Hangtime

Introduction:

Welcome to Hangtime, a thrilling test of canine athleticism and endurance within Hundfriidrott! Hangtime challenges dogs and handlers to demonstrate strength, focus, and teamwork as dogs hang onto a tug or bite pillow for as long as possible. This section outlines the rules and guidelines governing Hangtime competitions to ensure fair play, safety, and sportsmanship throughout the event.

SECTION 1 - THE COMPETITION

1.1 Equipment

A. Handlers must provide their own tug or bite pillow for the Hangtime discipline.

1.2 The Procedure

A. Handlers must present the bite pillow or tug toy to the functionaries before the start of the attempt.

B. Handlers determine the height at which the bite pillow or tug toy is positioned for the dog to hang onto.

C. Dogs must hang onto the bite pillow or tug toy without touching the ground throughout the attempt.

D. The handler signals to start the timer when the dog has a firm hold of the bite pillow or tug toy off the ground.

E. Handlers may use one hand to touch the dog or the toy to reward or motivate the dog for a better grip but cannot physically lift the dog or the bite pillow further.

F. The attempt is considered successful if the dog maintains its grip on the bite pillow or tug toy without touching the ground.

G. The timer stops when the dog lets go of the bite pillow or tug toy or when it touches the ground.

H. Dogs have a maximum hang time of 20 minutes.

I. Handlers may choose to end their dog's participation at any time during the discipline if they are satisfied with the results and wish to conserve their dog's stamina for future

disciplines. Once the decision is made, the current score stands, and no further attempts are permitted.

SECTION 2 - POINTS AND CHAMPIONSHIP

2.1 Points

A. Points are awarded based on the duration of hangtime, with each minute equating to 5 points.

B. The maximum achievable points for 20 minutes of hangtime is 100 points.

2.2 Championship

A. Championship competitions adhere to the same rules and procedures as regular events, ensuring consistency and fairness in scoring.

SECTION 3 - DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA

3.1 Behavioral Expectations

A. Dogs must exhibit non-aggressive behavior towards handlers, spectators, and event personnel at all times.

B. Handlers are responsible for ensuring their dogs remain under control and do not display aggression during the competition.

C. Any dog displaying aggressive behavior will be immediately disqualified from the competition.

3.2 Failure to Follow the Rules

A. Handlers must familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations governing the competition and adhere to instructions provided by event officials and judges.

B. Failure to follow the rules or engage in behavior that undermines the integrity of the competition may result in disqualification.

C. Event officials and judges have the authority to enforce penalties or disqualify participants who violate the rules.

D. Handlers have the right to appeal any decisions made by event officials or judges regarding disqualification. Appeals must be submitted in writing within 24 hours of the decision being announced. The appeals committee will review the appeal and reach a

decision within three business days. The decision of the appeals committee is final and binding.

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