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## International Utility Dogs Regulations (IGP) ©

FOR THE

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International Tracking Dog Trials  
International Companion Dog Trials  
International Article Search Trials  
International Endurance Trials

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**Preamble**

For more than 35.000 years, the dog has been the companion of mankind. Through the domestication of the dog, a close social relationship was formed with mankind and is in some respects dependent on him. With this comes a certain responsibility on the part of man to ensure the well-being of the dog.

When it comes to training the physical as well as the psychological health of the dog is top priority. It is imperative then that the dog be handled in a fair, orderly and humane way. This also should include adequate care of the dog through proper nutrition and water as well as maintaining his health which needs to include regular vaccinations and veterinary examinations. In addition to this there is an additional duty to the dog to properly socialize him and to ensure exercise to meets his needs.

During the course of history, the dog has had various jobs to help man. In the modern day world, many of these duties have been relegated to technology. For this reason, the dog owner has the responsibility to ensure that the dog has other activities due to the loss of past jobs as well as adequate exercise and activities that offer close contact to people. Under this point of view the Companion Test, the versatility test for the utility dog, the tracking test, and the article search test need to be factored in. The dog should be occupied according to his abilities and capabilities. Besides adequate exercise, he should have intense work with activities that take into consideration his learning ability, his exercise requirements as well as his other abilities. The various forms of the dog sport provide these excellent venues. Dogs that do not have enough activities stand out and this can lead to public complaints.

A person who trains or does sport with his dog, has to undertake a method of careful training with the goal in mind to achieve the best possible harmony between himself and the dog. The goal of all training is to convey to the dog what it is we want him to do in such a way that he can understand. The harmonious relationship between man and his dog, regardless of the dog sport one does, is the basis for all activities. To achieve harmony, it is important to honestly look at your dog and understand his abilities.

It remains the ethical responsibility of man to raise and adequately train the dog. The applied methods must meet the standards of behavioural sciences, especially in regard to the breed. In order to achieve the upbringing, training or training effect, it is important to not utilize force and to use positive methods for the dog. Furthermore, it is imperative to decline the use of techniques that do not utilize the proper training, raising and training aides. Using a dog for dog sport has to be oriented to his capabilities, his competitive spirit and his willingness. Influencing the dogs training capabilities through the use of medication or animal cruelty must be avoided. One must carefully acknowledge the capabilities of his dog. To demand work of a dog that does not have the capability to do so, contradicts every ethical level of consciousness. Only someone who takes the responsibility to be a true friend to his dog will take a healthy and capable dog to trials, competitions and training.



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### General abbreviations

- FCI – Fédération Cynologique Internationale
- IGP – International Utility Dog trial regulations
- NPO- National Utility Dog Trial regulations
- FCI-NCO** FCI National Canine Organization
- PL - Trial Secretary
- AKZ – Training degree
- LR – Trial judge
- GST- Basic Position
- PO - Trial regulations
- RA - Judge Instruction
- HZ - Verbal Command
- PL - Trial Secretary
- HL - Helper
- HF - Dog Handler
- FL - Track Layer

### Validity

These Regulations are effective from 01.01.2019. They were drawn up by the FCI Utility Dogs Commission and were **approved and confirmed by the FCI General Committee on 24 September 2018.**

As soon as this trial ruling takes effect, all previous rules lose their validity.

The regulations were written in the German language and approved by the Commission. In case of uncertainty, the German text takes precedence over other language translations.

These Regulations (IGP) are valid for all FCI members and contract partners.

All international trial events in terms of training and competitions are subject to these regulations.



**General information:**

Trial events and competition should serve two purposes.

1. After passing a test, the individual dog should receive recognition for its' particular purpose.
2. Contribute to the overall health, fitness and work ethic of the dog.

The National Organization (**FCI-NCO**) is encouraged to promote the International Utility Dogs Regulations. (**FCI-IGP**) Especially international competitions should be conducted under the International Utility Dogs Regulations concept. All trials and competitions are subject to proper sportsmanship with regard to the conduct of the participants. These regulations are binding. All participants have to meet the same work performance requirements. The trials are to be made public by advising the place and start time to the members.

Trial events and competitions must correspond with complete trial levels or individual complete phases of the respective trial levels. Only a completed trial level passed in an event will count as a title. The titles must be accepted by all FCI member countries.

Every trial level can be repeated as much as wanted. The trial levels must be completed in order (levels 1 – 2 – 3) The dog can only be shown in the next level after successfully passing the previous level with a minimum rating of satisfactory in each phase. The dog must be shown in the highest passed level. Exception, when there is no ranking or qualification "repeater" is connected to the trial.

**Trial Season:**

Trials may be conducted all year long if weather conditions are conducive and the well-being of both handler and dog are not at risk. Otherwise, the event cannot be held. This is the sole decision made by the trial judge (LR). The individual national organization can impose restrictions regarding the trial season for their area.

**Trial Days:****a) Saturday, Sunday and Holidays**

Trial days are generally on the weekend as well as legal Holidays.

**FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** tests can also only be done on official trial days.

It is possible to trial for the **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** and the **FCI-IGP-1/ FCI-IFH-1** tests in tandem with a two-day trial (Friday-Saturday), (Saturday-Sunday) at one or 2 different clubs. A waiting time between the **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** and **FCI-IGP-1, FCI-IGP-V, FCI-FPr, FCI-UPr, FCI-SPr, FCI-IAD, FCI-IFH-V, FCI-IFH-1, FCI-IGP-FH, FCI-IGP-ZTP, FCI-IBGH-1, FCI-StbPr. 1** does not exist.

Example: Friday **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** - Saturday **FCI-IGP-1 or FCI-IFH-1**, Saturday **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** – Sunday **FCI-IGP-1 or FCI-IFH-1**

**b) Friday Trials**

A Friday trial day may only be in tandem with a Saturday trial.

Remark: Friday can only be secured with Saturday if more dogs are presented on Saturday than can be accommodated. Start time is not before 12:00 noon. The participant number for the **FCI-IGP/FCI-IFH** is condensed to half.

For pure **FCI- BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** trials up to 7 dogs may be tested.

A Friday trial in tandem with a Saturday trial secured for **FCI-IGP/ FCI-IFH** tests must end on Saturday.

Individual dogs may also complete their trial on Friday.

Exception: If participants, who plan on trailing their dogs for **FCI-IGP-1 or FCI-IFH-1** on Saturday / may start on Friday for the **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** and then on Saturday they may test for **FCI-IGP-1 or FCI-IFH-1**. This may not cause "overage" in the number of participants. The clubs must be attentive to the rules about authorizing the event and to the regulations related the deadlines to protect the event, issued by the national canine organisations.

### c) Holiday regulations

On Holidays the above information can be followed. Exception: The holiday regulations of the countries must be acknowledged. Half days before a Holiday during the week are not allowed to use.

### Trial Organization / Trial Secretary (PL):

The Trial Secretary (PL) is responsible to organize the event. He/she finalizes and supervises all required levels of work to prepare and conduct a trial. He/she must guarantee the orderly execution of the event and must be at the judge's disposal for the duration of the event.

The Trial Secretary (PL) may not show a dog or accept other duties. He/she is responsible for:

- Obtaining the necessary event documents
- Locating suitable tracking fields for all trial levels according to the rules
- Make arrangements with the property owners of the tracking fields or park ranger
- Having experienced volunteers available such as helpers for protection, tracklayers, group, etc.
- Obtaining the event authorization
- Make available the required equipment and proper protection gear for the helper.
- Make available the written forms such as judges trial sheets, trial lists for all levels.
- Have available the scorebooks, pedigrees, vaccination certificates and if necessary proof of insurance.

A minimum of three days in advance, the Trial Secretary (PL) must inform the judge (LR) the location, start times, directions, type of trial and number of dogs entered. Failure to provide this information can result in the judge (LR) declining to officiate.

The event authorization is to be provided to the judge (LR) prior to the start of the trial.

### Trial Supervision

FCI-NCO are entitled to supervise. The FCI-NCO of the FCI can assign a knowledgeable person to oversee an event to ensure that the event is conducted in accordance with the regulations as stated in the 2019 FCI-IGP Regulations.

### Trial Judges (LR)

Judges (LR), who are authorized for the different phases of FCI-IGP events can be selected and invited by the hosting club or appointed by the national canine organization (FCI-NCO). With regard to world championships, the judges (LR) will be appointed by the FCI Utility Dogs Commission, with the approval of the FCI-NCO. The number of judges (LR) invited for a trial is up to the hosting club. However, a judge may judge a maximum of 36 individual phases per day. At FCI IGP World Championships or national championships, this number can be exceeded with the approval of the national organization (FCI-LAO). Trial judges (LR) are not permitted to judge dogs that are owned by him or are in his possession, or dogs whose owners reside with him, or dogs that are owned by another person of the same household.

A trial judge (LR) is not permitted to handle a dog in a trial in which he is officiating as a judge.

The trial judge (LR) is not permitted to disturb or influence the work of the dog through his behaviour (the defined working method cannot be impaired, this applies to all disciplines)

The trial judge (LR) is responsible for the compliance and correct adherence to the governing rules. He is authorized to terminate the trial for failure of compliance of the rules and/or his instructions.

## Permission to enter a trial

On the day of testing, the dog must have met the minimum age required. No exceptions are permitted. The dog is required to have passed the **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** in accordance with the rules set forth by the national organisation (**FCI-NCO**).

The required age limit for **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** is to be set by the national organisation, but can never be under 12 months of age.

|                     | <b>Needed</b>                                     | <b>Minimum Age</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>FCI-IBGH 1</b>   | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                   | 15 months          |
| <b>FCI-IBGH 2</b>   | <b>FCI-IBGH 1</b>                                 | 15 months          |
| <b>FCI-IBGH 3</b>   | <b>FCI-IBGH 2 or FCI-Obedience 1 or FCI-IGP 1</b> | 15 months          |
| <b>FCI-IGP-V</b>    | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                   | 15 months          |
| <b>FCI-IGP-1</b>    | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                   | 18 months          |
| <b>FCI-IGP-2</b>    | <b>FCI-IGP-1</b>                                  | 19 months          |
| <b>FCI-IGP-3</b>    | <b>FCI-IGP-2</b>                                  | 20 months          |
| <b>FCI-IFH-V</b>    | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                   | 15 months          |
| <b>FCI-IFH-1</b>    | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                   | 18 months          |
| <b>FCI-IFH-2</b>    | <b>FCI-IFH-1</b>                                  | 19 months          |
| <b>FCI-IGP-FH</b>   | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                   | 20 months          |
| <b>FCI-IGP-ZTP</b>  | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                   | 18 months          |
| <b>FCI-FPr. 1-3</b> | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                   | 15 months          |
| <b>FCI-UPr. 1-3</b> | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                   | 15 months          |
| <b>FCI-GPr 1-3</b>  | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                   | 15 months          |
| <b>FCI-SPr. 1-3</b> | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                   | 18 months          |
| <b>FCI-StöPr. 1</b> | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                   | 15 months          |
| <b>FCI-StöPr. 2</b> | <b>FCI-Stö.Pr. 1</b>                              | 15 months          |
| <b>FCI-StöPr. 3</b> | <b>FCI-Stö.Pr. 2</b>                              | 15 months          |
| <b>FCI-IAD</b>      | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                   | 16 months          |

The exercises **FCI-FPr 1-3** take place according to the **FCI-IGP 1-3** Rules for Phase A, the exercises **FCI-UPr 1-3** take place according to the **FCI-IGP 1-3** Rules for Phase B, the exercises **FCI-SPr 1-3** take place according to the **FCI-IGP** Rules for Phase C. The exercises **FCI-Gpr 1-3** take place according to the **FCI-IGP 1-3** Obedience and protection Rules for Phase B&C. These exercises can be tested as single phases, without getting any official certificate (working title). Trials with only a protection phase are not permitted.

The dog handler can choose in which level of these trials he/she will start without a previously passed lower level.

Dogs regardless of size, breed or heritage may participate at a trial. It is up to the judge to decide if the dog is in physical condition to complete the requirements of the regulations.

Females in heat may participate at all trial events, however, must be shown separately from the other handlers' dogs. In phase A, they will track with the other dogs entered in the trial, but in the remaining phase / phases they will be shown at the end after all other dogs have completed the trial. Females, who are visibly pregnant or who are nursing or who have puppies with them, may not be trailed.

Sick and dogs suspected of contagious disease are excluded from all trial events. In case of doubt, the veterinarian will make the final decision. A separate publication of the FCI and / or the national organization (**FCI-NCO**) provides information on restricted periods for pregnant and lactating bitches.

## Anti-doping and vaccination regulations

A dog registered by his owner for participation in a competition and placed by him or the dog handler in the test ground must be clear of all drugs in his tissues, his body fluids and his excretions on the day of the event to include all substances which are listed on the banned substance list of the FCI.

The list of substances, the procedure for the testing for banned substances, and the possible penalties for infringements are published in a corresponding set of rules of FCI. National canine organizations (**FCI-NCO**) can extend

these provisions by their own responsibility. The dog must have a rabies vaccination proven by a vaccination certificate.

### Social compatibility

A dog who, at any time during the competition (before, during or after his own performance) bites a person or a other dog, tries to bite, attack or attempt to attack, is disqualified from the competition. All points are withdrawn and the dog is disqualified (DQ), even if the dog has completed all 3 phases. In a two-day event, the disqualification also extends to the second day so that the dog cannot start or continue in the trial.

In cases of dog aggression, immediate disqualification (DQ) occurs. Before the dog may enter another trial, the dog owners / handler have to prove during an examination or at a competition that the team (dog) has again successfully participated in a **FCI-BH/VT** or **BH/VT (NPO)** with behaviour test. The disqualification shall be entered by the performance judge in all the performance records / score books, pedigree known to him and signed by him.

Entry: *"Disqualification due to dog aggression, dog must be presented again in a **FCI-BH/VT** or **BH/VT (NPO)** with behavioural test."*

### Phases per day per Trial level

|                                                          |                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>FCI-FPr, FCI-UPr and FCI-SPr, 1-3</b>                 | equivalent to 1 phase  |
| <b>FCI-GPr 1-3</b>                                       | equivalent to 2 phases |
| <b>FCI-IBGH 1-3</b>                                      | equivalent to 1 phase  |
| <b>FCI-Tracking suitability (FCI-IFH-V)</b>              | equivalent to 1 phase  |
| <b>FCI-IFH-1, FCI-IFH-2 and FCI-IGP-FH</b>               | equivalent to 3 phases |
| <b>FCI-Companion Dog Test (FCI-BH/VT) or BH/VT (NPO)</b> | equivalent to 2 phases |
| <b>FCI-IGP-Suitability (FCI-IGP-V)</b>                   | equivalent to 2 phases |
| <b>FCI-IGP Breed suitability (FCI-ZTP)</b>               | equivalent to 3 phases |
| <b>FCI-IGP 1 – 3</b>                                     | equivalent to 3 phases |
| <b>FCI-Article search 1-3 (FCI-StöPr 1 – 3)</b>          | equivalent to 1 phase  |
| <b>FCI-Endurance Test (FCI-IAD)</b>                      | equivalent to 1 phase  |

For major events scheduled by the National Organization (**FCI-NCO**), special regulations can be established.

The national organization (**FCI-NCO**) submits a proposal to the FCI Utility Dogs Commission, who makes the final determination.

### Trial Participants

The trial participant must meet the entry deadline for the event. The participant also agrees to pay the entry fee upon submission of the entry form. If the participant cannot participate for whatever reason, he/she must advise the Trial Secretary (PL) immediately. The participant is required to provide the vaccination certificate and uphold the animal rights guidelines. The participant must adhere to the instructions of the judge (LR) as well as the Trial Secretary. The handler must present his/her dog in a sportsmanlike manner regardless of the results in any given phase, he is obliged to continue for the remaining phases of the event. The trial ends with the results (awards ceremony) and the return of the scorebook.

The examination (trial) must have a minimum of 4 participants per trial day. The minimum number of participants per day may only be less if for **FCI-BH/VT** or **BH/VT (NPO)** examinations these dogs pass and try for a further examination (**FCI-IGP-1, FCI-IFH 1**) at the same event. A dog handler may only take part in an examination with the same dog. (A two-day test is considered as an examination event.) A dog handler may enter a maximum of two dogs for an examination at an event. A dog may only acquire one title within a event. Exception: **FCI-BH/VT** or **BH/VT (NPO)** in conjunction with another level 1 (**FCI-IGP**) title.

Prerequisite for entering a trial is that owner and dog handler belong to a club of the national organization which is recognized by the FCI. Exceptions to this can be determined by the national canine organization (**FCI-NCO**) only for **FCI-BH/VT** or **BH/VT (NPO)** examinations.

### **Physically challenged handler (handicapped)**

If a dog handler cannot carry out part of an exercise correctly due to a physical handicap, he must inform the performance judge (LR) before the start of the trial. If due to a physical handicap the dog handler cannot present the dog on the left side of the dog handler, the dog may be presented in the same way on the right side. The national canine organizations (**FCI-NCO**) may also allow further restrictions.

### **Collar requirement / Carrying a leash**

The single row, loose fitting large link collar must be worn throughout the trial. The **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** allows the use of other types of collars to include leather collar, fabric collar or chest harness. For the **FCI-IBGH 1 to 3**, similar collars to the **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** may be used except for the chest harness. For the tracking phase, a dog may wear a tracking harness or a vest in addition to the required loose-fitting large link collar.

A leash must be carried for the duration of the trial. It may be out of sight or worn by the handler with the clip on the side opposite to the dog's working side.

### **Muzzle obligation**

The requirements for having a dog in public are mandated by the laws of the individual countries' laws. Handlers (HF), who are bound by these laws, may show their dogs in the **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** test with a muzzled dog.

### **Liability**

The owner of the dog is liable for any personal injury or material damage caused by his/her dog. Therefore, he/she must have adequate coverage for such cases. In the event of an accident during the trial, the handler (HF) is liable for himself/herself and his/her dog. The handler (HF) is to concur with the instructions of the judge (LR) and the organizing club and thereby executes of his/her own free will the instructions at his/her own risk.

### **Vaccinations**

Proof of vaccinations as performed by a certified authority (vaccination certificate) must be presented to the judge (LR) or the Trial Secretary (PL).

### **Awards Ceremony / trophies**

Award ceremonies are to be held separately after the various trial phases.

If the same number of points are awarded to more dogs in the **FCI-IGP**, level 1 -3, the result (highest score) of the phase C is the deciding factor. If the points awarded here are the same, then phase B is the deciding factor. If points result equally for all three phases, then all dogs receive the same rating. If the same number of points are awarded to more dogs in the **FCI-IGP-FH**, the result (highest score) in the single track is the deciding factor. If the points awarded in both tracks are the same, then all dogs receive the same rating. Generally, all participants are to be present at the awards ceremony. The trial ends officially with the award ceremony and handing out of the scorebooks.

### **Working Award (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Travail de la FCI (**FCI-CACIT**))**

The **FCI-CACIT** and the Reserve **FCI-CACIT** are at stake at FCI-sanctioned competitions, in the highest levels (**FCI-IGP3**, **FCI-IFH2** or **FCI-IGP-FH** at the **FCI-WC**)

The proposals of **FCI-CACIT** or Reserve-**FCI-CACIT** are confirmed by the FCI Head Office, once in receipt of the results. The Regulations for the FCI International Championship apply.

All FCI National Organizations (**FCI-NCO**) must be invited to an **FCI-CACIT** event. A minimum of 2 international IGP judges **of the FCI** (LR) must be invited with one judge being from another National Organization (**FCI-NCO**). The

awards are granted upon proposal of the judges (LR). The **FCI-CACIT** and Reserve **FCI-CACIT** can only be awarded to dogs under the following recommendations:

- The minimum show rating “very good” has been achieved at a show.
- At the trial the minimum rating of “Very Good” was received. The **FCI-CACIT** is not automatically linked to the achieved rating.
- The dog breeds belonging to groups 1, 2 and 3 of the Breeds Nomenclature of the FCI which are subject to a working trial (utility and tracking dogs)

The national award CACT will be regulated by the National Organizations (**FCI-NCO**).

