



## **Presentation of the guidelines for the "European Trailing Championships 2019"**

The first Pettrailer Animal Search Organisation, have organised for the first time a European trail competition, the "EUROPEAN TRAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019".

We cordially invite all official rescue organisations, dog schools, professional mantrailers and private trail groups (mantrailing or pettrailing) to this competition.

About this first European trailing competition of its kind, we want to find the best trailer (man / pettrailer) in Europe. Of course, in the foreground is to have fun with our dogs.

In each participating country or federal state, a preliminary decision will be made with uniform framework conditions. After completion of the regional competitions of a country, the respective winner will be given the title e.g. "German Trailing Champion 2019" for the highest score.

The best 8 trailers of a participating country will become the winning team to compete for "**European Trailing Champion 2019**" on 01.06.2019 in another competition.

### ***Participation requirements:***

Any dog-handler team (hereinafter referred to as "Team") with trailing experience (no beginners) may participate. The teams should be able to handle a 300m long trail with several changes of direction and easy difficulties (Basic 2 level).

The minimum age of the dog is 12 months, there is no upper age limit and the dog must be healthy.

All breeds and sizes, as well as dogs with physical disabilities can also participate. Different classes such as e.g. age, big / small dogs, professionals / amateurs, physically handicapped dogs, etc. does not exist. Aggressive search dogs must wear a muzzle to protect the runner.

The competition takes place in all weathers except for thunderstorms / hail, the adjudicator on site decides conclusively.

### ***Contest rules:***

Trail environment:	Calm residential area
Difficulties:	2-3 changes of direction, small loops
Contamination:	Light to medium
Trail length:Approx.	300 m (+/- 30 m)
Trail age:	Fresh
Trail time:	Max. 10 min
Runner:	Adult human
Scent articles:	Glass or plastic bag (remain at the starting point)
Trail:	2 teams each run the same trail

By means of a draw (loose balls with numbers 1 - 32) it is determined who is running with which other team on the same trail. The lot numbers are at the same time the starting numbers, ie. Handler lot number 11 starts together with lot number 12, where the team with the odd number starts first on this trail.



If there is an odd number of starting teams, a single trail is placed for the team with the highest odd lot number.

It does not matter if a pro team competes against an advanced team - as this has no effect on the ranking.

The Knock Out System was not used as an adequate rating, as it might be unfair in professional team mating, instead the system is TOP 8.

### **Evaluation:**

Each runner and each search dog carries a separate GPS tracker. The GPS trackers to be used will correspond to the state of the art today.

**Runner:** activates the GPS Tracker as specified by the judge at the starting point of the trail to be set. A deactivation is desirable but not required - since only the distance of the trail is crucial.

**Search Dog:** The GPS Tracker is activated by the Judge just before the scent is accepted.

After successfully indicating the Runner, the GPS Tracker will be deactivated by the Judge. Only a clear display behavior (such as standing, sitting, pouncing or nudging) will disable the GPS tracker. A passing of the search dog on the Runner does not count.

The individually recorded trails and their associated data are immediately forwarded and evaluated electronically.

Trail accuracy and time are counted. Accuracy has twice the weighting of time.

### Example:

Team 1 Labrador                      Trail accuracy 50%, time of 5:30 min to runner.                      **930** points

Team 2 Poodle                      Trail accuracy 80%, time of 6:40 min to runner.                      **1240** points

Winning team in this example is Team 2, although more time was needed.

The theoretical maximum score is:                      **1800** points

Teams with the same time and / or same score, the more accurate search dog wins.

Not finding the runner or exceeding the maximum time limit is counted with **0** points.

Each country's TOP 8 teams (with the highest score) qualify for the "**EUROPEAN TRAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019**".

### **Results:**

All results will be available online at [www.europeantrailingchampionships.com](http://www.europeantrailingchampionships.com) as a ranking list of all teams and country affiliations.

The final result of the respective participating country is only available after all registered teams have completed.

