

**BELGISCHE MUSHING FEDERATIE v.z.w.**



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Dear members of the board,  
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By this writing, the FBMF (Federation Belge de Mushing) would like to inform the members of the FISTC (Federation Internationale du Sport de Traineaux a Chiens) reunited on this General Assembly, the 19e and the 20e June 2010 in Chiomonte, the following facts:

- Non respecting the rules of the minimum age of the dogs (see decision taken unanimously by the GA-FISTC in Schoonloo) for the participation to the European kart-championships in Grolloo, the 20 till 22 November 2009.
- Non respecting the conditions and rules concerning the licenses attributed to non members of the FISTC (see the FISTC-rules on this item to obtain licenses) on this same European championships.

Those deficiencies, voluntarily decided by Mushing Holland, have produced some enormous problems within the FBMF as well within their organizations of races for the season 2009-2010.

On the Belgium (FBMF) level, the latter has applied the concerning FISTC-rules by the inscriptions for the Belgian members who would participate to these championships and who are not member of the FBMF.

This irregular behavior from Mushing Holland has harms the credibility of the FBMF who is strictly respecting and applying the FISTC-rules.

The most flagrant on this concerning matter, a German Musher, Markus Wehner, who could not obtain under any circumstances a FBMF-license, was taken into the Dutch team and participated for them.

Some of those concerning Belgian mushers, non affiliated to the FBMF as well the German musher, Markus Wehner, have subsequence criticized the FBMF for their general management as well on their organizations.

The non respecting rules for the minimum age (18 months) of the dogs for participation on the European championships has created a precedent for the FBMF races which were organized after those championships.

The FBMF consider the behavior of Mushing Holland as unrespectable and anti sportive vis-à-vis the FISTC as well as the FBMF.

A national federation who is not agree with his tutorial organ and her rules (FISTC) or with his neighbor National federation (FBMF) who is respecting those rules, does not give them in any circumstances the right to have such a behavior of separatism.

Whatever the motivations of Mushing Holland are, but if the latter would not respect all or at least a part of the FISTC applied rules, and more on, that she was appropriating the right to interfere into FBMF matters, it is necessary to impose the legitimacy concerning her membership still within the FISTC. This question shall be improved and debated on this General Assembly of the FISTC.

The FBMF will impose these facts on the General Assembly of the FISTC on the 19 of June 2010 in Chiomonte and insist by the latter that all their constituted members can maintain the confidence and respect for the application of their dedicated rules.

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