Per Trial there is only to be awarded one (1) **FCI-CACIT** and one (1) reserve **FCI-CACIT** *per breed*

### **Scorebook**

A scorebook is mandatory for every participating dog. Issuing of the scorebook is done according to the instructions of the handler’s corresponding National Organization. Important to note, only one scorebook may be issued per dog. This is the responsibility of the issuing organization. The trial results must be recorded in the scorebook under all circumstances by the judge (LR) as well as the Trial Secretary (PL), who is to double check the entry and sign the book. It is required to make the following entries: Members number, name and breed of the dog, identification of the dog (tattoo nr. / Chip Nr.), Name and address of the owner of the dog, entry of the total points in Phases A, B and C, qualifications and TSB rating, name of the judge (LR) and his signature.

### **TSB Evaluation – Phase “C” (valid for all trial levels)**

The TSB evaluation should describe the temperament characteristics of the dog for breeding purposes. The TSB has not influence over the final result of the trial or a placing. To achieve a TSB evaluation, the dog must have been completed at least one gripping exercise.

The ratings pronounced (a), present (vh) and insufficient (ng), the following characteristics are described: **Drive, self-confidence and stress-tolerance.**

#### **TSB – “pronounced”**

Is given to a dog that displays a strong willingness to work, clear instinctive behaviour, goal-oriented determination in the exercises, self-confident manner, unrestricted attention and exceptional ability to handle stress.

#### **TSB – “sufficient”**

Is given to a dog that is restricted in his willingness to work, the instinctive behaviour, in self-confidence, his attention and stress tolerance.

#### **TSB – “insufficient”**

Is given to a dog that lacks a willingness to work, lacking instinctive behaviour, lacks self-confidence and insufficient stress-tolerance.

### **Commands**

The Commands in the examination regulations are considered suggestions. Commands are given as normal spoken words and must always be the same for the same task. When recalling the dog, the name of the dog can be used instead of the command to recall. During the blind search, the name of the dog can be mentioned in addition to the recall command. Otherwise, the name of the dog in conjunction with any other command is considered a double command.

The national organization may make provision for the use of only the national language commands, which are provided by the national organization and published in their rulebook. It is, however, permissible in any case that the commands may be given in the mother tongue of the dog handler.

**International Rules / Special rules**

The national organizations of the FCI (FCI-NCO) are authorized to enhance their general regulations, e.g. entry requirements, veterinarian, animal rights, medical regulations or any rules governed through the country. Commands may be given in the country’s language.

**The pre-step to the FCI-IGP (FCI-IGP-V) can be used:**

1. As an approval test for the entry in the working class.
2. As a condition for admission to FCI-IGP-1 : each country’s organization can decide whether the FCI-IGP-V is required as a prerequisite to enter FCI-IGP-1.

**FCI World / European Championship**

The Specifications for the organization of the various championships of the FCI are valid. The publishing and revision of said specifications are the duty of the Utility Dogs Commission.

**Disciplinary rights**

The Trial Secretary is responsible to guarantee order and the safety in the entire trial area.

The judge (LR) is authorized to terminate the trial if the order and safety is compromised in any way. Violations by the handler against the prevailing rules, against the trial rules, against the animal rights laws and against the cultural customs will lead to a termination of the trial.

The trial judge’s assessments of the performance are final and may not be contested. Public criticism of a judge’s assessments may result in dismissal from the trial grounds and further disciplinary action may follow. Justifiable objections may be made in cases where the judge has violated the trial regulations but not against his assessments. Any such objections must be made in writing and addressed to the relevant authority and must be lodged with the show holding organization and signed by the complainant. Objections must be lodged within 8 days of the close of the trial. Acceptance of an objection does not imply that the judge (LR)’s assessment will be revised. Video recordings for evidential purposes are not permitted. The provisions of the disciplinary regulations of the national canine organizations (FCI-NCO) must be taken into account.

**Disqualification**

All points awarded up to that point of disqualification (DQ) will be deleted. No points or ratings will be entered into the scorebook. There will not be an evaluation. It is not permitted to show the dog in the other phases. In the scorebook the reason for the disqualification has to be written by the judge.

| Reason for disqualification                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Consequence                              |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog picks up the article on the track and will not or cannot release it</li> <li>• Dog chase game and will not track anymore</li> <li>• The dog leaves the field and does not return after three commands to return</li> <li>• The dog is not under control of the handler (e.g., side / back transport); The dog does not become under control after three commands (HZ) (one allowed and two additional (HZ) or only by active action of the Handler</li> </ul> | <p>Disqualification for disobedience</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dog bites (not bumps) the helper anywhere on the helper's body other than the protective sleeve provided for the grip.</li> <li>• Dog is in defence targeting another person (Judge, Steward etc.) than the helper.</li> </ul>                                                     |                                                                                                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dog is not neutral during the impartiality check</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Disqualification due to lack of impartiality                                                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsportsmanlike behaviour of the Handler HF (for example, transport of motivation objects and / or food)</li> <li>• Act against the <b>FCI-IGP</b>, animal protection or contrary to good manners Suspected attempt of fraudulent intent by use of prohibited training aids</li> </ul> | <p>Disqualification for unsportsmanlike behaviour</p> <p>Disqualification for unsportsmanlike behaviour</p> |

### Termination

In the case of a termination, all points awarded up to then are awarded, also the points of the phases that have been completed so far. The points reached up to the point of termination are entered in the scorebook. If the dog is terminated in phase C, phase C is to be evaluated with 0 points, the points reached in sections A and B are retained.

### Reasons for termination

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog is started on the track 3 x unsuccessfully in the scent pad</li> <li>• Dog leaves track by more than one leash length or Handler (HF) disregards the Judge's (LR's) instruction to follow the dog</li> <li>• Dog is not at the end of the track in the given time.</li> <li>• The dog leaves the helper before the Judge (LR) instructs the Handler (HF) to leave the centre line and does not return to helper with one command or leaves the helper again.</li> <li>• Dog fails in defence exercise.</li> <li>• Dog leaves the helper before the Judges (LR) instruction to approach the dog and / or the dog handler gives a command to make the dog remain (stay) with the helper</li> </ul> <p>The dog does not find the helper after three unsuccessful commands to direct the dog to the find blind.</p> |
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### Termination due to illness/injury

If a dog presented for a trial is sick, this is to be handled in the following manner:

If the handler (HF) reports the situation after having completed a phase with a sick dog, the following remark has to be added in the trial documents : "Termination due to illness". The points achieved will be retained but no rating will be awarded.

Note: It is clear that the judge (LR) -on his own initiative and even against the dog handler's opinion- can terminate the performance, if he observes that the dog is sick or injured. The same must also apply if the dogs that are presented, are obviously not able to perform because of their age and thus from an animal welfare perspective. The following remark is then added in the trial documents: "Termination due to injury".



## Temperament Evaluation

The temperament test is to be conducted throughout the duration of the trial including the awards ceremony. If a dog stands out with a temperament problem, then he cannot pass for this reason even though results up to that point were positive. If a dog fails the temperament test it is to be noted in the records. The dog is disqualified (DQ).

1. The temperament test takes place prior to each trial.
2. The test is to be conducted in a neutral place. In the selection of the place, there should be no close connection to the trial or tracking fields.
3. Every dog is to be evaluated independently.
4. The timeframe should be such that the dog is not immediately to start tracking or go on the trial field.
5. The dogs are to be on leash (short leash – without tracking harness, etc.). The leash is to be held loose. The dog must be led under control.

A systematic evaluation is not permitted, it is up to the judge to determine the way it is to be conducted; there are not to be extreme variations in the evaluation by the judges (LR) and the less a judge tries to make a point, the smoother and safer the test will run. The evaluation is to be done in a normal everyday setting, the dog is not to be challenged, as otherwise it would invoke a natural reaction, unnatural stimuli are to be avoided. The identity control is a mandatory part of the temperament test. The temperament test does not only take place at the beginning of the trial, but also during the entire event. If the judge determines a temperament weakness, he has to test it correctly and precisely (e.g. gun test). Repetitions are then permitted.

If a dog shows behavioral deficiencies during the next trial, even if it has passed the preliminary temperament test, the judge can exclude it from the trial and indicate "Temperament/ behavior test not passed" - in the scorebook.

The **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** test does not include the gun shots test. A **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** dog is not allowed to be paired with dogs from the **FCI-IGP** levels because of the gun shots. The **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** or **FCI-IBGH** may be paired together as a group. (**FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** and **FCI-IBGH-no gun shots**)

## Results of the temperament test

### Positive presentation = passed

- Dog is self-confident
- Dog is calm, secure and attentive
- Dog is lively and attentive
- Dog is impartial and good-natured

### Borderline = requires special attention

- Dog is unsteady but not aggressive and is balanced throughout the trial
- Slightly agitated, but gets calmer throughout the trial

### Dogs that may not participate in the trial:

- Insecure and frightened, move away from a person
- Nervous, aggressive, dogs sounding an alarm, fear biters.
- Biting dogs

## Conducting the identity check

The identity control is a mandatory part of the test. This can be done by either checking the tattoo number or using a chip reader for a microchipped dog. Dogs that do not have a pedigree or a tattoo number, must be microchipped. The judges must note in their records that the identity check was carried out.

If tattoo numbers are not easily recognizable, the numbers that can be seen must be recorded. The tattoo number must coincide with the one entered on the pedigree. If difficulties arise (e.g. unable to read a number), then a remark must be made accordingly.

If chip numbers are not identified through the chip reader, then a remark must be recorded. The dog may compete if it is possible to determine that the dog was correctly chipped in that country (e.g. a corresponding remark is noted in the registration, passport or health certificate).

Handlers that had their dogs microchipped in a foreign country, or who have purchased a dog from another country, are responsible that the appropriate microchip reader is made available. Dogs that cannot be definitively identified may not participate in a trial / event.

If the microchip is not found by the judge (LR), the judge instructs the dog handler to carry out the chip control himself. A subsequent check by the judge (LR) is then to be carried out again. It is mandatory that the performance judge check the dog with the chip reader.

### **Dogs that do not show gun-sureness**

What is the understanding of the term “gun-shy”?

Examples: The dog gets up and shows fear and runs away

The dog shows a fear reaction.

- Runs under the same manner to his handler
- Shows panic and fear and tries to leave the area or leaves it
- Shows panic and fear and runs wildly around

During the evaluation, it must be determined if the behaviour is due to a training fault or if his getting up is not related to the gun shot.

In dubious cases, the judge (LR) is responsible to determine if it is gun sensitivity by having the handler put the dog on leash. From a distance of about 15 paces, the judge (LR) will request additional shots be fired whereby the dog is to be held on a loose leash.

### **Evaluation**

The evaluation of the performance is noted with ratings (qualification) and points. The rating (qualification) and the corresponding points must reflect the quality of the respective exercise.

### **Point table**

| Highest points | Excellent   | Very good   | Good        | Satisfactory | Insufficient |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 5              | 5.0         | 4.5         | 4.0         | 3.5          | 3.0 – 0      |
| 10             | 10.0        | 9.5 - 9.0   | 8.5 - 8.0   | 7.5 - 7.0    | 6.5 – 0      |
| 15             | 15.0 - 14.5 | 14.0 - 13.5 | 13.0 - 12.0 | 11.5 - 10.5  | 10.0 – 0     |
| 20             | 20.0 - 19.5 | 19.0 – 18.0 | 17.5 – 16.0 | 15.5 – 14.0  | 13.5 – 0     |
| 30             | 30.0 – 29.0 | 28.5 – 27.0 | 26.5 -24.0  | 23.5 – 21.0  | 20.5 – 0     |
| 35             | 35.0 – 33.0 | 32.5 – 31.5 | 31.5- 28.0  | 27.5 – 24.5  | 24.0 – 0     |
| 60             | 60.0 – 58.0 | 57.5 – 54.0 | 53.5 – 48.0 | 47.5 – 42.0  | 41.5 – 0     |
| 70             | 70.0 – 66.5 | 66.0 – 63.0 | 62.5 – 56.0 | 55.5 – 49.0  | 48.5 – 0     |
| 80             | 80.0 – 76.0 | 75.5 -72.0  | 71.5 – 64.0 | 63.5 – 56.0  | 55.5 – 0     |
| 100            | 100 – 96.0  | 95.5 – 90.0 | 89.5 – 80.0 | 79.5 – 70.0  | 69.5 – 0     |
| 200            | 200-192     | 191 -180    | 179 - 160   | 159 - 140    | 139 - 0      |
| 300            | 300 -286    | 285 -270    | 269 -240    | 239 -210     | 209 -0       |

### **Calculation of percentage**

| Evaluation       | Awarded percentage | Deduction           |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Excellent</b> | = at least 96 %    | or up to minus 4 %  |
| <b>Very Good</b> | = 90 to 95 %       | or minus 5 to 10 %  |
| <b>Good</b>      | = 80 to 89 %       | or minus 11 to 20 % |

|                     |                 |                      |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Satisfactory</b> | = 70 to 79 %    | or minus 21 to 30 %  |
| <b>Insufficient</b> | = 69 % or below | or minus 31 to 100 % |

### Point table - Individual tests

During the evaluation of a particular phase only full points are to be awarded. However with individual exercises, partial points can be given. For final results if points are awarded with partial levels, then they can be either rounded up or down.

In order to be able to go on to the next higher level, the team must score a minimum of 70% of the maximum possible score.

### Helper Regulations

#### A) Pre-requisites for employment as a helper in Phase "C"

1. The guidelines and regulations of the trial rules regarding help work must be followed.
2. The helper (HL) in phase "C" is the assistant to the judge on the day of the trial.
3. In view of his personal protection as well as due to insurance liability, the helper, whether in training or on a given trial day or competitions, must wear protective clothing, (protection pants, protection jacket, sleeve, cup, and if necessary gloves).
4. The helper (HL)'s shoes must be weather-proof and suitable for the ground conditions, secure stance and ensure good traction.
5. Prior to the trial work in phase "C", the helper (HL) receives instructions from the judge (LR). He must perform the work in accordance to the judge's instructions.
6. The helper (HL) must follow the instructions of the handler (HF) during disarming/search of the helper in accordance with the trial rules. He must give the handler (HF) the opportunity to position his dog in the correct heel position for the side/back transport.

At club trial, it is allowed to work with one (1) helper (HL). One single change of helper is allowed, if the helper himself is also a participant at the club trial. For trials at a national level, such as competitions, qualification trials, championships, etc. generally 2 helpers (HL) are to be provided. For all trials, a helper (HL) living in the same household as one of the handlers (HF) may participate.

#### B) Regulations governing the conduct of trial helpers

##### 1. General

During a trial the level of training, the quality of the dog being presented (e.g. his drives, stress-level, self-confidence and obedience) should be evaluated by the judge. The judge (LR) can objectively evaluate what he/she visually and acoustically observes during the course of the trial.

This aspect, particularly maintaining the sportsmanlike character of the trial (i.e. this means offering the same conditions for all participants) ensures that the helper offers the judge (LR) a broad impartial picture to judge.

Therefore, it cannot be left up to the helper (HL) how the phase "C" work is to be structured. Furthermore, the helper must follow definitive guidelines.

The judge (LR) must check that the individual elements of the most important evaluation criteria for phase "C" are met. For example, these are, stress-level, self-confidence, drives, obedience. In addition, it is important that the grip quality of the presented dog is properly evaluated. For the judge to properly evaluate the grip, the helper must give the dog the opportunity to have a "full grip", and when the stress-level is to be tested, the helper must be able to put proper pressure on the dog. The helper must strive to have the most uniform level of helper work, so that the requirements of the evaluation are met.

##### 2. "Bark and Hold"

The helper stance (position) standing – he should not be visible to the dog and handler – with a slightly angulated sleeve position motionless and without a threatening body position in the designated blind. The sleeve acts as body protection. At the hold and bark, the dog is to watch the helper, any motivation (help) on the part of the helper is not allowed. The soft stick is held at the helper's side.

**3. “Prevention of an attempted escape of the helper”**

After the hold and bark exercise, the handler calls the helper out of the blind, who is to exit in a normal pace and places himself/herself at the designated spot as assigned by the judge (marked spot). The position of the helper must ensure that the handler can place his dog at a distance of 5 paces on the side where the helper’s protection sleeve is at the helper’s designated spot. The flight path must be clearly recognizable for the handler.

Under the direction of the judge, the helper escapes in a quick and assertive pace in a straight line, without running an uncontrolled or exaggerated manner. The sleeve must remain steady and the dog should be given an optimal grip possibility. The helper may not turn to face the dog at any time but can keep the dog in his/her field of vision. The helper must refrain from pulling the sleeve away. Once the dog has gripped, the helper continues to run in a straight direction, and while running pulls the sleeve in tight to his/her body.

The judge (LR) determines how far the helper needs to escape. Under the direction of the judge (LR), the helper terminates the escape. When the corresponding dynamic work of the helper is carried out, it provides the judge with the optimal opportunity to evaluate the performance. Any type of helper assistance in the way of , excessive offering the sleeve before the grip, verbal agitation, or hitting the soft stick against his pants before or during the escape, limply held sleeve position, reducing the speed of the escape independent termination of the escape, etc., are not permitted. Stopping the exercise – see point 8 (valid for all exercises)

**4. “Defence against an attack during the guarding phase”**

After the guarding phase, the helper makes an attack on the dog at the instructions of the judge (LR). The soft stick is used in a threatening motion above the sleeve without hitting the dog. At the same moment, the dog grips in a frontal and forward movement with corresponding resistance / pressure, without the sleeve being moved to attract the dog. The protection sleeve will be carried tight and in front of the body with the bite bar available to ensure that the dog may get a opportunity for a correct grip. Once the dog has gripped, he is to be placed out of motion to the side and the pressure phase begins in a straight direction (drive). Turning / spinning at the start of the attack in this exercise is not permitted. The helper must drive all dogs in the same direction. It is important that the judge (LR) must place himself/herself in such a position so as to observe and evaluate the behaviour of the dog during the attack, the pressure phase, the grip behaviour, the out and the guarding phase. Driving the dog to the handler is not permitted.

The stick hit pressure tests are to be placed on the shoulder and in the area of the withers. The stick hits are to be executed with the same intensity for all dogs. The first stick hit test is performed after approximately 4 – 5 paces, the second stick hit test after an additional 4 – 5 paces during the pressure phase. After the second stick hit test, additional pressure is demonstrated without stick hits.

The duration of the pressure phase is determined by the judge (LR). Under the direction of the judge (LR), the helper terminates the pressure phase. When the corresponding dynamic work (drive) of the helper is carried out, it provides the judge (LR) with the optimal opportunity to evaluate the dog’s performance, drive and temperament. Any assistance (help) given by the helper in the way of offering / attracting the dog the sleeve before the grip, verbal agitation, or hitting the soft stick against his pants before or during the escape, limply held sleeve position after the grip during the pressure phase, inconsistent intensity during the pressure phase and at the stick hits, independent termination by the helper when weakness is determined in the dog etc., are not permitted.

Termination of the exercise – see point 9

**5. “Back transport (trial levels [FCI-IGP 2](#) + [FCI-IGP 3](#))”**

Under the direction of the handler, the helper demonstrates a back transport over a distance of approximately 30 paces at a normal pace. The judge determines the course of the transport. The helper may not any sudden moves during the transport. The soft stick and the sleeve are to be carried in such a way that it does not stimulate the dog. The soft stick especially has to be carried out of sight. The helper is to move at the same normal walking pace for every dog.

**6. ”Back Transport (trial level [FCI-IGP 2](#))”**

At the order of the judge (LR), the helper stops after approx. 30 paces. The dog handler goes to the helper and takes the Soft stick. The dog has to sit in the basic position. Then a side transport to the judge (LR) takes place.