**Number of participants per competition day:**

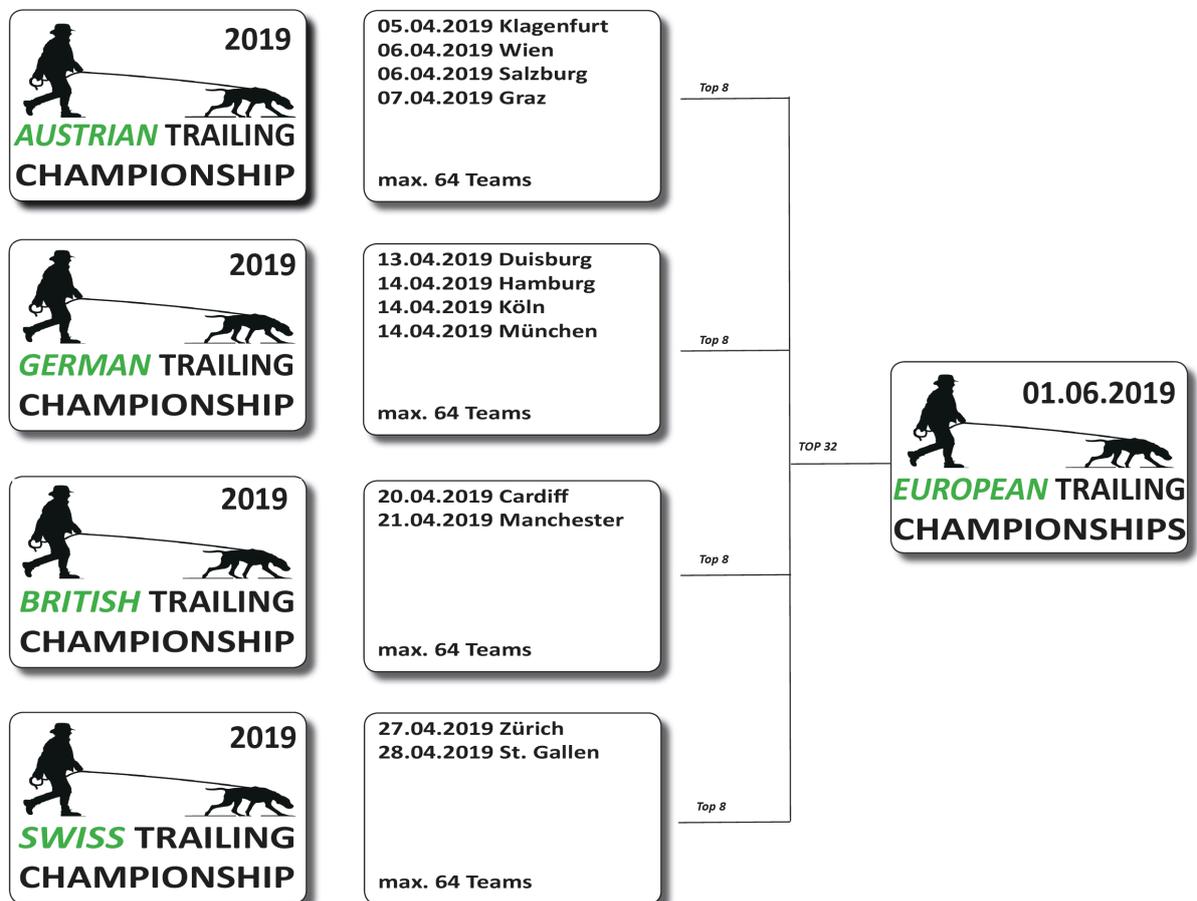
At least: **16**    Maximum: **64**

**Winner:**

The team with the highest number of points is the winner and may, depending on the participating country, e.g. have the title "German Trailing Champion 2019".

**Events:**

**Schedule for the ,European Trailing Championships 2019‘**



The trail location for the final on 01.06.2019 will be announced.

**Entry Fee:**

The entry fee is GBP 50.00. Registration is only binding with an online booking and payment.



***Equipment:***

Matching harness with appropriate leash, as well as reward and water.  
Dog handler - solid shoes, safety vest yellow / orange.

***Judges:***

The Independent Judges are provided by partner organisations in each country and run through the competition in each of the participating countries.

***Disqualification:***

If the handler leads his search dog improperly i.e. he uses any kind of violence (such as heavy leash pressure/pulling the leash) to make the dog work faster or walks in front or leads his dog, which can lead to disqualification. The judge decides on this.

***Disclaimer:***

All participants take part in this event exclusively on their own responsibility. You are responsible for civil and criminal liability for you and your dogs for any damage caused to people or property.

Changes are reserved and errors are not excluded.