Dear All,

every detail is starting to fall into place and we are here to share them with you!

First and foremost, thank you for sharing all your photos, info forms, music files and anthems with us, we have all the files we need!

The introductions of all teams have been shared onto our website: Meet the Teams

Most of you have transferred the entry free, too. If you haven't sent us proof of payment, yet, please do so!

And now, let's start from the beginning. Parking will be free of charge. We have already shared with you the floor plans showing a designated parking area for competitors. The area will be closed off with a ribbon, when you arrive at the Arena, you can let yourselves in and then put the ribbon back into its place.

We are working on the allocation of teams in the Team Zone. It will be ready early in November and we will then send it to you. In the meantime, don't forget to register your non-competing dogs, so that we can also take them into account. The deadline for registering non-competing dogs of competitors is the 30th of October:

Non-competing Dogs of Competitors

We will open the Team Zone on Wednesday in the evening. You can leave your props and boxes there. Entry will be possible from 19:00, if you need help, please call Péter Kelecsényi, dialing the following number: +36202177163

Later on the Arena will be open from 07:00 in the morning until 19:00 in the evening.

On the training day we will hand out colour-coded wristbands, every competitor is allowed to have a plus-one in the Team Zone, but only one, as we have limited space here.

We will do sound checks on the training day. You can share with us the sign you would like to use to have the music started (if it's not the common raise of hand) and we will also mark the volume at which you would like to have your music played on the competition days. Once all the competitors of your country are done with training, our team will check the chips and rabies vaccination of both competing and non-competing dogs. We will accept vaccinations administered within the last three years, if the regulations in your country require a three-year repetition only.

A vet will either be available at the Arena to complete all documentation you may need to travel home or we will provide you with the contact information of a veterinary clinic that you can reach out to. We will still get back to you with more information on this.

The warm-up ring will be on the left, where we will also have a designated area for props. The new and more detailed floor plan is available on our drive:

Floor Plan Ground Floor

The warm-up ring will be covered with carpet, the main ring (20x24 m) will be covered with interlocking blue tatami mat elements and will have a black, opaque wall with a height of approximately 80cm. Before you enter the ring, you can leave your toys, treats and a coat with our ringstewards, who will move it to the exit of the ring for you. After you perform your routines, you can pick up your toys, treats and coat and leave the building through a back door. You can take your props right after you leave the ring but you can also choose to leave them (especially the bigger ones) and come back for them during breaks.

At the end of each competition day we will have an award ceremony as you might have already seen in our schedule: Running Order

We would like to draw your attention to the final day, where small changes are possible in the starting times of Junior HTM, TTM, Junior Freestyle and Freestyle dog-handler teams. This is due to the new regulations that came into effect in 2024 regarding biathlonists. We have a total of 16 dog-handler duos in Biathlon this year and 8 of them will perform their routines on the final day. If they all make it to the top ten in one or both divisions, then we will keep ourselves to the original starting times, if not, their starts will be added to the schedule of the final day. We are calculating with an additional 30-45 minutes maximum. The running order (and the number of starts) of the final day will be finalised after the Freestyle day.

As competitors, you will have the opportunity to cheer your teammates and friends on from the tribune. No dogs are allowed on the tribune, though and this applies to both competing and non-competing dogs.

We have already introduced one of our most important sponsors but here we go again(: The Bark Butik team has been there at our national competitions multiple times this year and they really are worth a look: Bark Butik

If you need a fully customised t-shirt or jacket, there is nothing they can not do. But custom made items have to be preordered.

Get in touch with them: barkbutik@gmail.com

Provide them with your photo or the graphics you would like to have on a shirt or jacket (they have an amazing range of colours), choose the colour of the vinyl, let it be pastell, neon or even glittery and there you go. You just have to collect it from them at the Arena during EOC. They will also have t-shirts and jackets with them that you can even customise to some extent choosing from a variety of patterns (silhouettes of dog breeds, paws, the EOC logo in different sizes, of course) and colours. We strongly recommend visiting their Facebook page and visiting their tent at the Arena personally(:

That's all for now. If you feel like you need more information, if you have further questions, we are always here to answer them, so do not hesitate to reach out!

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Kindest regards, Team EOC Hungary