**7. “Attack on the dog out of the back transport (trial level [FCI-IGP 3](#))”**

The attack out of the back transport is performed out of motion and under the direction of the judge. The helper performs the attack by making a dynamic left or right turn and running with purpose, presence and threat towards the dog. The soft stick is to be held above the sleeve and swung in a threatening motion. The dog has to be intercepted (caught) with a flexible position of the protection sleeve, to allow the helper to safely catch the dog without the need to come to a complete halt as long as the helper has the appropriate skill. Upon intercepting (catching) the dog, the helper should – if possible – turn in order to catch the dog's momentum and flow with his body movement. Additional movement of the sleeve is to be avoided. Once the dog grips, the helper places the dog out of motion to the side and the pressure phase is conducted in a straight direction. The helper must drive all dogs in the same direction. It is important that the judge must place himself/herself in such a position so as to observe and evaluate the behaviour of the dog during the attack, the pressure phase, the grip behaviour, the out and the guarding phase. Driving the dog to the handler is not permitted.

The duration of the pressure phase is determined by the judge (LR). Under the direction of the judge, the helper terminates the pressure phase. When the corresponding dynamic work (drive) of the helper is carried out, it provides the judge with the optimal opportunity to evaluate the performance. Any assistance given by the helper in the way of offering any assistance in the way of, offering the sleeve before the grip, verbal agitation, or hitting the soft stick against his pants before or during the escape, limply held sleeve position after the grip during the pressure phase, inconsistent intensity during the pressure phase and at the stick hits, independent termination by the helper when weakness is noticed in the dog etc., are not permitted. Termination of the exercise – see point 9.

### **8. “Attack on the dog out of motion”**

**FCI-IGP-1:** 30 meter, **FCI-IGP-2:** 40 meter, **FCI-IGP-3:** 50 meter

In **FCI-IGP-1** and **FCI-IGP-2**, the helper remains where the 1st part was terminated. The dog handler is instructed to take the dog's starting point for this exercise.

In **FCI-IGP-3**, under the direction of the judge (LR), the helper leaves the assigned blind and moves at a running pace to the centreline without breaking stride and with threatening verbal and gestures attacks the dog and handler with a frontal attack with the soft stick.

The dog must be intercepted with the helper not stopping and presenting an approved trial sleeve. Upon intercepting the dog, the body should – if possible – turn in order to catch the dog and absorb the dogs flow to maintain the momentum. The helper may not in any way run around (side step) the dog. Once the dog grips, the helper places the dog out of motion to the side and the pressure phase is conducted in a straight direction. It is imperative to avoid overrunning (tripping over) the dog. The helper has to drive all dogs in the same direction. It is important that the judge (LR) must place himself/herself in such a position so as to observe and evaluate the behaviour of the dog during the attack, the pressure phase, the grip behaviour, the out and the guarding phase. Driving the dog back towards the handler is not permitted.

The duration of the pressure phase is determined by the judge (LR). Under the direction of the judge (LR), the helper terminates the pressure phase. When the corresponding dynamic work of the helper is carried out, it provides the judge (LR) with the optimal opportunity to evaluate the working performance and temperament of the dog. Any assistance given by the helper in the way of offering any type of helper assistance in the way of, slowing down the speed of the attack, intercepting the dog at a stand, side-stepping the dog before the grip, holding the sleeve in a limp fashion after the grip, varying intensity of the pressure phase, independent termination when weakness in the dog is noticed, etc. are not permitted.

### **9. “Termination of the defence exercise”**

Stopping all defence exercises must be conducted in such a manner that the judge (LR) has the opportunity to observe the grip, the out and the guarding phase of the dog (do not turn your back to the judge (LR), maintain visual contact with the judge (LR)). Once stopping the defence exercise, the helper must minimize the resistance towards the dog, he/she has to reduce the stimulation by not definitively moving the sleeve. The sleeve is not to be carried at a high angle but will be held in the same position during the previous exercise. The soft stick is held out of sight at the side. No help is to be provided by the helper during the out phase. After the out, the helper is to maintain eye contact with the dog, whereby any additional stimulation or help of any kind is not permitted. In order to maintain eye contact to the dog, the helper is allowed to turn for a dog that circles, but without any sudden movements.

### **10. “Insecurities and failure of the dog”**

A dog that does not grip during a defence exercise or releases the grip in a pressure phase and outs, must be driven (continued to be pressured) by the helper until the judge (LR) terminates the exercise. In such instances, the helper may not give any help to the dog or stop the exercise independently. Dogs that do not release, the helper may not use the soft stick in movement to get him to out. Dogs that have a tendency to leave the helper during the holding phase may not be stimulated by the helper to stay with the helper. In all or parts of any exercise the helper must present himself/herself active or neutral in accordance with the trial rules. If the dog bumps or grips during the holding phase, the helper must avoid making any defensive motions.

## Provisions on the individual tests

### Companion Dog test with behaviour test (FCI-BH/VT)

All dog owners who provide evidence that they have successfully passed the written examination if required by the regulations of the national organizations or those who have proof of a locally issued certificate. Dogs of all breeds and sizes are accepted. The minimum age of the dog is determined by the National Organization FCI-NCO but may not be less than twelve months.

Dogs which do not reach the required 70% of the points in Part A ("Obedience") are not taken for examination in Part B ("Traffic Portion") The test was passed if 70% of the points to be reached in Part A and all exercises of part B were considered sufficient by the performance judge. It is up to the judge (LR), at the request of the hosting club, to place the participants at the awards' ceremony. The **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** is a prerequisite to enter all further trials. This test can be taken again at any time (no deadline), but it can only be taken once during an event (two-day event).

Each examination result must be entered in the official trial paperwork and the scorebook regardless of the outcome of the examination.

#### Examination description: Companion Dog test with behaviour test FCI-BH/VT

The **FCI-BH/VT test or BH/VT (NPO)** does not check the gun sureness of the dog. Exercise requirements similar to the exercises described in the general part

|                                                                                    |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Heeling on leash                                                                   | 15 Points |
| Heeling off leash                                                                  | 15 Points |
| Note: Special provision for <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b> in the general section |           |
| Sit Exercise                                                                       | 10 Points |
| Note: Special provision for <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b> in the general section |           |
| Down with recall                                                                   | 10 Points |
| Note: Special provision for <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b> in the general section |           |
| Down under Distraction                                                             | 10 Points |

#### Examination in traffic

##### General Information

The exercises listed below are conducted in a suitable public area outside of the training field. The judge (LR) and the trial secretary determine where and how the traffic exercises will be conducted (streets, walkways or squares). Public traffic may not be interfered with. The implementation of this part of the examination requires a considerable amount of time because of its nature. The performance requirements must not be impaired by the superficial acceptance of many dogs. Points are not given for the individual exercises of part B. During Part B the overall impression about the dog moving in the traffic / public area is most important. The exercises described below are suggestions and can be modified individually to the local conditions by the performance judge (LR). The performance judge (LR) is entitled to repeat or vary in case of doubt in the assessment of the dog exercises.

**Examination procedures (the following exercises represent a minimum requirement and can be extended by the national canine organizations (FCI-NCO).**

##### Encounter with group of persons

At the order of the judge (LR), the dog handler, with his dog, walks on the sidewalk. The judge (LR) follows the team at a reasonable distance. The dog is to follow on the dog handler's left side on a loosely hanging leash - with the shoulder at the knee height of the dog handler. The dog has to be indifferent to the pedestrian and driving traffic.

On his way, the dog handler is stopped by a passing stranger. The dog has shown itself neutral and unimpressed. The dog handler and the dog continue through a relaxed group of at least 6 persons, in which a person responds to the dog handler and greets them with a handshake. The dog has to sit or lie beside the dog handler and has to keep quiet during the short conversation.

**Encounter with cyclists**

The dog is walking along a path with his dog handler and is overtaken by a cyclist from behind who rings a bell. After a good distance, the cyclist turns to meet dog handler and dog. There will be another bell ring. The passing has to be done in such a way that the dog is between the dog handler and the cyclist passing by. The dog has to see the cyclist.

**Encounter with cars**

The dog handler walks past several cars with his dog. One of the vehicles is started. In another car, a door is shut. While the dog handler and the dog go on, a car stops next to them. The window is rolled down and the dog handler is asked for information. The dog has to sit or lie down by the dog handler's instructions. The dog has to be quiet and unimpressed with cars and all traffic noises.

**Encounter with joggers or inline skaters**

The dog handler walks along a quiet path with his dog. At least two joggers pass him without slowing down their speed. When the joggers have gone, joggers come back to the dog and dog handler and run past them without lowering their speed. The dog does not have to be in correct heel position, but he must not bother the passing joggers. It is permitted to have the handler place his dog in a sit or down position during the encounter. Instead of the joggers, one or two inline skaters can also pass and meet the dog instead.

**Encounter with other dogs**

In the case of passing or encountering another dog and his handler, the dog is to remain neutral. The handler may give and repeat the command "Fuss/Heel" or place the dog in a sit or down position.

**Behaviour of the tethered dog, which is left alone in the short term and behaviour towards animals:**

At the order of the judge, the dog handler, with a dog, is walking along the sidewalk of a moderately busy street. After a short distance, the dog handler stops at the order of the judge (LR) and attaches the leash to a fence, wall or something similar. The dog handler goes out of sight into a store or a house. The dog may be standing, sitting or lying. During the absence of the dog handler, a passer-by (pedestrian) passes the dog with a dog at a lateral distance of about five paces away from the test dog. The dog left alone has to be quiet and calm during the absence of the handler. The dog (no dog aggressive dogs are to be used) passing by has to pass without the test dog showing aggression (strong pulling on the leash, continuous barking). After the direction from the judge, the dog is picked up again. Note: It is up to the judge (LR) to decide whether to carry out the individual exercises with each dog at the same location, or to have all the test dogs complete only a few exercises and then to go to another location and proceed there as well.

## Phase A – Tracking: General Rules

| Strange track = Fr<br>Own track = E | <b>FCI-IGP-1</b>                                               | <b>FCI-IGP-2</b>                                               | <b>FCI-IGP-3</b>                                                                                                         | <b>FCI-IFH-V</b>                                                                                                  | <b>FCI-IFH-1</b>                                                                                            | <b>FCI-IFH2</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>FCI-IGP-FH</b>                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Track                               | E                                                              | Fr                                                             | Fr                                                                                                                       | E                                                                                                                 | Fr                                                                                                          | Fr                                                                                                                                               | Fr                                                                                                                                               |
| Minimum Length                      | 300 Paces                                                      | 400 Paces                                                      | 600 Paces                                                                                                                | 600 Paces                                                                                                         | 1200 Paces                                                                                                  | 1800 Paces                                                                                                                                       | 2 x 1800 Paces<br>2 different places, 2 different track layers. On 2 different days for the test.                                                |
| Legs                                | 3                                                              | 3                                                              | 5                                                                                                                        | 5                                                                                                                 | 7                                                                                                           | 8, of which 1 is a semicircle with 30m Radius                                                                                                    | 8, of which 1 is a semicircle with 30m Radius                                                                                                    |
| Corners                             | 2                                                              | 2                                                              | 4                                                                                                                        | 4, of which 3 are right angles, the last angle is executed as an acute angle                                      | 6<br>Right angles                                                                                           | 7 of which at least 2 acute angles (30-60 degrees)                                                                                               | 7 of which at least 2 acute angles (30-60 degrees)                                                                                               |
| Distance between the corners        | Minimum 50 Paces                                               | Minimum 50 Paces                                               | Minimum 50 Paces                                                                                                         | Minimum 50 Paces                                                                                                  | Minimum 50 Paces                                                                                            | Minimum 50 Paces                                                                                                                                 | Minimum 50 Paces                                                                                                                                 |
| Articles<br>Point values            | 3 (Handler uses own articles)<br><br>3 x 7<br>Points each      | 3 (stranger's articles)<br><br>3 x 7<br>Points each            | 3 (stranger's articles)<br><br>3 x 7<br>Points each                                                                      | 3 (stranger's articles)<br><br>3 x 7<br>Points each                                                               | 4 (stranger's articles)<br><br>3 x 5, 1 X 6<br>Points each                                                  | 7 (stranger's articles)<br><br>7 x 3<br>Points each                                                                                              | 7 (stranger's articles)<br><br>7 x 3<br>Points each                                                                                              |
| Placing the articles                | 1st on the first leg, 2nd on the second leg and 3rd at the end | 1st on the first leg, 2nd on the second leg and 3rd at the end | 1st on first or second leg but a minimum of 100 paces from start, 2nd on the instruction from the judge, 3rd at the end. | 1st on first or second leg but a minimum of 100 paces from start, 2nd on the second or third leg, 3rd at the end. | 1st a minimum of 100 paces from the start, 2nd and 3rd according to the track Layer sketch, 4th at the end. | 1st a minimum of 100 paces from the start, 2nd – 6th according to the Track layer sketch (2 articles on one leg is permissible), 7th at the end. | 1st a minimum of 100 paces from the start, 2nd – 6th according to the Track layer sketch (2 articles on one leg is permissible), 7th at the end. |





|                              |                                       |                             |                             |                                  |                                  |                             |                                                |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Dimensions of articles in CM | L: 10<br>W: 2-3<br>H: 0,5-1           | L: 10<br>W: 2-3<br>H: 0,5-1 | L: 10<br>W: 2-3<br>H: 0,5-1 | L: 10<br>W: 2-3<br>H: 0,5-1      | L: 10<br>W: 2-3<br>H: 0,5-1      | L: 10<br>W: 2-3<br>H: 0,5-1 | L: 10<br>W: 2-3<br>H: 0,5-1                    |
| Ageing Time                  | 20 Min.                               | 30 Min.                     | 60 Min.                     | 90 Min.                          | 120 Min.                         | 180 Min.                    | 180 Min.                                       |
| Working Time Maximum         | 15 Min.                               | 15 Min.                     | 20 Min.                     | 20 Min.                          | 30 Min.                          | 45 Min.                     | 45 Min.                                        |
| Cross track timing           | -----                                 | -----                       | -----                       | -----                            | 30 minutes before the start      | 30 minutes before the start | 30 minutes before the start                    |
| Prerequisite                 | <b>FCI-BH /VT<br/>BH/VT<br/>(NPO)</b> | <b>FCI-IGP-1</b>            | <b>FCI-IGP-2</b>            | <b>FCI-BH/VT<br/>BH/VT (NPO)</b> | <b>FCI-BH/VT<br/>BH/VT (NPO)</b> | <b>FCI-IFH-1</b>            | <b>FCI-IFH-2<br/>FCI-BH/VT<br/>BH/VT (NPO)</b> |

**FCI-IGP-V und FCI-IGP-ZTP Tracks**

|                              | <b>FCI-IGP-V</b>                                    | <b>FCI-IGP-ZTP</b>                                      |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
|                              | Handler lays the Track                              | Handler lays the track                                  |
| Minimum Length               | 200 Paces                                           | 300 Paces                                               |
| Legs                         | 2                                                   | 3                                                       |
| Corners (Right angles)       | 1                                                   | 2                                                       |
| Ageing Time                  | Work the Track Immediately- no age                  | 20 Minutes                                              |
| Working Time Maximum         | 10 Minutes                                          | 15 Minutes                                              |
| Articles                     | 2 Belonging to the Handler                          | 3 Belonging to the Handler                              |
| Dimensions of articles in CM | Length 10 cm<br>Width 2-3 cm<br>Height 0.5-1 cm     | Length 10 cm<br>Width 2-3 cm<br>Height 0.5-1 cm         |
| Rating:                      | Working the track: 79 Points<br>Articles: 21 Points | Working the track: 79 Points<br>Articles: 7 Points Each |
| Prerequisite                 | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                     | <b>FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)</b>                         |

**Instruction: Only FCI- IFH 1, FCI-IFH 2, and FCI-IGP FH:**

The cross-track shall not be laid within 40 paces before or 40 paces after a corner, or across the first or last leg. It must be laid so that the track is not crossed below a 60-degree angle and must cross the track twice. The dog is allowed to check cross-tracks if he does not leave the actual track. If the dog changes from the track to the cross-track and follows more than one leash length, the track work must be terminated.

**Instruction: Only FCI-IFH-2 and FCI-IGP-FH:**

The dog handler is allowed to ask the Judge (LR) to briefly interrupt the trackwork if he believes that he or his dog needs a short break due to physical condition and weather conditions (e.g., high heat). The pause taken shall be counted towards the available time to work the track. The dog handler is allowed to clean his head, eyes and nose during a break or while at an article. For this purpose, the dog handler can carry a wet cloth or a wet sponge. The cloth or sponge must be shown to the judge before the start of the track. No other tools are allowed.

**Tracking Grounds**

Tracks may use all natural soils such as e.g. grass, ploughed dirt and forest floor. In all trial levels adaptation of the tracks to the available tracking-grounds is possible.

**Laying the Tracks**

The performance judge or the Tracking Coordinator shall determine the course of the track depending on the existing terrain. At **FCI-IFH-1**, **FCI-IFH-2**, **FCI-IGP-FH**, the track layer receives a track sketch from the judge (LR) or the tracking coordinator. It includes terrain features (e.g., trees, wire poles, huts, etc.). The judge (LR) /tracking coordinator supervises the laying of the tracks and instructs the track layers. The tracks can be laid differently; corners and articles must not be at the same position or at equal distances for each track. The scent pad of the track must be marked by a sign which is placed directly into the ground to the left of the scent pad. The track layer stays briefly at the scent pad and goes in natural stride with normal steps in the directed direction. When laying the track, make sure that they are placed in natural gait. The corners are also set in normal gait, whereby it must be noted that a continuous track work must be possible. (See sketch). Help by the track layer by unnatural gait, scuffing or stomping is not permitted in the entire area of the track. Articles are not to be placed within 20 paces before or after the corner and must be on the track. After dropping the last article, the track layer must continue at least 10 paces in a forward direction.

The handler and dog must not be able to watch the track being laid.

The order of the participants is done with a draw after laying the tracks in the presence of the Judge (LR)

**Articles**

Articles may not differ significantly in colour from the terrain. The articles must be shown by the dog handler (**FCI-IGP-V**, **FCI-IZTP**, **FCI-IGP-1**, **FCI-IFH-V**) track layers (**FCI-IGP-2**, **FCI-IGP-3**, **FCI-IFH-1**, **FCI-IFH-2**, **FCI-IGP-FH**) before laying the track to the performance judge or tracking coordinator. Only articles that the tracklayer (FL) has carried for a minimum of 30 minutes may be used.

Within a track the articles must be made of different materials (e.g., leather, textiles, wood). In the case of **FCI-Championships** and **FCI-FH** examinations, the articles must be numbered. These numbers must be the same as the track number.

**Indicating the articles:****Indicating:**

The indicating out can be done sitting, lying down and standing, or alternating. The articles must be indicated convincingly without the help from the dog handler. Once the dog has indicated the article, the dog handler drops the tracking line or puts it down, goes directly to the dog, picks up the article and displays it to the judge (LR). This can be done either on the left or on the right side of the dog. The dog must be calm in this position. The indicating must be done in the direction of the track. Slightly crooked lying down, sitting or standing to the article is not faulty. The article must lie directly in front of, or between the front paws. The dog must remain calm in the position until restarted on the track. Articles that are found with strong help of the Handler HF are considered to be overrun. After the articles are displayed, a re-start is made with a command to track.

**Pick up/ Retrieve**

The presentation of the retrieved article also effects overall indication of the articles. The dog may stop after picking up, sit down or retrieve the article. Picking up the article and laying down is faulty, as well as going forward with the article. During the retrieve of the article, the handler must stay at the end of the leash. The restart occurs where the dog handler removes the article.

If an article not shown by the dog cannot be found by the track layer, there is no point deduction here. In the event that several articles are not found, the dog handler is offered a re-track. If he does not accept this, the articles not found are considered to be overrun.

