

**Advance Notice  
of the 2. World Championship IPO of the  
International Hovawart Federation 17./18. June 2017  
in D-24848 Kropp, Germany**

In 2017 the World Championship IPO of the IHF will be organised by the German member club of the IHF, the *Rassezuchtverein für Hovawart-Hunde e.V. (RZV)*, Regional Group North-Northeast.

The aim is to promote the Hovawart and its original ability to perform as a working dog.

**Mode of assessment:** International Regulations of the *Fédération Cynologique Internationale* (FCI IPO)

Teams are **qualified for starting in the championship** when they have fulfilled the national requirements for qualification, when their Hovawart is registered in the IHF and the dog handler is a member of one of the IHF member clubs. Teams can only start in the IPO class that they have already mastered.

**Mode of qualification:** Each IHF country is responsible for its own mode of qualification.

**World Champion:**

**The title of World Champion will only be given in the class IPO 3.**

**The best teams in class IPO 1 and IPO 2 will be champions of their group.**

The IHF World Champion can be registered for the FCI World Championship by its responsible national organisation.

**Selection procedure for the participants:** There will be several steps:

**Step 1:** Each IHF member country can name two teams for IPO 3 (i.e. a maximum of 30 teams).

If there are less nominations the start numbers 25-30 will be forfeited.

**Step 2:** If there are fewer than 24 IPO 3 teams from the contingent for each country then the countries can register more IPO 3 teams until there is a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 IPO 3 Teams, including the ones that were registered late.

**Step 3:** The remaining open starts will be given to **IPO 1 and** IPO 2 Teams, preferably from clubs that have no starter in IPO 3. If there are more Teams than starts the Teams are chosen by lot.

**There is more information to follow**