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## Vizsla Team GB 2024 Selection, Vizsla Europa Cup (EC) Details & Requirements

### Vizsla European Field Trial Championships – The Vizsla Europa Cup (EC)

Every year the Vizsla European Field Trial Championships also known as the Vizsla Europa Cup (EC) are hosted by a different country and their respective Vizsla Club(s) specifically for both Hungarian Vizslas and Hungarian Wirehaired Vizslas. This year the Official Europa Cup Organising Committee have awarded this prestigious event to Belgium, the third time in history they have held the event, the last being in 2007.

It is a three day event split between the Europa Cup itself which is a two day International Championship Field Trial and a one day Field Trial for Derby dogs. The Derby trial is for young dogs, those that are no older than 3 years of age on the day of the trial and is all about showcasing the natural ability and drive of the young dog as part of the next generation.

The EC is run under FCI Rules and Regulations for Pointing Dogs coupled with the Championships own Rules & Regulations which in effect are very different to the J Regulations as set out by the UK Kennel Club. The regulations for the Championships allow up to 3 dogs from each country (either breed) to be represented in the Derby and either two breed specific EC Teams (one team of up to 5 smooths and one team of up to 5 wires) or one mixed EC Team of up to 5 dogs.

Over the years Team GB have acquitted themselves very well with some stand out results such as Overall European Field Trial Champion Winner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best placed dog overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Best placed dog overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Team and also Overall European Derby Winner. It is anticipated that this year in Belgium, through a considered Selection process, Team GB will build upon the success they have achieved previously.

### Purpose:

Taken directly from the Rules & Regulations of the Vizsla European Field Trial Championships:

“The purpose of these Championships is to see a selection of dogs in good health, conformationally in line with their breed standard, which also hunt effectively in a breed appropriate style within a top-class international competition. This will then therefore provide an essential pipeline of top hunting bloodlines across Europe to increase the quality of Magyar Vizslas in the field and to offer hunters and dog lovers the opportunity to meet each other in a top-class international competition so as to stimulate the interest for using Magyar Vizslas as hunting dogs whilst promoting the sport.”

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### 2024 EC Location:

- Belgium
  - Belgian/French Border
    - Exact location yet to be announced

### 2024 EC Itinerary Dates:

- Day 0 – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024
  - Team Registration
  - Opening Ceremony
- Day 1 – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024
  - 1<sup>st</sup> EC Field Trial
- Day 2 – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024
  - Derby Field Trial
  - EC Water Test
  - EC Conformation Test
  - Gala Dinner
- Day 3 – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> EC Field Trial (note that even if a dog is eliminated or not classified on Day 1, it can still run in the 2<sup>nd</sup> EC Field Trial)
  - Final Awards & Closing Ceremony

### EC Team Numbers:

- Hungarian Vizsla Team
  - Minimum 1 Dog
  - Maximum 5 Dogs

AND

- Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla Team
  - Minimum 1 Dog
  - Maximum 5 Dogs

OR

- Vizsla Mixed Team (Both HV & HWV)
  - Minimum 1 Dog
  - Maximum 5 Dogs

### Derby Team Numbers\*:

- Vizsla Mixed Team (Both HV & HWV)
  - Minimum 1 Dog
  - Maximum 3 Dogs
- Derby age at date of the Championships
  - Minimum six (6) months
  - Maximum thirty six (36) months

\* Awaiting confirmation as to any changes in numbers (possibility 2x Teams of 3 for each breed)

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## Team GB Selection, EC & Derby Requirements:

### Competing Dog

- All Dogs
  - KC Registered Dog (Hungarian Vizsla or Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla)
    - Must have been registered with the KC for a minimum of six (6) months prior to the Championships
  - Must have an in date and valid Rabies Vaccination
  - Must have an Animal Health Certificate (AHC) to be able to travel out of and back into the UK
  - Must be microchipped and/or tattooed
- Derby Dogs
  - Must be no younger than six (6) months and no older than thirty six (36) months on the day of the Championships
- All considered dogs (EC and Derby) must attend and be successful in one or more of the pre-Selection Assessments as hosted by one of the 4 Breed Clubs/Societies/Associations supporting this Selection Process

### Handlers/Owners/Dogs

- Must be able to travel to the EC on the dates and to the location outlined above
- Must attend and participate in one or more of the pre-Selection Assessments as published by one of the 4 Breed Clubs/Societies/Associations

## 2024 Team GB Selection Process:

- Handlers/Owners and Dogs will be required to enter and participate in one or more of the pre-Selection Assessments as published by one of the 4 Breed Clubs/Societies/Associations supporting this Selection Process
- Those dogs that are successful at one or more of the pre-Selection Assessments will be invited to attend the Final Selection Day where the Teams (EC & Derby), Reserves and Team Captain will be finalised
  - The date and location of this Final Selection Day is likely to be ***Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April in Norfolk***