This regulation does not apply to **FCI-IGP-1**, **FCI-IGP-V**, **FCI-IGP-ZTP** and **FCI-IFH-V** where the handler lays the track. In these cases when an article is not found by the dog or by the dog handler on the ground, no points are earned for these articles.

**Track with a tracking line or free track****Tracking line**

The dog can track on a 10 m long line. A check of the line length, the collar or the harness by the Judge (LR) must be carried out before the start of the track work (at the latest, at the time of reporting in). Flexible Leashes are not permitted. The track line can be over the back, on the side of the dog or between the front and / or rear legs. It can either be attached directly to the loose-fitting collar or to the attachment ring of the harness (chest or Böttger harness without additional straps). If a harness is used, make sure that the back strap does not extend beyond the last rib of the dog. The tracking line may sag during the track, but the required distance from the dog must not be seriously shortened. Ground contact of the line is not faulty.

**Free Tracking**

When tracking off leash, the distance of at least 10 meters must be kept.

**Report in/ Report out**

When the team has been called, the handler report in prepared for tracking (the line has to be run out and if a harness is to be used it must be on the dog) in the basic position at the judge (LR) and indicates whether his dog retrieves or indicates the articles. The dog is allowed to be on a short line up to about 2 meters before the start. All compulsion is to be avoided before and during the entire track. At the instruction of the judge the dog is led to the scent pad and started. A short sit of the dog in front of the scent pad (approx. 2 meters away) is permitted so the tracking line can be brought to the position desired by the handler (attachment of the harness, line between front and/or rear legs). After completion of the track work, the articles found must be shown to the judge. Playing or feeding after indicating the last article, before checking out and receiving the score is not permitted. The checking out must take place in the basic position. After this, the short line can be put on the dog.

**Working the Track**

The dog must be given a verbal command to track at the scent pad. The handler has a Maximum of 3 commands to start his dog. The second and third attempts lead to a deduction in the evaluation of the first leg. The dog must take the track with a deep nose and then work the track with a deep nose, high tracking intensity, consistent and even speed. The search speed is not a faulty criterion if the dog is tracking in a convincing and intensive manner. The start (also when restarting after the finding of the articles) has to be done with the handler giving a verbal command to track. A certain amount of slack in the leash is permitted in using the line. The scent pad is not time-dependent, but the judge must pay attention to the behaviour of the dog at the beginning of the first leg as to how intensely he orients himself to the track and taking the scent. If the dog is caught in the tracking line, the handler may ask the judge to be able to untangle the dog, the command to restart is given from the end of the tracking line. There is no deduction.

**Only [FCI-IFH-1](#) / [FCI-IFH-2](#) / [FCI-IGP-FH](#)**

If the handler has the impression that the dog has not correctly taken the track, he is free to recall the dog and restart again. This is only possible once and only if the handler has not left the scent pad yet. This is subject to a mandatory deduction of -4 points.

**Corners**

The dog must work out corners confidently. Circling at the corner is faulty. A head check without leaving the track is permitted. After the corner, the dog must continue with the required high intensity and at the same speed.

Through the corner, the handler must maintain the prescribed distance. He does not necessarily have to follow the track. However, the handler is not permitted to leave the track until the dog has changed direction and is committed to the next leg.

**Praise**

An occasional praise on the track is at all trial levels permissible, excluding [FCI-IGP-3](#), [FCI-IFH-1](#), [FCI-IFH-2](#) and [FCI-IGP-FH](#), but not in the corners (dogs body length before and after the corner). In addition, a short praise at the article is permitted in all levels. This can be done before or after the display of the article, but not both.

**Termination / Disqualification**

If the dog leaves the track and is held back by the dog handler, the judge will instruct the handler to follow the dog. If the judge's instruction is not followed, the track work must be terminated. If the end of the track is not reached within the maximum allowed time, specified in the individual levels, the track work is terminated by the Judge. This does not apply if the dog is on the last leg of the examination stages **FCI-IFH 1**, **FCI-IFH 2** and **FCI-IGP-FH**. The performance shown until termination is evaluated. If the dog quits tracking (stays in the same place without working, lifting its head etc.), the track can be terminated even if the dog is still on the track and the available time for the working the track has not yet expired.

If during the tracking work wild game appears, and the dog follows his hunting instinct, the handler may attempt to prevent the dog from following by giving the dog the command to down. On the judge's signal, the tracking work will continue with the handler giving the command to track from the end of the tracking line. If the dog fails to continue tracking the dog is to be disqualified. Rating: Disqualification for disobedience.

**Further evaluation criteria / responsibilities of the Judge (LR):**

The assessment of each leg depends on the length, the terrain and the weather conditions, and is based on the title. The judge (LR) and all accompanying persons may not be in the tracking area where the dog and handler (HF) have the right to track (10 meters radius around the handler and 10 meters distance to the next track), the dog must not be disturbed by either the track layer or the judge.

The performance judge (LR) must not only look at the dog or the dog handler, but must also take into account the terrain, the weather, possible distractions and the time. The judge (LR) must base his assessment on the totality of all influencing variables. The assessment is to be carried out taking into account the following criteria.

- Tracking (e.g., motivated behaviour of the dog with constant intensity and consistent speed before and after the corners, as well as before and after indicating the articles).
- Training level of the dog (e.g. hectic approach, stressed behaviour, avoidance behaviour)
- Handler (HF) carrying aids that are not permitted
- Difficulties in working out the tracks:
  - Tracking conditions (vegetation, sand, terrain changes, manure)
  - Wind conditions
  - Wild game
  - Weather (heat, cold, rain, snow)
  - Weather changes

The performance judge (LR) must assess the desire, the confidence, working temperament, the sureness or uncertainty of the dog in his work.

**Deductions for all examination levels**

- If the dog stops tracking by falsely indicating an article and the dog handler (HF) does not go to the dog but gives an extra command at the end of the tracking line "Such" -> -2 points. In **FCI-IFH-2 / FCI-IGP-FH - 1 point**
- If the dog stops tracking by falsely indicating an article and the dog handler (HF) does go to the dog, and gives the tracking command at the side of the dog "Such" -> -4 points. In **FCI-IFH-2 / FCI-IGP-FH - 2 points**
- Wondering, urinating or defecating, circles at the corners, continuous encouragement, line or verbal help in the track or at the articles are faulty and deducted accordingly.

**Phase B –Obedience:**

General Provisions:

Basic requirements

- Attitude
- Self Confidence
- Outgoing, Motivated work
- Concentration/Attention
- Harmony of the Team

Technical correctness

- Position
- Willingness / Execution

Before the start of the Obedience Phase (B), the Judge (LR) must check the field and the equipment to be used during the trial (Examples: Jump, Wall, Dumbbells and field markings) to ensure they meet the requirements in the **FCI-IGP** regulations.

When assessing each exercise, the dog's behaviour must be carefully observed, starting with the basic position until the end of the exercise.

**Commands:**

If a dog does not perform an exercise after the third given command, the exercise must be terminated without evaluation, 0 pts. When recalling, the name of the dog can be used instead of a recall command. The name of the dog in connection with any command is considered as a double command.

The reaction of the dog to the command:

The dog should perform the exercise quickly and without stress on the handler's command. Any behaviour of anxiety or stress depreciates the exercise.

**Additional Commands:**

If the dog does not execute an exercise after the second additional command, the exercise will be rated with 0 points. If the dog executes an exercise with two additional commands, the exercise is rated max high Insufficient.

1st Additional Command: "Satisfactory" for that part of the exercise

2nd Additional Command: "Insufficient" for that part of the exercise

Example: 5 Points for partial exercise:

1st Additional Command: "Satisfactory" rating from that portion of the exercise = -1.5 points

2nd Additional Command: "Insufficient" rating from that portion of exercise = -2.5 points

If the dog executes an exercise without a command, the partial exercise is to be rated "Insufficient"



**Distribution and Point values of the exercises in the individual levels**

| <b>Exercise</b>                | <b>FCI-IGP-1</b>                        | <b>FCI-IGP-2</b>                              | <b>FCI-IGP-3</b>                              |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Heeling                        | 15 Points                               | 15 Points                                     | 15 Points                                     |
| Sit out of motion              | 10 Points                               | 10 Points                                     | 5 Points                                      |
| Down with recall               | 10 Points, from a walk                  | 10 Points, from a walk                        | 10 Points, from a running pace                |
| Stand out of motion            |                                         | 5 Points<br>From a walk with pick up          | 10 Points<br>From a running pace with recall  |
| Retrieve on the Flat           | 15 Points                               | 10 Points                                     | 10 Points                                     |
| Retrieve over the 1 Meter Jump | 15 Points                               | 15 Points                                     | 15 Points                                     |
| Climbing over the Scaling wall | 15 Points<br>A climb without retrieving | 15 Points<br>Climbing both ways with retrieve | 15 Points<br>Climbing both ways with retrieve |
| Send Out with Down             | 10 Points                               | 10 Points                                     | 10 Points                                     |
| Down under Distraction         | 10 Points                               | 10 Points                                     | 10 Points                                     |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>100 Points</b>                       | <b>100 Points</b>                             | <b>100 Points</b>                             |



| <b>Exercise</b>                         | <b>FCI-IBGH-1</b> | <b>FCI-IBGH-2</b> | <b>FCI-IBGH-3</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Heeling on Leash                        | 30 Points         | 20 Points         |                   |
| Free heeling                            | 30 Points         | 20 Points         | 20 Points         |
| Sit out of Motion                       | 15 Points         | 15 Points         | 10 Points         |
| Down out of Motion                      | 15 Points         | 15 Points         | 10 Points         |
| Stand while walking                     |                   |                   | 10 Points         |
| Retrieve on the Flat                    |                   | 10 Points         | 15 Points         |
| Retrieve over the Scaling Wall (140 cm) |                   |                   | 15 Points         |
| Send Out with Down                      |                   | 10 Points         | 10 Points         |
| Down under Distraction                  | 10 Points         | 10 Points         | 10 Points         |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>100 Points</b> | <b>100 Points</b> | <b>100 Points</b> |

**Specialties in FCI-IBGH 1 - 3:**

In all levels in which the dog is called by the dog handler to come and in all retrieve exercises, it is not obligatory for the dog to sit in front of the dog handler. The dog can go right away in the end- basic position. Before releasing the dumbbell there must be a pause of 3 sec, before the dog handler takes the dumbbell from the dog with the verbal command „out”.

**Special Requirements in the FCI-IBGH 3**

The order of exercises 2 through 6 are decided by the performance judge (LR) from the following 5 options:

Option 1 :

Exercise 2, 4, 5, 6, 3

Option 2 :

Exercise 4, 3, 6, 2, 5

Option 3 :

Exercise 6, 4, 5, 3, 2

Option 4 :

Exercise 3, 2, 6, 5, 4

Option 5 :

Exercise 5, 6, 3, 2, 4

All participants must perform exercises 2 to 6 in the same order

**Exercises in FCI-IGP-V and FCI-IGP-ZTP**

| <b>Exercise</b>            | <b>FCI-IGP-V</b>  | <b>FCI-IGP-ZTP</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Heeling on Leash           | 30 Points         | 25 Points          |
| Free heeling               | 20 Points         |                    |
| Sit out of Motion          |                   | 15 Points          |
| Down with recall           | 15 Points         | 20 Points          |
| Retrieve on the Flat       | 15 Points         | 20 Points          |
| Jump over a hurdle (80 cm) | 10 Points         | 10 Points          |
| Down under Distraction     | 10 Points         | 10 Points          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>100 Points</b> | <b>100 Points</b>  |

**Note**

At the beginning of Phase B (Obedience) the handler's report in with his dog to the performance judge. This is done with a dog on leash, except in **FCI-IGP-2**, **FCI-IGP-3** and **FCI-IBGH-3**.

**Start and end of an exercise**

The judge gives the instruction for starting an exercise. Everything else during the exercise, such as turns, stops, pace changes etc. are executed without instruction. The specified time intervals, approx. 3 seconds, must be observed. For instance, into the final basic position, holding – outing the dumbbell, praising the dog and reset for beginning a new exercise. If the dog handler misses an exercise, the handler is asked by the judge (LR) to restart and show the missing exercise. There is no point deduction. Omission of or partial exercises result in deductions.

**Basic Position**

Each exercise begins and ends in the basic position. The basic position may be taken only once in the forward direction before each exercise. In the basic position the dog must be attentive to the dog handler and sit with shoulder blade at knee height to the left of the handler and parallel (straight alongside) of the handler. In the basic position, the dog handler must not have a splayed leg stance and both arms must be loosely hanging at the side of the body.

**Build-up**

The build-up (development) is carried out from the basic position during the exercises "Sit out of motion", "Down out of Motion", "Stand out of motion" (**FCI-IBGH 3**) "Standing while walking" and "Send out with down". It must be at least 10, but no more than 15 paces, before the command is given to perform the exercise.

**Pick Up**

During the exercises in which the dog is picked up again, the dog handler can approach the dog from the front, or from behind.

**Recall / Front / Finish**

When recalling the dog, the name of the dog can also be used instead of a recall command. The name of the dog in connection with a command is considered a double-command. The dog must be confident, fast, purposeful and direct to recall, and must sit tightly and straight in front of the handler. The dog has to go directly to the final basic position upon the command for the basic position. This can be done by the dog pivoting into basic position or by the dog going around behind the handler into basic position.

**Praise**

Praise is only allowed in the basic position after each completed exercise. If this is also the new starting position for the next exercise, a 3 second pause must be observed.

**Incorrect Positions**

In the case of all "out of Motion" exercises (sitting, downing, standing), in addition to further mistakes, the entire exercise will be depreciated by 50% in the case of a position error. (Example: Standing during the Sit out of Motion exercise)



**Releasing the Dumbbell upon command**

If the dog does not release the dumbbell after the third command, the dog is disqualified (DQ) for disobedience and does not proceed to complete any additional exercises or phases.

**Dumbbell**

For the retrieve exercises only dumbbells which are provided by the organizers of the examination are to be used.

Exception: in the IBGH 2 and IBGH 3 examinations, a dumbbell belonging to the handler may be used.

All participants must use the same dumbbells.

The following provisions must be met by the dumbbells:

- The dumbbell must be made of wood.
- The predetermined weights must be correct.
- The distance from the dumbbell bar to the ground must be at least 4 cm

|              | <b>FCI-IBGH-2</b>      | <b>FCI-IBGH-3</b>      | <b>FCI-IGP-1</b> | <b>FCI-IGP- 2</b> | <b>FCI-IGP-3</b> |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| On the Flat  | Handler's own dumbbell | Handler's own dumbbell | 650 Grams        | 1000 Grams        | 2000 Grams       |
| Hurdle       |                        |                        | 650 Grams        | 650 Grams         | 650 Grams        |
| Scaling Wall |                        | Handler's own dumbbell | No Dumbbell      | 650 Grams         | 650 Grams        |
|              | <b>FCI-IGP-V</b>       | <b>FCI-IGP-ZTP</b>     |                  |                   |                  |
| On the Flat  | Handler's own dumbbell | 650 Grams              |                  |                   |                  |

**Hurdle**

The hurdle has the following dimensions: height 100cm, width 150cm.

Practice jumps are not allowed during the examination.

**Scaling Wall**

The scaling wall consists of two climbing walls, 150 cm wide and 191 cm long, connected at the top. On the ground, these two walls are spread apart so that the vertical height is 180 cm to the peak. The entire surface of the inclined wall must be covered with a non-slip material. On both sides of the wall, 3 cleats 24/48 mm are attached in the upper half. All dogs in a test must climb the same obstacles. Practice jumps are not permitted during the examination.

In **FCI-IBGH-3**, the scaling wall is set up with the base spread further apart to create a height of 140 cm at the peak.

**Exercise descriptions:****Heeling on Leash and Free Heeling**

The dog has to follow his dog handler out of the basic position with a verbal command to Heel, the dog must walk attentively, confidently with purpose, without stress and concentrated to the handler, and always remain with his shoulder at the knee on the handler's left side and parallel (straight) along the side of the handler. The pattern of the heeling is done according to the diagram below. The dog handler (HF) must take basic position at the starting point at the same time as when the second dog handler assumes the basic position for the exercise "down under distraction". On the first straight line, two shots a (calibre 6 mm) are fired at a time interval of 5 seconds apart with the first one after at least 15 paces, to check the gun sureness of the dog.

**The gun shots are only fired in the exams FCI-IGP-V, FCI-IGP- ZTP and FCI-IGP-1 to FCI-IGP-3.**

The dog must be indifferent to the gunshots. If the dog is gun shy he will be disqualified and all the points already acquired will be removed. If the response of the dog is not clear, the judge can check the gun sureness of the dog separately with additional shot.

**(In the test stages FCI-BH/VT, FCI-IBGH-1 to FCI-IBGH-3 there are no gun shots fired).**

About-turns are to show with the handler pivoting left. The dog may run around the back of the handler on the right-hand side or remain in correct position on the left side and even with the knee of the dog handler. The running pace and the slow pace must be a distinct change of pace and clearly stand out from the normal pace. The speed change is carried out without intermediate paces.

After the second turn about, there must be shown a stop. Here the dog has to go into the „sit“ position without a verbal command.

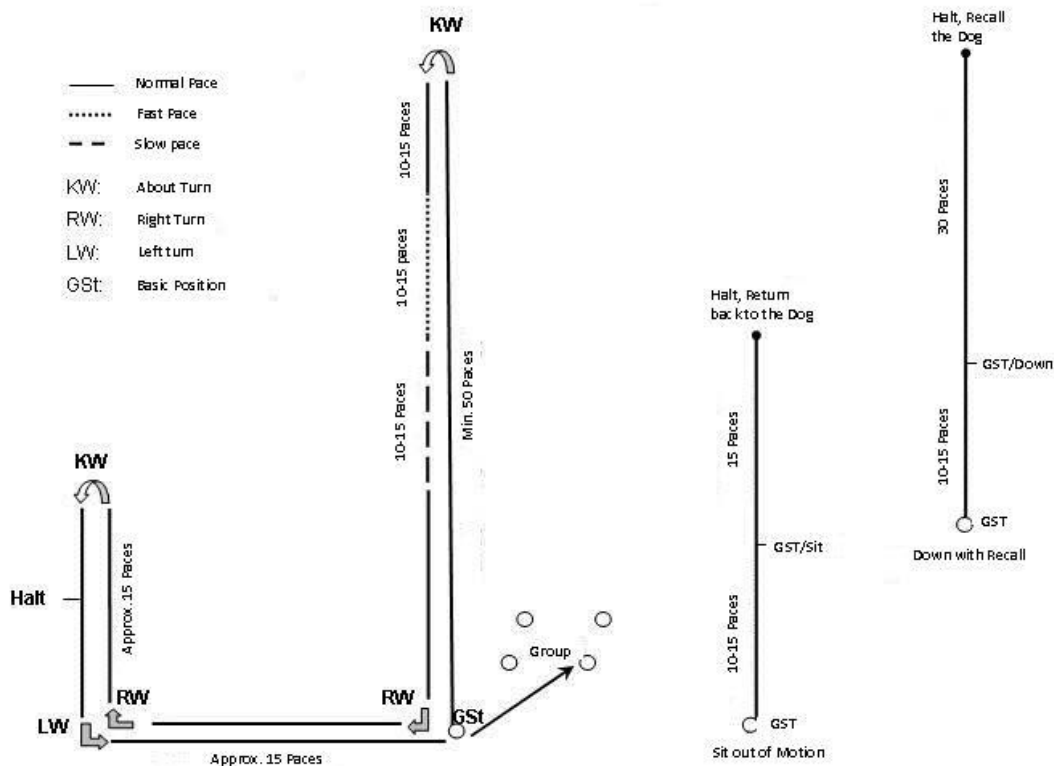
Walking through a group of people that are moving is to be shown in the on-leash heeling (FCI-IGP-V, FCI-IGP-ZTP, FCI-BH/VT, FCI-IBGH-1 and FCI-IBGH-2) and in heeling off-leash (FCI-IGP 1-3, FCI-IBGH-2 und FCI-IBGH-3). The dog handler must circle a person to the right and circle a second person to the left (e.g. in the form of an 8) and stop at least once in the group with the dog performing an automatic sit near a person. The judge (LR) is allowed to request a repeat exercise. At the order of the judge (LR), the dog handler (HF) leaves the group with his/her dog and takes the final basic position. The dog's praise is only allowed in the final basic position after leaving the group.

