

## **JUNIOR HANDLING REGULATIONS WDS BOLOGNA 2026**

Before the World Dog Show 2026, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June the Junior Handler Competition called "Junior Handler Enci Winner", will be valid for the Italian JH 2026 Championship. Registrations are open to everyone from 10 to 17 years old on Encishow until 4/05. The judgments will begin at 8.00 am.

### **WORLD DOG SHOW**

- From Thursday 4/06 to Sunday 7/06 Daily Competition for the WDS
- Sunday 7/06 WDS 2026 Semi-Final and Final

### **AGE**

The Junior Handler Competition will be open to all children aged 10 to 17. The minimum age to participate is determined by the year of birth of the Junior Handler, so those who have not yet turned 10 on the date of the WDS but who will turn 10 in 2026 will also be able to participate. At the same time, participants must be under 18 years of age on the date of the 1st day of World Dog Show competitions. Only National Representatives will be able to participate with 18 years of age already completed, but on the date of the World Final they must all be under 19 years of age.

### **COMPETITIONS OF THE DAY (Daily Competition) – THURSDAY 4/06, FRIDAY 5/06, SATURDAY 6/06, SUNDAY 7/06**

The competitions of the day will be held from Thursday 4/06 to Sunday 7/06 starting at 8.00 am at the pre-ring. Based on the number of registrations reached, batteries will be organized by approximately 15 Junior Handlers. For each day in the main ring the judge will choose the 3 best Junior Handlers who will thus have access to the Semifinal which will take place on Sunday.

National Representatives who have the right to access the Final will not be able to participate in the competitions of the day. Competitors can participate every day, unless he/she has already been selected in one of the various competitions of the day.

Registrations are only possible online through the Encishow portal, it will not be possible to register on site. Registrations deadline is May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. A few days before the event, the numbers will be sent by email to be printed and have with you at the time of selection.

All Junior Handlers will have to compete with dogs registered for the event, but they do not necessarily have to match the breeds judged on that day.

The details and timetable of the Junior Handler Competition of the various days will be published soon.

### SEMIFINAL – SUNDAY 7/06

The Semifinal will take place on Sunday 7th June at the pre-ring starting at 11.30 am. The 12 Junior Handlers who have been selected in the Top 3 of the various days will participate in the Semifinal. The judge will evaluate them and choose the best 5 who will gain access to the Final.

### FINAL – SUNDAY 7/06

The Final will take place on Sunday 7 June. At the end of the Semi-final, at 12.00, the selections of the Final will begin, in which all the National Representatives and the 5 Junior Handlers who have passed the Semi-Final will be able to participate. At 1.30 pm there will be the final phase and award ceremony in the main ring.

### NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The representative of each nation must be a citizen of the nation he or she represents. If a country does not carry out Junior Handling activities, it will not be possible to send a representative for the Final.

National representatives, who must be under 19 years of age at the time of the Final, will not be able to participate in the individual competitions of the day.

Each nation (Kennel Club) must send the name of its representative by filling out the form that it will receive from ENCI by May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

For any further information you can contact us at [juniorhandler@enci.it](mailto:juniorhandler@enci.it).