## Team GB Selection, EC & Derby Criteria:

- Hunting
  - Each dog will be run singly and wherever possible, into wind
  - The dog will be afforded a single settling in minute at the start of its run where credits are noted but faults ignored (except being out of control)
  - The run will last a minimum of 10 minutes excepting where eliminated
    - *[In competition, EC & Derby runs will be for a minimum of 15 minutes except where eliminated]*
    - Dogs will not be recalled for a second run unless their first run was Excellent and there was no opportunity to point game

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- The dog should acknowledge and be steady to all game
- The dog will be assessed (but not limited to) for its:
  - Ground treatment
    - Pattern
    - Covering sufficient ground
    - without or with limited intervention of the whistle
  - Use of wind
    - without back casting
  - Game finding ability
  - Drive and purpose to hunt
    - without or with limited intervention of the whistle
  - Pace and style
    - Including correct head carriage
- Pointing
  - The dog must positively locate and point its quarry
    - The dog should not persistently false point
  - The dog should hold point until the handler commands to flush on the direction of the Assessors/Judges
    - The dog should not be sticky on point
    - *[A commanded flush or commanded approach are acceptable in the EC and Derby competitions]*
  - The dog should be steady to the flush and shot
    - Handler is required to fire a starting pistol upon the flush
  - Failure to point and/or missing game on its ground is regarded as a fault
- Retrieving – Land
  - Dogs will be expected to make a 10m seen retrieve on cold game on the Handlers command after direction of the Assessor/Judge if the dog had made at least one valid point within its run
    - Excluding Derby Dogs
  - This will also be tested at the Final Selection Day
- Retrieving – Water
  - Dogs will be expected to swim and make a 10m seen retrieve on cold game (specifically duck) after a shot and on the Handlers command after direction of the Assessor/Judge
    - Excluding Derby Dogs
  - This will also be tested at the Final Selection Day

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### Selection, EC & Derby Qualifying Game:

- Pheasant
- Partridge
- Duck
  - Water retrieve only

Whilst there is no guarantee, the Organisers of this International Field Trial (EC) are charged with ensuring that there is sufficient game on the ground to be pointed for most, if not all competitors. The same can be said for all pre-Selection Assessments and the Final Selection Day.

A dog that has only attended a pre-Selection Assessment on Grouse will not be considered for final selection unless it has been assessed through this process (including by invitation to the Final Selection Day) on Pheasant and/or Partridge. Game to be credited on the Final Selection Day will be Pheasant and/or Partridge.

### Conformation Test:

- There will be no conformation test for the Team GB Selection Process
- Competing dogs will be expected to be presented for a conformation test
  - Similar to a show – Dog will need to stand in stack and moved around a ring
    - Excluding Derby Dogs

### Bitches in Season:

- Bitches in season may enter pre-Selection Assessments\* and be part of Team GB at the Europa Cup but must fulfil the following conditions:
  - Must be separated from all other dogs (specifically males) at all times
  - Must be the last dog to run

\* if the ground and/or land owners can facilitate.

### Usual costs involved in attending the EC as part of Team GB:

- Travel
  - Including Channel crossing
- Rabies Vaccination
- Animal Health Certificate (AHC) for travel out and back into the UK
  - Typically £100-£150
- Accommodation
  - Minimum 3 nights
    - Thursday, Friday & Saturday

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- Competition Entry Fees
  - Typically
    - €130 EC Field Trials (combined, not each)
    - €60 Derby Field Trial
- Gala Dinner
  - Typically
    - €30

It is anticipated that any surplus monies raised through the pre-Selection Assessments and the Final Selection Day would go towards a kitty that would be split equally between the Team to help bridge any financial gap. Any other monies required to facilitate being part of Team GB should come from the Owners of the dogs and/or through Team fund raising and/or Sponsorship.

#### Team GB Merchandise:

- It is expected that any Team GB merchandise (specifically Team GB uniform) required would come through the Team organising it between themselves.
  - Previous sponsorship contacts are available

#### Further Information:

Should you have any further questions, please direct them to one of the following:

- Richard 'Chilly' Chellumbrun
  - Currently the National Delegate to the Official EC Organising Committee, Previously Team GB Captain
  - [vizellven@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vizellven@hotmail.co.uk)
- [Team GB Page](#)
  - Via Facebook Messenger

#### Selection Dates





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### Assessment & Selection Days:

Please look out for Schedules from each Club/Society/Association and apply accordingly.

Please note that these are indicative dates and locations and therefore they may be subject to change.

#### Pre-Selection Assessments

- **Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla Association**
  - pre-Selection Assessment (Grouse)
  - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March
  - North Yorkshire
- **Hungarian Vizsla Society**
  - pre-Selection Assessment
  - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April
  - Lincolnshire
- **Hungarian Vizsla Club**
  - Potential pre-Selection Assessment
  - TBC
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- **Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla Club of Great Britain**
  - pre-Selection Assessment
  - 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024
  - Norfolk



### FINAL TEAM SELECTION DAY

- **Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla Club of Great Britain**
  - Final Team Selection Day
    - Retrieve also tested
  - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024
  - Norfolk