Free heeling is also to be shown when moving between the exercises. When picking up the dumbbells, the dog must be kept in the correct heeling position as described above.

**Special Requirements FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO) :** the on-leash is carried out according to the heeling pattern. In the free heeling, go out straight 50 paces, about turn, the dog handler will walk 10 to 15 paces into the running pace, show 10 to 15 paces of the fast pace, then go without transition paces in a slow paces and after another 10 to 15 paces again normal pace. The exercise ends with a final basic position.

**Heeling Pattern Diagram:**

Heeling Pattern for On Leash and Free heeling



**Execution**

The Handler (HF) checks in to the judge (LR) on-leash in levels [FCI-IGP-1](#), [FCI-IBGH-1](#) and [FCI-IBGH-2](#), [FCI-IGP-V](#) and [FCI-IGP-ZTP](#) and off-leash in levels [FCI-IGP-2](#) and 3, as well as [FCI-IBGH-3](#). The handler (HF) checks in with the judge (LR) with his dog sitting in basic position in front of the Judge (LR).

After checking in with the judge (LR), when told to the dog handler (HF) goes to the start position at all levels (except [FCI-BH/VT](#), [FCI-IBGH-1](#) and [FCI-IBGH-2](#)) off leash. On further judge's (LR) instructions, the dog handler (HF) begins the exercise. From a straight, quiet and attentive basic position, the dog follows the Handler's (HF) command to "heel", without stress, confident, with purpose, straight and fast. With the dogs shoulder even with the handler's knee and parallel to the handler (HF) and must sit quickly and straight when stopping without a sit command.

At the beginning of the exercise, the handler (HF) goes 50 paces straight out without stopping. After the left about turn and another 10 to 15 paces, the handler (HF) will show the fast pace and the slow pace (10 - 15 paces each) with the "heel" command at each change of pace. The transition from the running pace to the slow pace must be carried out without transition paces.

The beginning basic position is also the place of the final basic position.

In the group, the dog handler (HF) has to go around a person both to the left and the right and must halt once in the group.

The about turn can be shown in two variants. During an exam/ event it is only permitted to show one variant.

### Evaluation criteria

Forging, heeling wide, lagging, slow or hesitant sits, additional commands, handler help, errors in the initial position, inattentiveness, lack of motivation, stress and pressured behaviour of the dog, are faulty and lead to a corresponding deduction.

#### Sit out of Motion (all Examination levels):

1st part: Beginning basic position, Build-up, Execution of Sit Command 50% of points

2nd part: Leaving the dog, attention and approaching of the dog handler, final basic position. 50% of the points

After a build-up of 10 to 15 paces the dog must sit immediately upon the verbal command straight, without the dog handler (HF) changing his motion or looking back. The dog must remain calm and with attention to the dog handler (HF). In all test levels, the dog handler (HF) moves away 15 paces. On the judge's (LR) instructions, the dog handler (HF) returns to his dog.

Special provision for **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)**: after the build-up, the dog handler (HF) may stop and give the command for sitting before he walks away from the dog.

### Evaluation criteria

Slow sitting, restless and inattentive sitting is devalued in addition to other misconduct. If the dog stands or downs, the exercise is rated "Insufficient" -5 points (in **FCI-IGP-3** mandatory -2.5 points).

#### Down with Recall

1st part: Beginning basic position, Build-up, Execution of down Command 50% of points

2nd part: Leaving the dog, Attention, Recall of the dog, front position, final basic position. 50% of the points

The build-up of 10 to 15 paces is carried out in the levels **FCI-IGP-1** and **FCI-IGP-2**, **FCI-IGP-V**, **FCI-IGP-ZTP** and **FCI-IBGH 1-3** in the normal Pace. In the **FCI-IGP-3**, the handler (HF) then proceeds additionally for 10-15 paces in a run. On the verbal command for downing, the dog must immediately down, straight in the direction without the handler changing his motion or looking back. The dog handler (HF) walks or runs at least 30 paces at the **FCI-IGP-3** and turns directly to his dog. The dog must remain calm and attentive to the handler (HF) until the command. At the direction of the judge (LR), the handler (HF) recalls his dog with a recall command or the "dog's name". The dog must be fast, without stress, purposeful and come directly, sit close and straight in front of the dog handler. The dog has to go directly to the final basic position upon the command to finish.

Special provision for **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)**: After the build-up, the dog handler may stop and give the command for downing before he walks away from the dog.

### Evaluation criteria

Slow downing, restless or inattentive, slow non-purposeful recall, Handler's help, e.g. splayed leg position, lead to corresponding deductions in addition to other misconduct. If the dog is sitting or standing, the exercise is mandatorily evaluated with – 50% of the total points.

For a dog that does not come on the second extra command, the exercise is to be evaluated Insufficient 0 Points. In this case, the dog may be picked up and continue in the examination level.

#### Stand while Walking **FCI-IGP-2** and **FCI-IBGH-3**

1<sup>st</sup> part: Beginning basic position, build-up, execution of stand command 50% of points

2<sup>nd</sup> part: Leaving the dog, attention and approaching of the dog handler, final basic position. 50% of the points

After a build-up of 10 to 15 paces the dog must stand immediately upon the verbal command straight, without the dog handler (HF) changing his motion or looking back. The dog must remain calm and with attention to the dog handler (HF) while the dog handler moves away 15 paces and turns to face his/her dog. On the judge's (LR) instructions, the dog handler (HF) returns to his dog, stands on the right side and commands the dog into the basic position.

### Evaluation criteria

Not immediately standing, restless or inattentive standing, and handler help lead to corresponding deductions in addition to other mistakes. If the dog sits or downs, the exercise has a mandatory deduction of -5 points in **FCI-IBGH-3** and - 2.5 points in **FCI-IGP-2**.

**Stand out of Motion (FCI-IGP-3 only)**

1st part: Beginning basic position, Build-up, Execution of Stand Command 50% of points

2nd part: Leaving the dog, Attention, Recall of the dog, front position, final basic position. 50% of the points

After a Build-up of 10 to 15 running paces the dog must stand immediately upon the verbal command straight in the direction without the handler changing his motion or looking back. The dog handler runs at least 30 paces and turns directly to his dog. The dog must remain calm and attentive to the handler until the command. At the direction of the judge (LR), the handler (HF) recalls his dog with a recall command or the "dog's name". The dog must be fast, joyful, purposeful and coming directly, sit close and straight in front of the dog handler. The dog has to go directly to the final basic position upon the command to finish.

**Evaluation criteria**

Not stopping and standing immediately. Restless or inattentive standing, not fast and purposeful on recall, handler help, e.g. splayed leg stance, lead to a corresponding deduction in addition to other mistakes. If the dog sits or downs, the exercise will be evaluated „insufficient“ with a mandatory -5 points. For a dog that does not come on the second extra command, the exercise is to be evaluated Insufficient 0 Points. In this case, the dog may be picked up and continue in the examination Level.

**Retrieve on the flat**

From a straight basic the handler (HF) throws the dumbbell approx. 10 meters away. If the handler's outside foot moves in order for the handler (HF) to throw the dumbbell no point loss as long as it does not affect the dog. If the leg is moved during the throw a 3 second pause must be shown after returning to basic position. The verbal command "Bring" may only be given when the dumbbell has stopped moving. On the verbal command for bringing the dog has to run directly to the dumbbell, pick it up immediately, turn directly and return to his handler (HF) directly. The aim is to show motivated and determined returns. During the presentation of the dumbbell and also during the retrieving portion, the dumbbell must be held firmly and calmly until the dog handler (HF) commands the dog to release the dumbbell after about a 3 second pause in front. The dog must present the dumbbell to the handler (HF). After outing the dumbbell and approx. 3 second pause, the dog is to be commanded to the basic position. The dumbbell is to be held in the right hand with the arm straight down at handler's side. The dog handler must place the dumbbell back on the stand.

**Evaluation criteria**

The dog is slow, showing stress, unmotivated, not purposeful on the way out and/or return, faulty pick-up, dropping the dumbbell, playing with or mouthing the dumbbell, splayed leg stance by the handler, mistakes in the presentation, front and in the basic positions (for example, restless behaviour) result in deductions as well as any handler help.

**Basic Position in Front of the hurdle and scaling wall**

The distance for basic position of the dog handler (HF) in front of the jump and scaling wall must be at least 4 meters.

**Retrieve over the 1m hurdle**

The handler (HF) takes the basic position with his dog at least 4 meters in front of the hurdle. The dumbbell will be made of a straight piece of wood (weight 650 grams) over a 100 cm high hurdle. The handler (HF) is allowed to move one foot when throwing. After the leg is returned to basic position, a pause of approx. 3 seconds is required. The dog should sit freely and quietly next to his dog handler (HF). On the command for jumping, the dog has to carry out the jump, during the jump the command is given for retrieving. The dog has to go quickly and directly to the dumbbell, pick it up immediately and return over the hurdle directly. The dog has to carry out the entire exercise without stress in a motivated way and show powerful smooth jumps without touching the hurdle. During the presentation and during the retrieving process, the dumbbell must be held firmly and calm until the dog handler (HF) gives the command to release the dumbbell after a 3 second pause in the front position. The dog must present the dumbbell to the handler (HF). After outing the dumbbell and approx. 3 second pause, the dog is to be commanded to the basic position. The dumbbell is to be held in the handlers (HF) right hand with the arm straight down at handler's side. The dog handler (HF) must place the dumbbell back on the stand.

**Evaluation criteria:**

The dog is slow, stressed, unmotivated, not purposeful on the jump out and/or jump back, faulty pick-up, dropping the dumbbell, playing with or mouthing the dumbbell, splayed leg stance by the handler, mistakes in the presentation, front and in the basic positions (for example, restless behaviour) result in deductions as well as any handler help.

If the dog touches the jump, 1 point is deducted per jump, stepping on it, then 2 points are deducted per jump.

A partial score for the exercise is only possible if the three parts (going- out jump - return - Retrieve) at least one jump and the "Retrieve" portion is completed.

Dog does not jump one direction, either out or back, dumbbell retrieved flawlessly: 10 points

Dog jumps perfectly out and back but does not retrieve the dumbbell: 0 points

If the dog knocks the hurdle over at the jump, a mandatory deduction of 5 points is required.

The exercise is repeated. In the repeated exercise only the return jump, front, hold, out and final basic position are judged.

**Climbing over the scaling wall (FCI-IGP-1 only)**

The dog handler (HF) takes the basic position in front of the scaling wall. After the command to sit, he goes to the other side and stands at a distance of at least 4 m to the scaling wall. On the judge's (LR) instructions, the handler (HF) calls his dog with the commands for jumping and coming. The dog must come with powerful climbing to his dog handler and sit straight and close in front. After a 3 second pause, the handler (HF) gives the command for the dog to go into the final basic position.

**Evaluation criteria**

Mistakes in the basic position, hesitant, stress or powerless climbing, mistakes in front position, finish to basic position and handler help lead to deductions.

**Retrieve over the scaling wall**

The handler (HF) takes the basic position with his dog at least 4 meters in front of the scaling wall. The dumbbell will be made of a straight piece of wood (weight 650 grams) over a 180 cm scaling wall. The handler (HF) is allowed to move one foot when throwing. After the leg is returned to basic position, a pause of approx. 3 seconds is required. The dog should sit freely and quietly next to his dog handler (HF). On the command for jumping, the dog has to carry out the climbing, during the climbing the command is given for retrieving. The dog has to go quickly and directly to the dumbbell, pick it up immediately and return over the hurdle directly. The dog has to carry out the entire exercise in a motivated way without stress and show powerful smooth climbing. During the presentation and during the retrieving process, the dumbbell must be held firmly and calm until the dog handler gives the command to release the dumbbell after a 3 second pause in the front position. The dog must present the dumbbell to the handler. After outing the dumbbell and approx. 3 second pause, the dog is to be commanded to the basic position. The dumbbell is to be held in the right hand with the arm straight down at handler's (HF) side. The dog handler (HF) must place the dumbbell back on the stand.

**Evaluation criteria**

The dog is slow, unmotivated, stressed not purposeful on the jump out and/or jump back, faulty pick-up, dropping the dumbbell, playing with or mouthing the dumbbell, splayed leg stance by the handler, mistakes in the presentation, front and in the basic positions (for example, restless behaviour) result in deductions as well as any handler help.

A partial score for the exercise is only possible if the three parts (going- out climb - return - Retrieve) at least one jump and the "Retrieve" portion is completed. For all jumps not shown, there is a mandatory deduction of -5 points, in addition to other mistakes.

### Send out with Down

1<sup>st</sup> part: Basic Position, Build-up, execution of the send out portion. 50% of the points

2<sup>nd</sup> part: after instruction from the Judge, Downing, final basic position. 50% of the points

If the dog does not go the minimum distance or cannot be stopped with 3 commands. There will be no evaluation of the exercise.

On the single command "go out" and the raise of the arm, the dog handler (HF) sends his dog out and stands still. Then the dog has to go a minimum of at least 30 paces in the direction shown, straight forward, and in fast pace. At the direction of the judge (LR), the dog handler (HF) gives the command for the dog to down, which the dog has to down immediately. The dog handler (HF) is allowed to hold the arm up in the direction of the exercise until the dog has downed. At the direction of the judge (LR), the dog handler (HF) goes to his dog and stands right next to him. At the instruction of the judge (LR), the handler (HF) gives the command for the dog to sit. The dog must sit quickly and straight in the basic position.

### Evaluation criteria

Mistakes in the build-up, slow, unsure or without purpose going forward, slow to down, restless while down and mistakes in the pickup and final basic position all lead to deductions.

Dog stops on first command but does not down, downs immediately on second command -1.5 Points.

Dog stops on first command but does not down, downs immediately on third command -2.5 Points.

Dog stops on first command but does not down on third command. -3.5 Points.

Dog does not stop on first command, stops and downs immediately on Second command -2.5 Points.

Dog doesn't stop on 1st or 2nd command, stops and down immediately on 3rd command -3.5 Points.

Dog cannot be stopped with 3 commands. 0 Point.

Dog downs directly on the first command, but after the judge's (LR) instructions to go pick up the dog, the dog breaks, the dog can be stopped by 50% of the distance to the handler (HF) : Rating up to -5 Points.

Additional mistakes are also deducted. Errors in the build-up, slow, unsure going forward, delayed stopping, slow to down, restless down as well as mistakes in the pick-up, basic position lead to the additional deductions.

### Down under Distraction

During the performance of motion obedience exercises of the other dog, the down exercise is shown under distraction. In doing so, the dog is placed on a position assigned by the judge from the basic position with the command to down. The dog handler then has to take the position on the instructions of the judge (LR) according to the examination level:

**FCI-IGP-1, FCI-IGP-2, FCI-IGP-V, FCI-IGP-ZTP** and **FCI-IBGH 1-3**, the dog handler (HF) is at least 30 paces away in sight of the dog (but with the handler's back turned towards the dog).

**FCI-IGP-3**: Dog handler (HF) is at least 30 paces away and out of sight of the dog

The dog must lie quiet and calm without the influence of the handler while the other dog is working.

### Evaluation criteria

Mistakes in the basic settings, restless behaviour, stress, handler help, premature standing up, standing or sitting, leaving the designated area all lead to appropriate deductions. When leaving the down position by more than three meters, the following rules apply to allow a partial evaluation of -50% plus other mistakes:

**FCI-IGP-1**: Partial points are possible if the other dog has completed the third exercise.

**FCI-IGP-2**: Partial points are possible if the other dog has completed the fourth exercise.

**FCI-IGP-3**: Partial points are possible if the other dog has completed the fifth exercise.

**FCI-IBGH 1**: Partial points are possible if the other dog has completed the third exercise.

**FCI-IBGH 2**: Partial points are possible if the other dog has completed the fourth exercise.

**FCI-IBGH 3**: Partial points are possible if the other dog has completed the fifth exercise.

**FCI-IGP-V**: Partial points are possible if the other dog has completed the fourth exercise.

**FCI-IGP- ZTP**: Partial points are possible if the other dog has completed the fourth exercise.

If the dog goes to the handler when is approaching for the pick-up, up to 3 points are deducted.

**Praise**

Praising is allowed after each completed exercise in the basic position. After this, the dog handler can take a new basic position, or pause for 3 seconds.

**Mandatory Deductions**

|                                                                                                                 | <b>FCI-IGP-1</b>                         | <b>FCI-IGP- 2</b>                                                              | <b>FCI-IGP- 3</b>                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sit out of motion<br>does not sit                                                                               | - 5 Points                               | - 5 Points                                                                     | - 2.5 Points                                                                   |
| Down out of motion<br>Does not down                                                                             | - 5 Points                               | - 5 Points                                                                     | - 5 Points                                                                     |
| Retrieve on the flat<br>Dog does not bring<br>Motivate the dog, handler leaves basic to get the dog to retrieve | 0 Points<br>Insufficient                 | 0 Points<br>Insufficient                                                       | 0 Points<br>Insufficient                                                       |
| Retrieve over 1m hurdle<br>Just one direction jump<br>No jumps<br>Does not complete retrieve                    | - 5 Points<br>- 15 Points<br>- 15 Points | - 5 Points<br>- 15 Points<br>- 15 Points                                       | - 5 Points<br>-15 Points<br>-15 Points                                         |
| Climbing over scaling wall (only one direction)<br>No climb over                                                | -15 Points                               | Only climb 1 direction with retrieve<br>-5 points<br>No retrieve<br>-15 points | Only climb 1 direction with retrieve<br>-5 points<br>No retrieve<br>-15 points |
| Send out with down<br>See exercise description                                                                  |                                          |                                                                                |                                                                                |

**Phase C - Protection (FCI-IGP 1-3):**

**General Provisions**


In all protection exercises, the dog must only grip the protection sleeve provided for this purpose. Biting other unprotected body parts of the helper leads to immediate disqualification (DQ).

In countries where laws prohibit the stick test, these regulations can be implemented without it.

When stick tests are not prohibited, they are allowed only on the shoulders and in the area of the withers. In all periods of stress, the dog has to behave unimpressed, and to show a full, calm energetic and above all consistent firm grip during the entire exercise.

**Field Markings**

The field markings must be clearly visible to the dog handler, the Judge (LR) and the helper:

- Position of the dog handler for the call out from guarding in the blind
- Position for the helper to start the escape and the distance (20 paces) that the dog must be engaged by. (See sketch page 51)
- Arc marking to position the dog behind during the setup for escape. (See sketch)
-  Marking for the dog handler for the exercise "Attack on the dog out of motion".

**Blinds**

In a suitable location 6 blinds (3 blinds on each side) are staggered on each side of the field (see sketch). All 6 blinds places must be set up in all examination levels (FCI-IGP 1-3).



**Basic requirements**

Assessing the instinctive behaviour, self-confidence, ability to cope with stress, grip performance and obedience is done over the entire protection routine. The dog has to show self-confidence and power any time when searching for the helper.

