

## **ISDA rules for CSC qualifying trials**

The national team that represents Italy at the Continental Championship is selected as follows:

**Twelve qualification trials** are organized.

**Only ISDS judges from UK or Ireland** are admitted.

The handler must be officially registered as permanent resident in Italy for at least 6 months to join the Team.

Each handler will consider the best 10 places out of the 12 available trials. The points are awarded for placement as per resolution ISDA i.e. 30 to the first-28 per second etc. (best 15 handlers).

There are no limits to the number of dogs that one handler can register for qualifying trials.

Our country has 8 places plus 2 reserves.

The first handler is the captain of the Italian team.

The Course, Scale of Points and Time Limit now fixed by the judge are set out below. The Trials shall be on 5 sheep so selected that each competitor shall receive the same class of sheep if possible (A minimum of 50 sheep is required for each trial).

Subject to the reservation that the Course **may be altered by the Judge or Trials Committee**, the Trial shall, **if possible**, be decided on the following Course, Scale of Points and Time Limit, viz:

Sheep	5 sheep (3 unmarked and 2 marked with collars).
Gather	400 yards from handler.
Fetch	Set of gates = 7 yards apart, 150 yards from handler, in the centre of the course.
Drive	450 yards over triangular course, 2 sets of gates = 7 yards apart. First set of gates approximately 150 yards from handler. In the case of a short course, when fetch is less than 400 yards, the drive will be lengthened when possible so that the total length of the fetch and the drive is 850 yards, or as near to this length as is reasonably practical.
Shedding ring	40 yards in diameter
Pen	9 feet x 8 feet wide with a gate 8 feet wide, secured by a rope 6 feet long. The gate must open to not less than 170 degrees.

**It is possible to participate in the qualifying trials organized by ISDA also if you are not a member** for the current year with the payment of a supplement as follows: ISDA Members pay 25,00€ Non ISDA Members pay 50,00€.

Non-members can also participate in the final of the Italian Championship if they have qualified during the current year of competitions.

The Italian Championship will no longer award bonus points valid for the CSC Qualifying Trials.