



Information from January 2021 for the Obedience World Championship 2021 in Switzerland

Dear Delegates of the FCI Obedience Commission

Unfortunately, the Covid-19 situation has worsened significantly since our letter of 22 October 2020. Many countries are again in lockdown and the circulation of people is severely restricted worldwide and especially in Europe. Vaccination started in many countries in January, but the vaccination programme is very slow and it is completely unknown how long the vaccination protection will be effective.

So it is also very difficult to say how the situation will develop. According to our estimates, it will not be possible to organise a large event with several hundred participants and spectators in the whole 2021.

It will therefore not be possible to arrange the Obedience World Championships 2021 from 10 to 13 June as usual. As the World Championship in 2020 had to be cancelled, we will do our best to offer an event.

Therefore, after consultation with Carina Savander-Ranne, we will try to organise the World Championship without spectators from 12 to 15 August at the Sagibach sports complex in Wichtrach. Only the competitors and the team coaches will be accepted. Without spectators we have an event with a maximum of 150 people and that could be allowed. July and August are the main travel periods in Europe, if the borders are open then it will be during this time.

This results in a new timetable:

So that we will get a perception of how many nations plan to attend WWC-2021, we request that **all countries** will inform us whether or not it looks possible for them to participate in our WWC-2021. We hope to have your response on this matter no later than April 5th (Easter).

We will need a minimum number of teams, so that we can award the World Winner/World Champion titles. Having discussed this matter with the President and Vice-President of our FCI Obedience Commission, we estimate that we would need teams from at least 10 nations. Of course, much also depends on what restrictions we will be facing in July-August. If it does not look realistic to have a prestigious event, with a sufficient number of participants, the event will be cancelled.

Please send an E-Mail to hanspeter.jutzi@simail.ch and a copy to Carina.savander@gmail.com and inform us of your intentions no later than 5.4.2021.

Then we need the number of participants per country no later than May 9th and the names of the participants by July 11th.

We would be very pleased if you could decide to participate despite the unfortunate circumstances.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and hope to see you soon.

Best regards

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Pierre Meylan

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