**Evaluation criteria**

Restrictions on the following important evaluation criteria to be observed:

- The dog is not confident and unimpressed while responding to attacks, and has a less than a full, hard and calm grip until the release.
- The dog shows a lack of confidence during the exercise.
- The dog is not dominant, close, powerful while guarding the Helper HL.

|                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Deduction of one Category     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• slightly inattentive guarding and / or slight bothering in the guarding phase</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Deduction of two Categories   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very inattentive guarding and / or a lot of bothering in the guarding phase</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Deduction of three Categories | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the dog does not guard the Helper HL, but remains with the helper</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Insufficient                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dog leaves the helper to go to Handler during approach</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Termination                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the dog does not withstand the pressure from the Helper HL and comes off the sleeve and backs up</li> <li>• the dog leaves the Helper HL before the Judge (LR)'s instruction for the handler to approach or the dog handler gives a command for the dog to stay with the helper HL.</li> </ul> |

**Extra Commands – Deductions**

If the dog does not release after the first command, the dog handler (HF) receives the instruction from the judge (LR) for up to two additional commands to out the dog.

| Slow to Out | 1 Extra Command with Immediate Out | 1 Extra Command with Slow Out | 2 Extra Commands, Immediate Out upon second command | 2 Extra Commands, with slow Out upon second command | No Out after second extra command |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0.5 – 3.0   | 3.0                                | 3.5 – 6.0                     | 6.0                                                 | 6.5 – 9.0                                           | Disqualification                  |

**Examination Levels [FCI-IGP-1](#) to [FCI-IGP-3](#) (Exercises and Points Values)**

| Exercises                                         | FCI-IGP-1 | FCI-IGP-2 | FCI-IGP-3 |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Search for the helper                             | 5         | 5         | 10        |
| Hold and bark                                     | 15        | 15        | 15        |
| Prevention of attempted escape                    | 20        | 15        | 10        |
| Defence against an attack from the guarding phase | 30        | 20        | 15        |

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| <b>Back transport</b>                                    | -          | 5          | 5          |
| <b>Attack on the dog out of the back transport</b>       | -          | -          | 15         |
| <b>Attack on the dog out of motion</b>                   | 30         | 20         | 15         |
| <b>Defence against an attack from the guarding phase</b> | -          | 20         | 15         |
| <b>Total Score</b>                                       | <b>100</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>100</b> |

### Report in

The dog handler (HF) report in, in the basic position at the judge (LR). In the level of the **FCI-IGP-1**, **FCI-IGP-V** and **FCI-IGP-ZTP** with a dog on leash, in the level of **FCI-IGP-2** and **FCI-IGP-3**, the dog handler (HF) reports with the dog off leash. Protection starts when the dog handler (HF) for the exercise "Search for the helper" is in basic position in the direction of the judge and the hand raised to acknowledge to the judge (LR) that they are ready to begin the search.

### Search for the helper

The start must take place in the basic position facing downfield to the Judge, after acknowledging the judge (LF) a new basic is taken in the direction of the first blind.

| <b>FCI-IGP-1, 1 Blind</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>FCI-IGP-2, 4 Blinds</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>FCI-IGP- 3, 6 Blinds</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| The dog is heeled, on leash, to the starting position on the centre line even with blind 6, The handler assumes a basic position there and removes the leash. The handler raises an arm showing his willingness to start the exercise. After the judge signal the dog is sent directly to blind 6. | The dog is heeled, off leash, to the starting position on the centre line even with blind 3, The handler assumes a basic position there. The handler raises an arm showing his willingness to start the exercise. After the judge signal the dog is sent to start the search exercise. | The dog is heeled, off leash, to the starting position on the centre line even with blind 1, The handler assumes a basic position there. The handler raises an arm showing his willingness to start the exercise. After the judge signal the dog is sent to start the search exercise. |

With a verbal command and a hand signals with the right or left arm for direction, the dog is sent to search the blinds. The dog has to run fast and directly at the blinds, it must go around them closely and attentively. After going around into the blind, the handler (HF) calls the dog's name and gives a voice command to "Come" toward him, then gives a verbal command and points to the next blind for searching. The dog handler (HF) moves in the normal pace on the imaginary centre line, which he must not leave during the blind search. When the dog has reached the helper's blind, no further commands or hand signals are permitted, and the dog handler must stop as soon as the dog enters blind 6 and remain standing until he receives an instruction from the judge (LR) to approach the dog for the call out or pickup.

### Evaluation criteria

If the dog is not calm in the basic position at the beginning of the exercise, if the dog is barking or vocal during the search, if the dog receives additional commands or hand signals, if the handler (HF) leaves the imaginary centre line during search, the handler (HF) does not move at a normal pace, the dog circles the blind wide, the dog is acting independently and not on the handler's commands, If blinds are not circled or not attentively circled, the dog is difficult to control, these faults are deducted accordingly.

If the dog handler (HF) has his dog come into the basic position during the blind search (the dog stops the search and comes to basic position), the exercise is evaluated with zero points. The protection can be continued, if the dog can be sent on again, if he comes back to the basic position a second time, protection must be terminated.

If the dog does not find the helper on the first command, the handler (HF) has two more commands to try to get his dog into blind 6. If the dog does not find the helper on the 3<sup>rd</sup> command then protection is terminated.

### Hold and Bark (10 points for Hold and 5 points for Barking)

The handler (HF) waits for instructions from the judge for retrieving the dog. The dog must confront the helper confident, actively, dominant, attentively and bark continuously. The barking duration is approx. 20 seconds before the judge (LR) signals for the handler (HF) to approach. The exercise ends as follows:

| <b>FCI-IGP-1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>FCI-IGP-2</b>                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>FCI-IGP-3</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p>The judge instructs the handler when to go to the marked position 5 paces away from the helper. On the judge's instructions, the handler calls his dog into the basic position or, alternatively, moves up to his dog, takes him to the basic position with a command to sit, then puts the leash on and heels to the marked position and takes the basic position. The dog may also be kept off leash when heeling to the marked position.</p> | <p>The judge instructs the handler when to go to the marked position 5 paces away from the helper. On the judge's instructions, the handler calls his dog into the basic position</p> | <p>The judge instructs the handler when to go to the marked position 5 paces away from the helper. On the judge's instructions, the handler calls his dog into the basic position</p> |

**Evaluation criteria**

Weakness or Limitations in dominance, continuous barking and confidence while holding the helper until the command to call out is given, are evaluated accordingly. During the exercise, the dog must not be distracted by the judge (LR) or by the dog handler (HF).

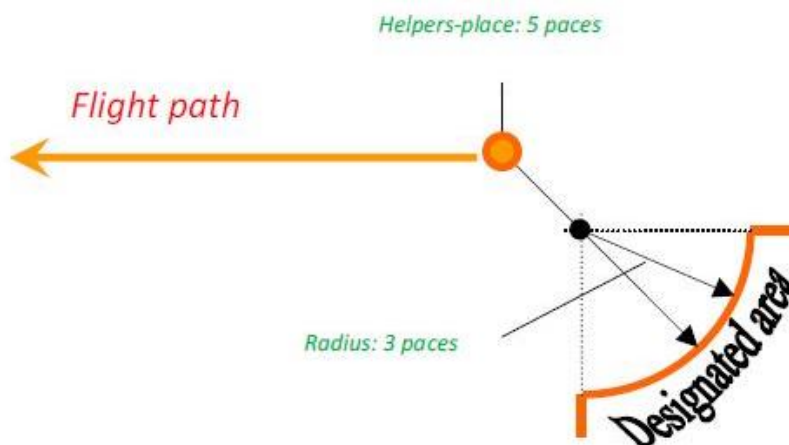
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| <p>Weak, inconsistent, not dominate, non-energetic unfocused barking<br/>Dog does not bark, but actively guards the helper</p>                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Satisfactory to insufficient<br/>Insufficient</p>                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Bothering the helper by pushing, Bumping, etc.<br/>The dog bites the sleeve and only releases after approach and a command</p>                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Rated accordingly as low as Insufficient<br/>Insufficient – 14 Points</p>                                                                                                |
| <p>If the dog leaves the helper before the dog handler leaves the centre line after the judge's instructions.<br/><br/>If the dog does not go back into the blind or leaves the helper again</p>                                                                                      | <p>The dog can be sent in again one time. If the dog remains with the helper, phase C can be continued. Low Insufficient rating for hold and bark.<br/><br/>Termination</p> |
| <p>If the dog leaves the helper during the handler's approach,<br/><br/>or if the dog comes out from the helper before the command</p>                                                                                                                                                | <p>Rated as Insufficient<br/><br/>Rated as Insufficient</p>                                                                                                                 |
| <p>If the dog is biting the sleeve in the blind and does not release on his own, the dog handler is instructed to go to the callout position. The handler is allowed to call the dog with a command to „out“ and a “here, heel“ command, which must be said in a one word manner.</p> | <p>If the dog comes out to basic position- Insufficient -14<br/>If the dog does not release or come to basic with one command - Disqualification</p>                        |

### Prevention of an attempted escape of the helper

Commands for the Escape and Out

On the judge's (LR) instructions, the handler (HF) asks the helper to step out of the Blind. The helper goes at a normal pace to the starting point for the escape.

The handler (HF) heels his dog to the marked position for escape



#### FCI-IGP-1

The dog is either heeled on leash or off leash to the designated starting position for the escape. In doing so, the dog must be under control, attentive and concentrated, as well as in the correct position at the knee of the handler (HF). In the basic position, if the exercise is shown on leash, the leash is removed and then the dog is given the command to down. At the command the dog must lie down directly and quickly and must be calm, sure and attentive to the helper in the position. The distance between helper and the dog is 5 paces. The handler returns to the blind and remains there with a view on the dog and the judge. The judge (LR) signals the helper to escape.

#### FCI-IGP-2 and FCI-IGP-3

The dog will be heeled to the designated starting position for escape and has to take a basic position there. In doing so, the dog must be under control, attentive and concentrated, as well as in the correct position at the knee of the handler. At the command the dog must lie down directly and quickly and must be calm, sure and attentive to the helper in the position. The distance between helper and dog is 5 paces. The handler goes back to the Blind and remains there with visual contact to the dog and judge. The judge (LR) signals the helper to escape.

#### Attempted Escape (FCI-IGP-1 – FCI-IGP-3)

After the judge's instructions, the helper attempts to escape. At the same time the handler gives a command for the dog to prevent the escape. The dog must without hesitation try to prevent the attempted escape with high determination, attempting to slow or control the helper with an explosive and powerful attack. From the lockup of the helper to the out, the transitional phase is about 1 sec. After a transitional phase, the dog must out (let go). The handler (HF) may give a command to out within an appropriate time (about 3 seconds). The following guarding phase before the defence is approximately 5 seconds.

#### Evaluation criteria (FCI-IGP-1 – FCI-IGP-3)

The dog does not react with a firm, fast, energetic and powerful grip and engagement and/or effective prevention of the escape. The dog does not remain quiet, calm and/or full on the grip until the release, not attentive, not dominant or bumping during guarding of the helper are deducted accordingly.

If no command to go (release) is given, the exercise is rated one category lower.

If the dog remains in the escape setup position, or if the helper is not caught (engaged) within 20 paces, protection is terminated.

**Defence of an attack from the guarding phase (FCI-IGP-1 – FCI-IGP-3)**

Commands: 1 Command for outing and 1 command for the basic position

After a guarding phase of approx. 5 seconds, the helper attacks the dog. The dog must defend itself without the influence of the handler by explosive and powerful strike with a firm and calm grip. The dog is to be pressured in the drive with stick threats by the helper. Particular attention must be paid to the dog's self-assurance, power, and a full, calm grip. Two stick hits are to be applied during the drive. At the order of the judge (LR), the helper stops the drive and pressure. After the helper has locked up, the transition phase must be displayed for approximately 1 sec after the helper has stopped. After the transition phase, the dog must release (out). The handler (HF) can give a command for the out in an appropriate time (1-3 seconds) on their own, additional commands to out will be directed by the judge. During and after the release (out) the helper has to stand still. After out the dog must guard the helper with powerful, attentive, showing confidence with high dominance.

**End of the exercise****FCI-IGP-1**

The handler (HF) follows the judge's (-LR) instructions to approach the dog, he does so directly in a normal gait, the handler (HF) stands next to his dog and returns him to the basic position with a command of Sit. The padded stick is not taken from the helper. The handler (HF) then heels the dog on leash down field to set up for the long attack. The dog may also be heeled down field off leash.

**FCI-IGP-2 and FCI-IGP-3**

The handler (HF) follows the judge's (LR) instructions to approach the dog, he does so directly in a normal gait, the handler (HF) stands next to his dog and returns him to the basic position with a command of Sit. The padded stick is not taken from the helper.

**Evaluation criteria (FCI-IGP-1 – FCI-IGP-3)**

The dog does not react with a firm, fast, energetic and powerful engagement and/or effective prevention of the attack. The dog is not quiet, calm and/or full on the grip until the release, the dog is not attentive, dominant or bumping during guarding of the helper are deducted accordingly.

**Back Transport FCI-IGP-2**

Commands: Heel or Transport

The exercise begins with the end of the exercise "defence against an attack from the guarding phase". The transport is carried out over a distance of 30 paces. A corner is not mandatory. The judge (LR) determines the course of the transport. The handler (HF) asks the helper to step back and move out and follows him with his dog, which is intensively attentive to the helper, at a distance of about 8 paces. This distance must be maintained during the entire back transport. The helper stops and stands still on the order of the judge (LR). The handler (HF) goes to the helper with his dog who is attentive to the helper, stands beside the helper and takes the padded stick. The dog must sit in the basic position. Thereafter, a side transport to the judge (LR) is shown over a distance of about 20 paces. A command for the transport is allowed. The dog has to go between the helper and the handler. The dog must be attentive to the helper. However, he is not allowed to press, bump or grip the helper. At the end of the transport, the handler (HF) takes a basic position with his dog in front of the judge (LR), hands over the padded stick to the judge (FCI-LR) and announces the first part of protection is complete.

**Back transport FCI-IGP-3**

Commands for the Transport

The exercise begins with the end of the exercise "defence against an attack from the guarding phase". The transport is carried out over a distance of 30 paces. A corner is not mandatory. The judge (LR) determines the course of the transport. The handler (HF) asks the helper to step back and move out and follows him with his dog, which is intensively attentive to the helper, at a distance of about 8 paces. This distance must be maintained during the entire back transport.

**Back transport - Evaluation criteria**

If the dog shows pressure or stressed behaviour, if the dog is not attentive to the helper, if dog is not in correct position with the handler (HF) or incorrect paces from helper. The exercise will be deducted accordingly.

**Attack on the dog from the back transport. FCI-IGP-3 only**

Commands: 1 Command for outing and 1 command for the basic position

During the back transport and without stopping, at the direction of the judge, the helper attacks the dog without the intervention of the handler and without hesitation, the dog must engage the helper with a confident, powerful attack with a full firm and calm grip. After the grip the dog is to be pressured by being driven and threatened by the helper. Particular attention must be paid to the dog's self-assurance, power, and a full, calm grip. At the order of the judge, the helper stops the drive and pressure. After the helper has locked up, the transition phase must be displayed for approximately 1 sec after the helper has stopped. After the transition phase the dog must release. The handler can give a command for outing in an appropriate time independently. During and after the release the helper has to stand still. After outing the dog must guard the helper powerfully, attentively, confidently and with high dominance. On the judge's (LR) instructions the handler (HF) goes to the helper with his dog who is attentive to the helper, stands beside the helper and takes the padded stick. The dog must sit in the basic position. Thereafter, a side transport to the judge is shown over a distance of about 20 paces. A command for the transport is allowed. The dog has to go between the helper and the handler. The dog must be attentive to the helper. However, he is not allowed to press, bump or grip the helper. At the end of the transport, the handler (HF) takes a basic position with his dog in front of the judge (LR), hands over the padded stick to the judge (LR) and announces the first part of protection is complete.

**Evaluation criteria (FCI-IGP-3 only)**

The dog does not react with a firm, fast, energetic and powerful engagement and/or effective prevention of the attack. Not quiet, calm and/or full on the grip until the release, not attentive, dominant or bumping during guarding of the helper are deducted accordingly.

**Attack on the dog out of motion**

Commands: out, Sit and Transport.

The helper yells and threatens the dog in all levels. The first yells are given when the helper HL turns up field to run towards the dog.

**FCI-IGP-1**

The helper will stop where the previous exercise has ended. After the "defence against an attack from the guarding phase", the dog handler (HF) takes his dog, on leash or off leash, about 30 meters away from the helper. The dog must be in the correct position on the knee of the dog handler (HF). After reaching the position for the set-up, the handler stops and turns around. The dog is brought into the basic position with the command to sit. The dog, sitting calmly and attentively to the helper, can be held on the collar. He must not be stimulated by the dog handler (HF). At the order of the judge (LR), the helper attacks the dog frontally with yelling and making strong threatening motions. On the judge's LR) instructions, the handler immediately releases his dog with the command to go. The dog must without hesitation engage of the helper with high dominance and determination. After the grip the dog is to be pressured by driving and threats with the padded stick by the helper. Particular attention must be paid to the dog's self-assurance, power, and a full, calm grip. The handler (HF) is not allowed to leave his place. At the order of the judge (LR), the helper stops the drive and pressure and places the back of the dog towards the handler (HF). After the helper has locked up, the transition phase must be displayed for approximately 1 sec after the helper has stopped. After the transition phase the dog must release. The handler (HF) can give a command to out in an appropriate time (1 – 3 seconds) independently additional commands to out will be directed by the judge.

During and after the release the helper has to stand still. After outing the dog must guard the helper with powerful, attentive, confidence with high dominance. On the judge's instructions (FCI-LR), the handler (HF) goes to his dog, returns him into the basic position with to sit and puts the leash him on. The padded stick is removed from the helper. The handler (HF) may disarm the helper any way he/she wants as long as the dog and handler remain together during the disarm. Then a new basic position is taken next to the helper and a side transport, either with the dog on leash or off leash, to the judge (FCI-LR) over a distance of about 20 paces. A command for heeling or transport is allowed. The dog has to remain between helper and the handler. The dog must be attentive to the helper during transport. However, he is not allowed to press, jump or grip the helper. If the dog leaves the position between the helper and the handler the transport must stop and the handler (HF) has 3 commands to get the dog back to position between the handler and helper so the transport may continue. At the end of the transport, the handler takes a basic position in front of the judge, hands the padded stick to the judge (LR) and reports that protection is complete. The handler (HF) goes with his dog on leash, at the direction of the judge (LR), under control to the position for the critique.

### **FCI-IGP-2**

The helper will stop where the previous exercise has ended. After the side transport at the end of the exercise "Back Transport ", the dog handler takes his dog, off leash, about 40 meters away from the helper. The dog must be in the correct position on the knee of the dog handler. After reaching the position for the set-up, the handler stops and turns around. The dog is brought into the basic position with the command to sit. The dog, sitting calmly and attentively to the helper, can be held on the collar. He must not be stimulated by the dog handler. At the order of the judge, the helper attacks the dog frontally with yelling and making strong threatening motions. On the judge's (LR) instructions, the handler (HF) immediately releases his dog with the command to go. The dog must without hesitation engage of the helper with high dominance and determination. After the grip the dog is to be pressured by driving and threats with the padded stick by the helper. Particular attention must be paid to the dog's self-assurance, power, and a full, calm grip. The handler (HF) is not allowed to leave his place. At the order of the judge (FCI-LR), the helper stops the drive and pressure and places the back of the dog towards the handler (HF). After the helper has locked up, the transition phase must be displayed for approximately 1 sec after the helper has stopped. After the transition phase the dog must release. The handler (HF) can give a command for outing in an appropriate time (1-3 seconds) independently additional commands to out will be directed by the judge. During and after the release the helper has to stand still. After outing the dog must guard the helper with powerful, attentive, confidence with high dominance for approximately 5 seconds.

