two different chief judges. (Council 26/05/2019)

Finnish Skijoring Champion (FI SKICH)

A dog is awarded the Finnish Skijoring Champion title once it has won at least 3 times a men's or women's race in Skijoring, with a minimum distance of 10 km, or achieved a time in the class in question which is at most 10 % slower than the winner's result. At least 4 participants must take part in the class. The results must be gained over at least two competition seasons. In addition, the dog must have passed the Companion Dog Test (PAKK, BH). (Council 25/05/2014)

Nordic Working Champion (NORD WCH)

A dog that has obtained national trial champion titles from three Nordic countries (Finland, Sweden, Norway, Iceland or Denmark) will be awarded the Nordic Working Champion title in the trial or competition form in question. One can apply for the Nordic Working Champion title starting from

1.1.2010. Champion titles obtained before that are considered as merits for the dog. (Council 21/05/2009, 27/05/2012)

Nordic Show Champion (NORDIC CH) (NKU 12/10/2016)

A dog that has obtained three Nordic Show Certificates from three Nordic countries and under three different judges, can be awarded the title of Nordic Show Champion. At least one Nordic Show Certificate must be obtained after the age of 24 months.

For a dog to be eligible for the Nordic Show Champion title, the dog must be a national Show Champion in the country where it is registered.

Trial results required for the Show Champion title may also be gained in other Nordic countries. Whether a trial result gained in another country qualifies towards the Show Champion title is confirmed by the Finnish Kennel Club upon proposal made by the party that administers the trial form in question. Show results required for other champion titles can be obtained abroad at dog shows approved by the kennel club of an FCI-approved country. (Council 29/05/2016)

If a dog has obtained a Show Champion title at the minimum age of 24 months in some other country, only one certificate from Finland as well as possible additional requirements are required for the Finnish Show Champion title. A certificate the dog has obtained in Finland under the age of 24 months counts towards the Finnish Show Champion title. The amendment enters into force on 1.1.2011. (Council 29/05/2011)

A trial result obtained overseas, by a dog that has a foreign owner / holder, counts towards the Finnish Show Champion title only if the trial result is obtained in a trial that corresponds with the breed-specific trial required of the breed in Finland and is approved by an FCI-approved kennel organisation. An FCI-approved Working Class Certificate (WCC) regarding the trial result must be sent to the Finnish Kennel Club when applying for the Champion title. (Council 24/11/2007)

If a dog has obtained a trial or competition Champion title in some other country, only one result from Finland in the highest class in the trial form or competition in question is required, as well as possible additional requirements. (Council 27/11/2004, 27/05/2012)

Applications for Finnish and International Champion titles are made in writing to the Finnish Kennel Club. Applications for foreign Champion titles are made to the kennel organisation in the country in question. The amendment enters into force on 1.1.2005. (Council 27/11/2004)



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