### **FCI-IGP-3**

The handler (HF), after the side transport at the end of the exercise "Attack on the dog from the back transport" he takes his free heeling dog to the marked place on the centre line even with the first Blind. The heeling has to show attention to the handler, stress-free and intensity from the dog. The dog is straight, right at the knee of the handler. After reaching the position for Long Attack the handler (HF) stops and turns around. With the command sit, the dog is brought into the basic position. The straight, quiet and attentive to the helper sitting dog can be held by the collar but may not be stimulated by the handler. At the order of the judge (LR) the helper with a padded stick comes out of a blind and runs to the centre line. After reaching the centre line the helper turns up field and runs towards the handler (HF) and attacks, without interrupting his running pace, while yelling and making strong threatening motions. As soon as the helper is about 50 meters from the handler, on the judge's (LR) instructions, the handler (HF) immediately releases his dog with the command to go. The dog must without hesitation engage the helper with high dominance and determination. After the grip the dog is to be pressured by driving and threats with the padded stick by the helper. Particular attention must be paid to the dog's self-assurance, power, and a full, calm grip. The handler (HF) is not allowed to leave his place. At the order of the judge (LR), the helper stops the drive and pressure and places the back of the dog towards the handler (HF). After the helper has locked up, the transition phase must be displayed for approximately 1 sec after the helper has stopped. After the transition phase the dog must release. The handler can give a command for outing in an appropriate time independently (1-3 seconds) additional out commands will be directed by the judge. During and after the release the helper has to stand still. After outing the dog must guard the helper with powerful, attentive, confidence with high dominance for approximately 5 seconds.

**Evaluation criteria (FCI-IGP-1 - FCI-IGP-3):**

The dog is not reacting with a firm, fast, energetic and powerful engagement and/or effective prevention of the attack. Not quiet, calm and/or full grip until the release, not attentive, dominant guarding of the helper are deducted accordingly.

**Defence of an attack from the guarding phase, with completion of phase C FCI-IGP-2 and FCI-IGP-3**

Commands: Out, Sit and Transport

After the exercise "defence against an attack out of motion", the helper on the judge's (LR) instruction undertakes an attack on the dog. The dog must defend itself without the influence of the handler (HF) by explosive and powerful strike. The dog is to be pressured in the drive with stick threats by the helper. Particular attention must be paid to the dog's self-assurance, power, and a full, calm grip. Two stick hits are to be applied during the drive (**FCI-IGP-3 only**). At the order of the judge (LR), the helper stops the drive and pressure. After the helper has locked up, the transition phase must be displayed for approximately 1 sec after the helper has stopped. After the transition phase, the dog must release. The handler can give a command for outing in an appropriate time (1-3 seconds) independently additional out commands will be directed by the judge. During and after the release the helper has to stand still. After outing the dog must guard the helper with powerful, attentive, confidence with high dominance. On the judge's (LR) instructions, the handler (HF) goes to his dog, returns him into the basic position with the command to sit. The padded stick is removed from the helper. The handler (HF) may disarm the helper any way he/she wants as long as the dog and handler remain together during the disarm. Then a new basic position is taken by the handler (HF) and dog next to the helper and a side transport, with the dog off leash, to the judge over a distance of about 20 paces. A command for heeling or transport is allowed. The dog has to stay between helper and the handler. The dog must be attentive to the helper during transport. However, he is not allowed to press, jump or grip the helper. At the end of the transport, the handler takes a basic position in front of the judge, hands the padded stick to the judge and reports that protection is complete. The handler must free heel 5 paces away from the judge before taking a basic position and putting the leash on. The handler goes with his dog on leash, at the direction of the judge, under control to the position for the critique.

**Evaluation criteria**

The dog is not reacting with a firm, fast, energetic and powerful engagement and/or effective prevention of the attack. Not quiet, calm and/or full on the grip until the release, not attentive, dominant or bumping during guarding of the helper are deducted accordingly.

**Additional examinations:****FCI-IGP-ZTP**

The exercises in Phases A and B are based on the general regulations.

Phase C shall be carried out as follows:

|                                                   |       |        |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Exercise 1 : Hold and Bark                        | 15    | Points |
| Exercise 2 : Advance and attack on the Handler HF | 10/30 | Points |
| Exercise 3 : Attack on the handler and his dog    | 40    | Points |
| Exercise 4 : Transport to the Judge (LR)          | 5     | Points |
| Total:                                            | 100   | Points |

**General information**

Only stick hits on shoulders and the area of the withers are allowed. The dog may only grip the protective sleeve on the Helper HL.



**Execution****Hold and Bark** - 15 Points - Command e.g. „search“ or „forward“

The helper is located about 20 paces away from the handler and his dog, not visible to the dog, in a blind. At the direction of the judge, the handler unleashes his dog and sends him with a command to search and / or raise the arm and point to the blind.

The dog must actively, attentively, and persistently bark at the helper. The dog is not allowed to touch or grip the helper. The handler immediately goes to the dog at the direction of the judge (LR) and holds him on the collar. After the helper leaves the blind, the dog is leashed and taken into the blind in the basic position.

**Heeling and attack on the Handler HF** - Heeling 10 points - attack 30 points - Commands "heel" or "transport", "move" or "forward", "out", "sit"

At the direction of the judge (LR) the handler goes to the marked position 30 paces before the blind and removes the dog's leash. The leash is to be put away. At the direction of the judge (LR) the handler heels with his dog off leash in the direction of the blind. The dog must heel. At the direction of the judge (LR) the helper makes an attack with verbal threats on the handler and dog, when the handler and the dog are 10 paces before the blind. The dog must immediately, confidently and with energy attack with a full calm confident powerful grip. When the dog is on the sleeve, he receives 2 stick hits from the helper with a padded stick.

During the command for outing, the handler must stand still, without affecting the dog. At the direction of the judge (LR) the handler goes directly to the dog in normal gait and returns him to the basic position with the command to sit.

The dog is held on the collar but cannot be stimulated by the dog handler. At the direction of the judge (LR) the helper goes away in a normal pace from the handler and dog. After about 40 paces, the helper turns to the handler and attacks the handler and his dog frontally with yelling and violent threatening movements. On the instructions of the judge (LR), the handler HF will release his dog at a distance of about 30 paces with the command to "go". The dog has to defend the attack without hesitation by energetic and powerful attack. He may only attack the helper's protective sleeve. The dog handler is not allowed to leave his place. At the direction of the judge (LR) the helper stops. After the helper stops, the dog must immediately release. The dog handler can give a command to "release" in an appropriate time independently.

During the verbal command to "out" the handler must stand still without influencing the dog. After the release, the dog must remain close to the helper and guard intensely and powerful. At the direction of the judge (LR) the handler directly to his dog in a normal pace and returns him to the basic position with the command to sit. The handler puts the leash on his dog.

**Transport to the Judge (LR)** - 5 Points - Commands HZ „Heel“ or „Transport“

Then follows a side transport of the helper to the judge over a distance of about 10 paces. A command HZ "heel" or "transport" is allowed. The dog has to go to the right side of the helper so that the dog is between the helper and the dog handler. The dog must be attentive to the helper during transport. However, he is not allowed to press, jump or grip the helper. At the end of the transport, the handler takes a basic position in front of the judge, and reports that protection is complete.

**FCI-IGP-V**

The FCI-IGP-V (Pre-FCI-IGP-1 test) has been developed by the Utility Dogs Commission for FCI. This test can be used:

1. as prerequisite for admission in the working class.
2. as a prerequisite for admission to FCI-IGP-1, each FCI-NCO can decide for itself whether to require this test in its country.

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|---------|-----|--------|
| Phase A | 100 | Points |
| Phase B | 100 | Points |
| Phase C | 100 | Points |
| Total:  | 300 | Points |

**Prerequisite**

On the day of the examination, the dog must have reached the minimum required age. No exceptions may be made. Prerequisite for the entering is a successful **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)**.

**Conditions**

The exercises in Phases A and B are based on the general regulations.

Phase C shall be carried out as follows:

|                                                   |     |        |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Exercise 1 : Hold and bark                        | 15  | Points |
| Exercise 2 : Prevention of attempted escape       | 30  | Points |
| Exercise 3 : Attack on the handler HF and his dog | 50  | Points |
| Exercise 4 : Transport to the judge (LR)          | 5   | Points |
| Total                                             | 100 | Points |

**General provisions**

There is no TSB evaluation. The helper uses a padded stick to threaten the dog, but without striking.

**Hold and Bark - 15 points – Commands "search"**

The helper is located about 20 steps away from the handler and his dog, not visible to the dog, in a blind. At the direction of the judge (LR), the handler unleashes his dog and sends him with a command to search and / or raise the arm and point to the blind. The dog must actively, attentively, and persistently bark at the helper. The dog is not allowed to touch or grip the helper. The handler immediately goes to the dog at the direction of the judge (LR) and holds him on the collar.

**Prevention of Attempted Escape - 30 Points –Command "out"**

While the handler is holding his dog by the collar, the helper steps out of the blind and makes an escape attempt. On the order of the judge (LR) , the dog handler releases his dog. The dog must without hesitation try to prevent the attempted escape with high determination, and by a explosive and powerful attack. From the lockup of the helper to the out, the transitional phase is about 1 sec. After a transitional phase, the dog must let go. The handler may give a command to out within an appropriate time.

During the command for the "out" the handler must stand still without influencing the dog. After the release, the dog must remain close to the helper and guard this carefully. At the judge (LR) 's direction the handler goes directly to his dog and holds him by the collar.

**Attack on the Handler and his dog - 50 Points – Commands: "Heel", "Out", "Sit", "Heel or Transport"**

The dog is held on the collar but cannot be stimulated by the dog handler. At the direction of the judge (LR) the helper goes away in a normal pace from the handler and dog. After about 20 paces, the helper turns to the handler and attacks the handler and his dog frontally with yelling and violent threatening movements. The handler HF will release his dog with the command to "go". The dog has to defend the attack without hesitation by energetic and powerful attack. He may only attack the helper's protective sleeve. The dog handler is not allowed to leave his place. At the direction of the judge (LR) the helper stops. After the helper stops, the dog must immediately release. The dog handler can give a command to "release" in an appropriate time independently.

During the command to "out" the handler must stand still without influencing the dog. After the release, the dog must remain close to the helper and guard him attentively. On the judge's direction, the handler goes directly at a normal pace, to his dog and takes him into the basic position with command to sit.

**Transport to the judge (LR) - 5 Points - commands as "Heel" or "Transport"**

Then follows a side transport of the helper to the judge over a distance of about 10 paces. A command HZ "heel" or "transport" is allowed. The dog has to go to the right side of the helper so that the dog is between the helper and the dog handler. The dog must be attentive to the helper during transport. However, he is not allowed to press, jump or grip the helper. At the end of the transport, the handler takes a basic position in front of the judge, and reports that protection is complete.

**FCI-Tracking 1 – 3 (FCI-FPr 1 – 3)**

The tracking examinations in levels 1 to 3 consist only of the "A" phase of the examination levels of FCI-IGP-1 to 3. It is up to the handler to decide at which stage his dog is presented.

A training title in the sense of the show requirements, the breeding regulations and the "Breed survey" will not be awarded.

| Maximum Points | Excellent | Very Good | Good    | Satisfactory | Insufficient |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>100</b>     | 100 – 96  | 95 – 90   | 89 – 80 | 79 – 70      | 69 - 0       |

The tracking examinations do not need to be performed in the order 1 to 3.

**FCI-Obedience 1 – 3 (FCI-UPr 1 – 3)**

The Obedience examinations in levels 1 to 3 consist only of the "B" phase of the examination levels of FCI-IGP-1 to 3. It is up to the handler to decide at which stage his dog is presented.

A training title in the sense of the show requirements, the breeding regulations and the "Breed survey" will not be awarded.

| Maximum Points | Excellent | Very Good | Good    | Satisfactory | Insufficient |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>100</b>     | 100 – 96  | 95 – 90   | 89 – 80 | 79 – 70      | 69 - 0       |

The obedience examinations do not need to be performed in the order 1 to 3.

**FCI-Protection 1 – 3 (FCI-SPr 1 – 3)**

The Protection examinations in levels 1 to 3 consist only of the "C" Phase of the examination levels of FCI-IGP-1 to 3. It is up to the handler to decide at which stage his dog is presented.

A training title in the sense of the show requirements, the breeding regulations and the "Breed survey" will not be awarded.

Note: Protection trials only (only Phase C) are **not** permitted.

| Maximum Points | Excellent | Very Good | Good    | Satisfactory | Insufficient |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>100</b>     | 100 – 96  | 95 – 90   | 89 – 80 | 79 – 70      | 69 - 0       |

The protection examinations do not need to be performed in the order 1 to 3.

**FCI-Working dog test 1 to 3 (FCI-GPr 1-3)**

Maximum Points 200

The FCI-GPr 1 - 3 examinations only consist of Phases B and C of the examination levels of FCI-IGP 1 - 3. Track work is not performed during these examinations. It is up to the handler to decide at which stage his dog is presented.

A training title in the sense of the show requirements, the breeding regulations and the "Breed survey" will not be awarded.

| Maximum Points | Excellent | Very Good | Good      | Satisfactory | Insufficient |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>200</b>     | 200 – 192 | 191 – 180 | 179 – 160 | 159 – 140    | 139 - 0      |

## FCI-Article Indication Trial 1 – 3 (FCI-StPr 1 – 3)

### 1. Test levels for the Article Indication Test

The requirements are set at different levels and reflect the individual testing levels.

| Level    | Indication Area | Articles                                                                                                       | Points            | Execution Time |
|----------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>1</b> | 20 x 30 m       | 2 Handler Articles<br>Size: 10 x 3 x 1 cm<br>Material = same type permitted<br>1 article left, 1 article right | 10 / 10           | 10 minutes     |
| <b>2</b> | 20 x 40 m       | 4 stranger's Articles<br>Size: 10 x 3 x 1 cm<br>Material = different<br>2 articles left, 2 articles right      | 5 / 5 / 5/ 5      | 12 minutes     |
| <b>3</b> | 30 x 50 m       | 5 stranger's Articles<br>Size: 5 x 3 x 1 cm<br>Material: Different<br>Placed at discretion                     | 4 / 4 / 4 / 4 / 4 | 15 minutes     |

### 2. General Requirements

In order to take this examination, the dog must be a minimum of 15 months old and has passed the **FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO)** test.

The handler reports in with his name and his dog's name in a sportsmanlike manner and advises the judge (LR) which level of test he is undertaking. Thereafter, he goes with his dog on leash to the designated start position and assumes the basic position.

The dog is taken off leash for the indication work. The handler must keep the leash with him. Any force or punishment is to be avoided.

Slightly going out of the boundaries is not faulty. Spectators are to be a reasonable distance away from the indication field.

### 3. Type of area for the Indication Work:

Terrain: all natural ground (grass, ploughed field, wooded area). Tree stumps are also permitted. (avoid any opportunity for visual indication, so avoid short grass or other similar areas.)

Prior to laying out the articles, the indication area should be crossed by people several times, so that no one track is indicated.

Markings may be placed around the indication area.

### 4. Articles:

Material: Wood, leather, artificial leather, textile

Placed articles may not differentiate themselves in colour to the terrain and should not be visible.

Handler and dog must remain out of sight while the articles are placed.

There is no waiting time to begin. The dog may begin to search immediately after the articles are placed.

### 5. Deploying the dog to locate

The imaginary centre line and the bordering sides of the indication area will be made known to the handler by the judge (LR).

At the beginning a short preparation of the dog to start working at the imaginary centre line of the indication area is permitted.

The handler moves within the imaginary centre line. He may only leave this to retrieve the article. Thereafter the dog is restarted from the centre line to locate the remaining article(s). Both verbal and visual commands are permitted. The command "lost" may be supported with the "search" command.

Locating the article(s) with a "high Nose" is not faulty. The indication area may be repeatedly searched.

**6. Behaviour at the articles:**

Articles must be convincingly indicated and may not be touched by the dog. The articles may be indicated by sitting, standing or lying down or in varying styles. A command to indicate is not permitted and leads to the article being evaluated as “not found”.

No commands are permitted to get the dog to indicate the articles. If the dog has indicated an article, the handler goes to his dog and shows the judge (LR) the article by raising it up, then he returns to the centre line and restarts his dog to continue the article indication work.

The lying down position for the articles is not stipulated. The located article must however be in the immediate area of the dog’s front paws.

The handler always approaches his dog from the side and may not stand in front of the dog. Praising the dog after the article is shown is permitted.

After the dog has located the last article, he is placed on leash. Thereafter, the handler shows the article and reports out to the judge.

**7. Rating**

The maximum number of points for **FCI-StPr 1 – 3** is 100 points. A minimum of 70 points must be achieved.

**The evaluation criteria for all 3 levels**

- a) the dog's tenacity is 20 points  
(Following the instructions/ hand signals of the handler)
- b) the dog’s intensity of work is 20 points  
(determination and work ethic)
- c) Stamina 10 points  
(Never stopping the detection drive until the article is found)
- d) Behaviour of the dog handler 9 points  
(Affecting the dog)
- e) Finding the articles 41 points  
(Convincing, confident, steady indication)

| Maximum Points | Excellent | Very Good | Good    | Satisfactory | Insufficient |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>100</b>     | 100 – 96  | 95 – 90   | 89 – 80 | 79 – 70      | 69 - 0       |

**8. General Regulations**

The exercise starts with the basic position at the edge of the search field and ends with the dog/handler team checking out to the judge (LR). The articles found by the dog are to be shown.

**Positive criteria**

Consistent, quiet and fluent working, quick release from the dog handler, immediate response to verbal commands, persistent and purposeful working of the dog, wide side impacts of the dog.

**Faulty is:**

Picking up an article by the dog. Objects which are displayed with strong handler help are considered not found.

Touching the article 1 - 3 points deduction

Premature breaking indication position, 1 - 3 points deduction

Handler leaves the imaginary centre line 2 - 5 points deduction

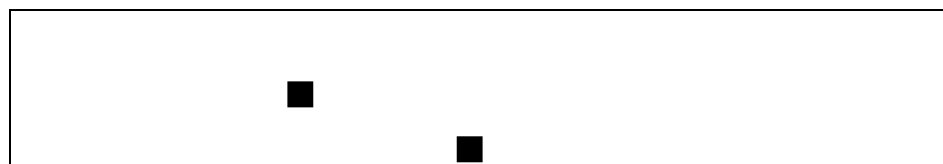
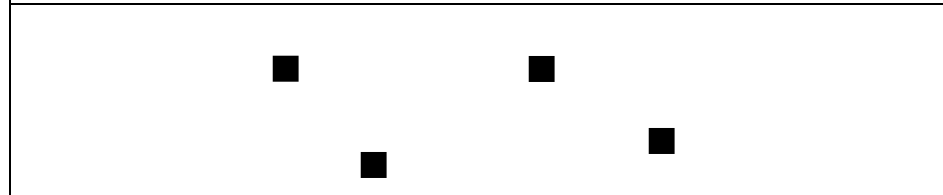
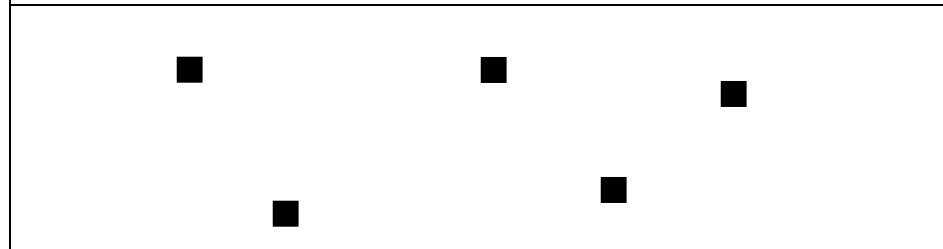
Mice catching, urinating or defecating, etc. 4 - 8 points deduction

Wondering, work lacks intensity, focus or determination 4 - 8 points deduction

The work must be terminated after exceeding the predetermined running time. The points reached to that time are evaluated.

**Other negative evaluation criteria are:**

Restless behaviour when searching, barking, handler help, extensive overshooting of the search area boundaries by the dog.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
|  | <p><b>FCI-StPr 1</b><br/><b>Field size 20 x 30 m</b></p> |
|  | <p><b>FCI-StPr 2</b><br/><b>Field size 20 x 40 m</b></p> |
|  | <p><b>FCI-StPr 3</b><br/><b>Field size 30 x 50 m</b></p> |

**FCI-ENDURANCE TEST (FCI-IAD)**

**A. General information**

**Purpose**

The endurance test is intended to provide proof that the dog is capable of a physical effort, without considerable fatigue shown subsequently. The dog's structure and physical condition must be able to hold up throughout the requirements of the entire examination. The examination places increased demands on the body and internal organs, especially the heart and lungs. But also examines other properties, such as temperament and hardiness. The effortless management of the performance must be seen as proof of the physical health and the presence of the required drives.

Before the test starts, the identity of the dog must be verified.

The same provisions apply to the event approval as for the other examinations determined by the national canine organization (FCI-NCO). The result must be entered in the scorebook, or on the pedigree.

When applying for an event authorization, the organizer accepts the responsibility to carry out the endurance test during the summer months only in the early morning or late afternoon hours. The outside temperature should not exceed 22 degrees Celsius (72 F).

Participation in an endurance test is voluntary. Should the handler or his dog be injured in the course of an endurance test, neither the organizer nor the judge (LR) can be held liable.

**Admission of dogs**

The minimum required age is 16 months. A maximum of 20 dogs are allowed per day with one judge. If there are more than 20 dogs then a second judge must be used. For safety reasons, each handler is allowed to show only one dog. The dogs must be fully and well trained. Ill, weak, overheated, pregnant or nursing bitches must not be allowed to start. At the beginning of the examination, the handler checks in with the judge (LR). The judge has to be sure the dog is in good shape. Dogs that appear to be tired or unhappy are to be excluded from participation. If a dog shows excessive fatigue symptoms or other impairments during the test, the dog has to terminate in the examination. All decisions by the judge (LR) are not contestable.

**Rating**

Points and ratings are not awarded, only "Passed" or "Not passed".

**Terrain**

The examination will be held on roads and paths of various possible surfaces. For example: asphalt, paved or unpaved streets and paths.

**Performance of endurance test:**

The examination is a distance of 20 kilometres in length at a rate of 12 to 15 kilometres per hour.

**Running exercise**

The handler takes his dog to the starting position for the examination. The dog has to run (according to the traffic regulations) on the right side of the handler in a normal trot beside the bike. Avoid having the dog run too fast. The leash must be kept longer so that the dog has the possibility to adapt to any tempo. Connection devices ("Springer") are allowed. Slight pulling on the leash is not faulty, but the dog should not be constantly dragging and choking himself. After the first 8 km (5 miles), a break of 15 minutes is required. During this time the Judge (LR) must watch the dog for any signs of fatigue. Fatigued Dogs shall be terminated from the examination.

After the break, 7 km (4.5 miles) more are to be covered, then a break of 20 minutes.

During this break, the dog is given the opportunity to move freely and without constraint.

Shortly before the return to the final running portion the judge must check the dogs for fatigue or injury to their paws. Fatigued dogs or dogs whose paws are injured must be terminated. After completion of the final running portion, a 15-minute break must be inserted. During the break, the dog must be given the opportunity to move freely and without constraint. The judge (LR) must determine whether the dog shows signs of fatigue or injury to the paws.

Judges (LR) should accompany the dogs on the bike if possible, if not they should follow in a car. The results must be entered in the scorebook. It is necessary for the handler/dogs to be accompanied by a motor vehicle so that dogs that cannot continue, can be loaded into the motor vehicle and transported back to the start.

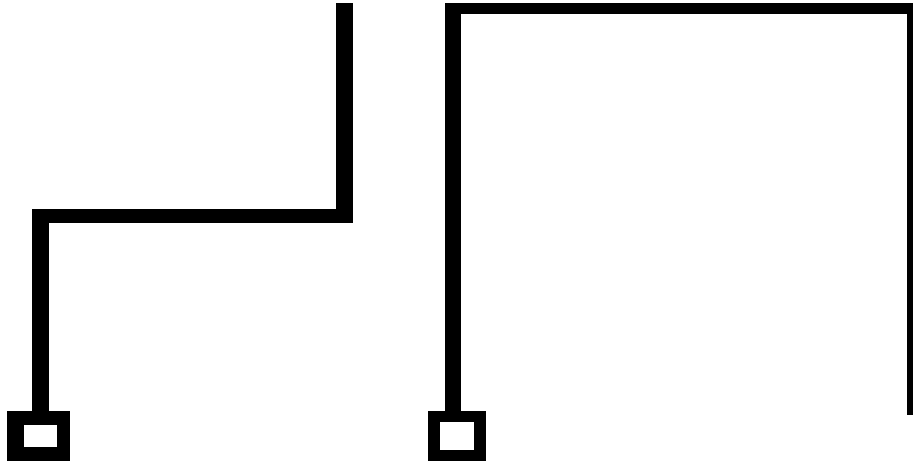
Dogs that show exceptional signs of fatigue or are unable to withstand the minimum speed of 12 km/h cannot pass the examination.

**Diagrams**

- Track shapes
- Step sequence
- Placement of articles
- Dumbbells
- Marking points
- Jumpers

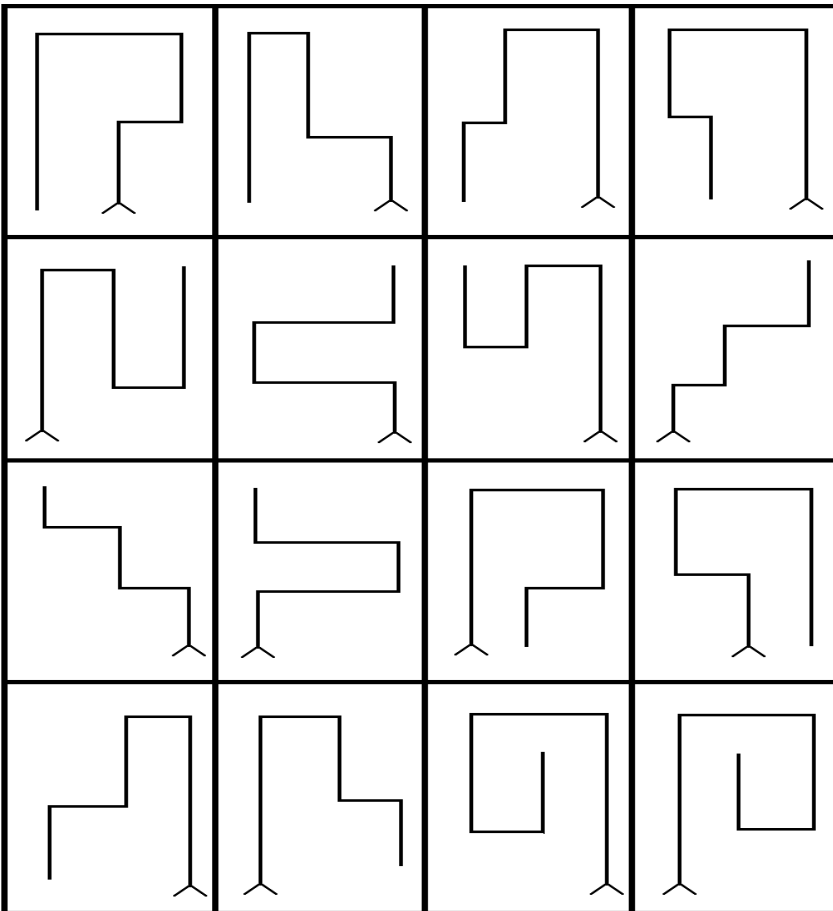
Track shapes **FCI-IGP-1** and **FCI-IGP-2**

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Track shapes **FCI-IGP- 3**

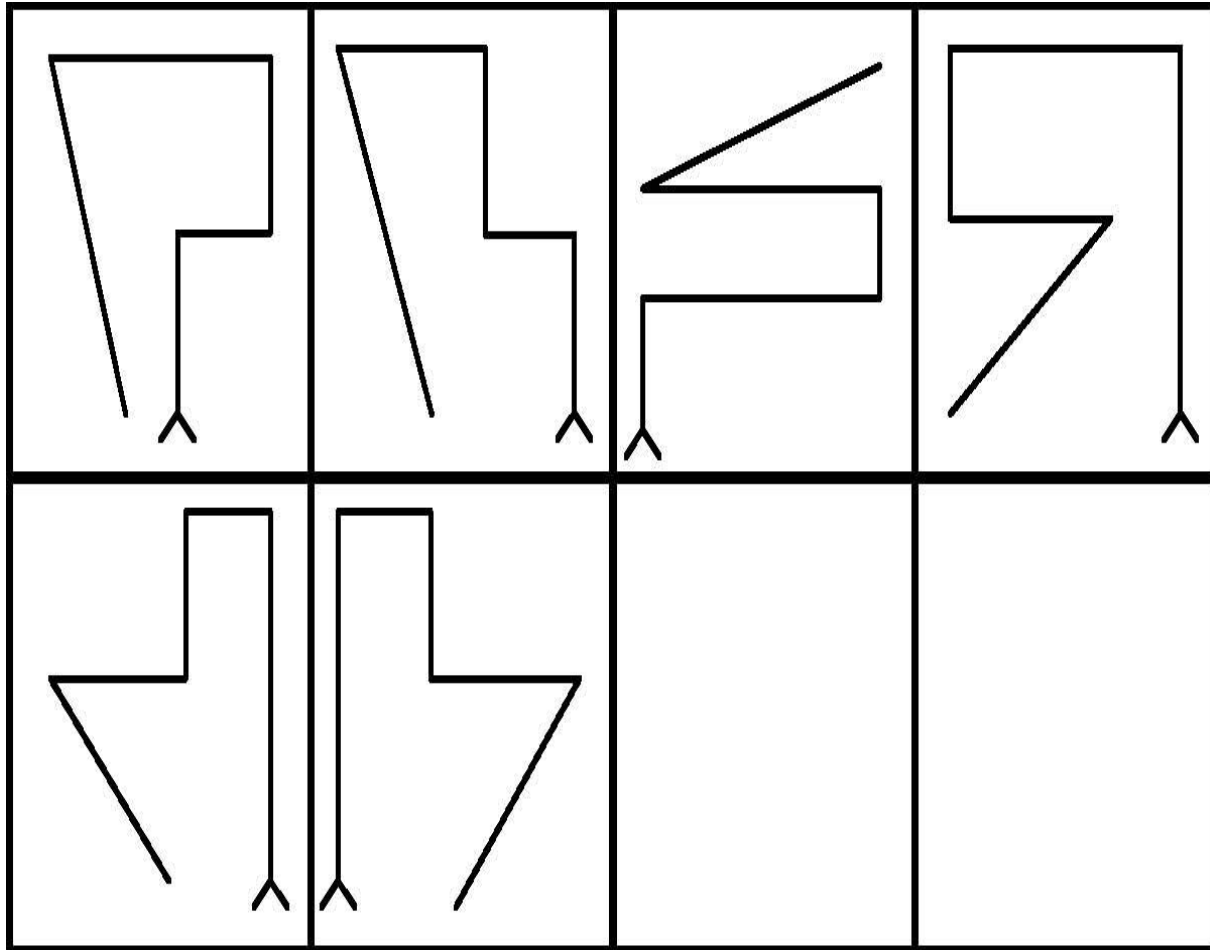
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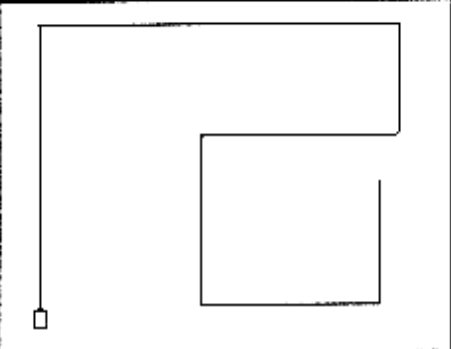
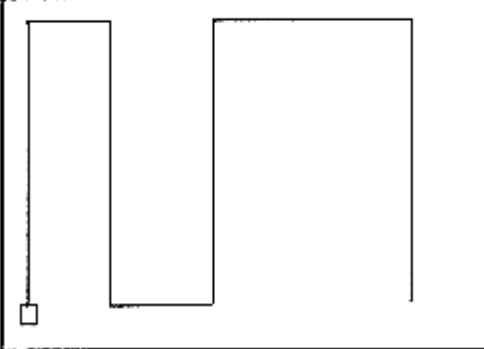
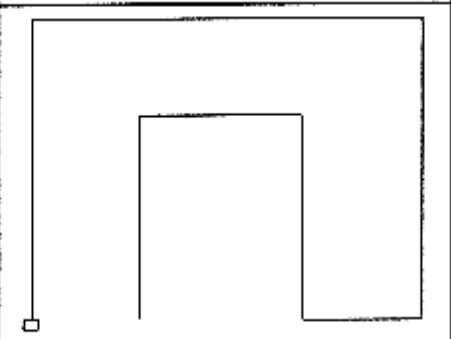
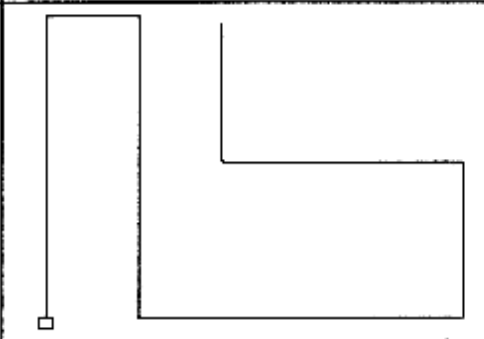
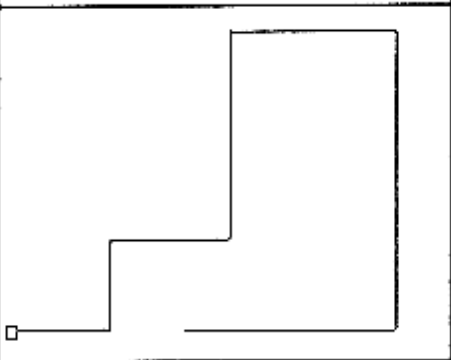
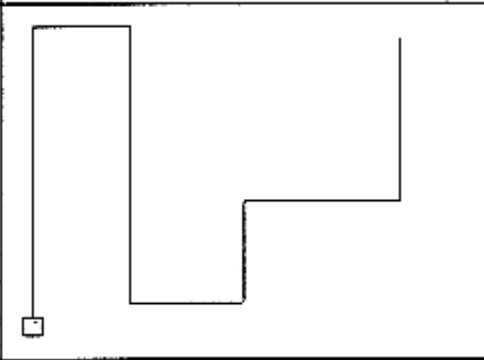
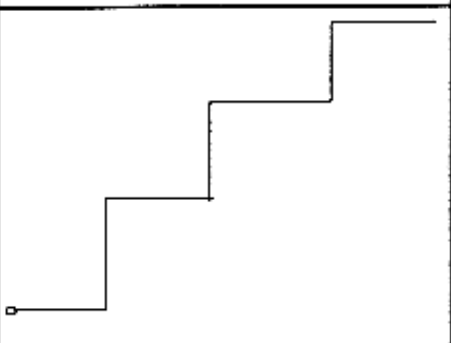
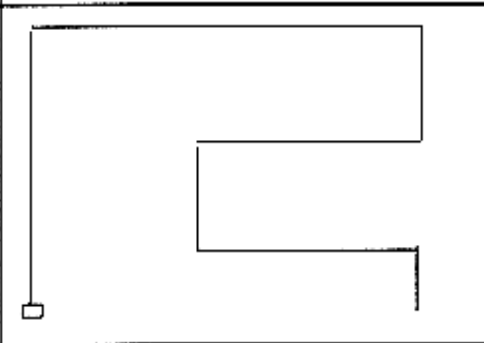
FCI-IFH-V

Possible tracks for IFH-V



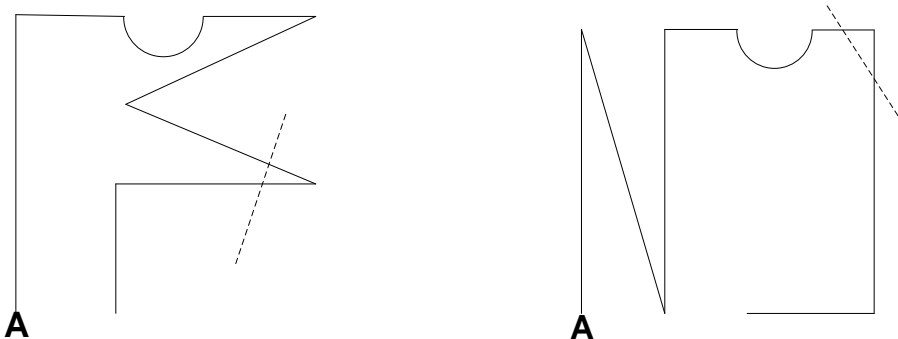
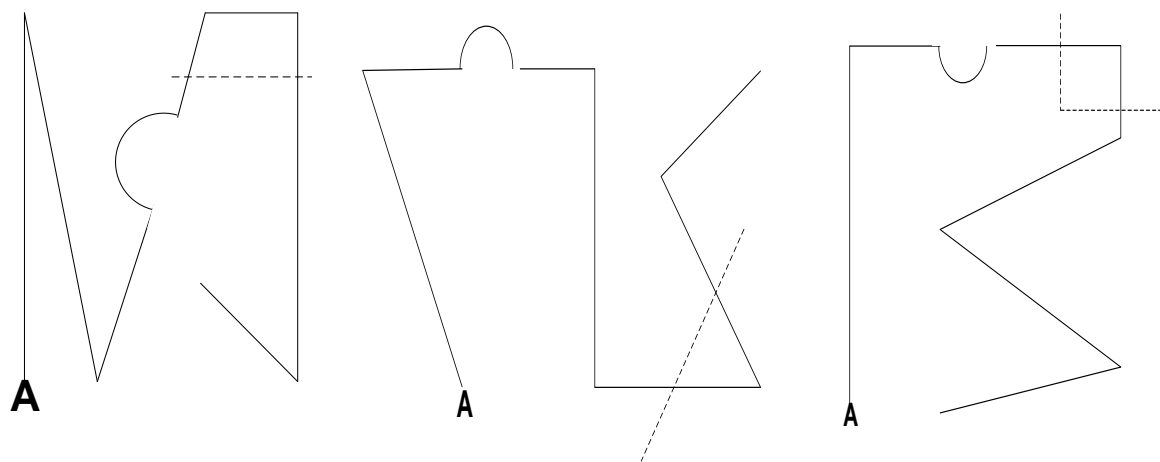
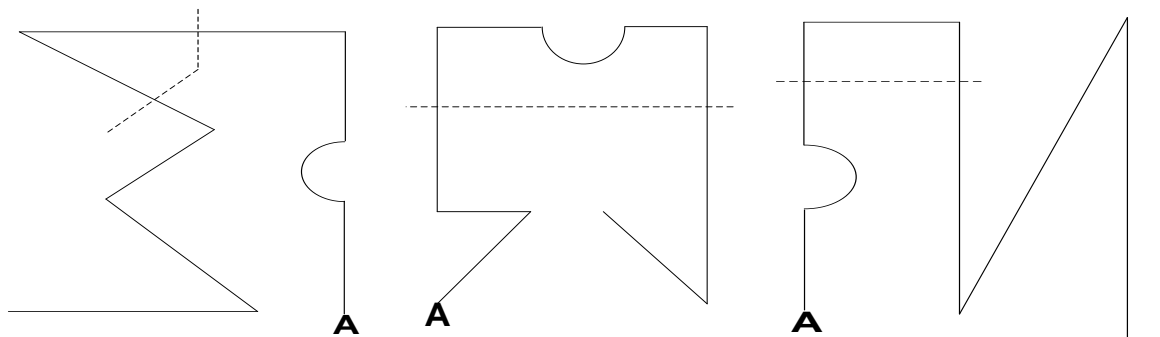
FCI-IFH-1

**Fährtenformen nach der FH**  
(nicht maßstabsgerecht)

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FCI-IFH-2 and FCI-IGP-FH

Possible tracks



Angle to the right

Angle to the left

Right Corner

Left Corner



Laying the article

alternative way of laying the article



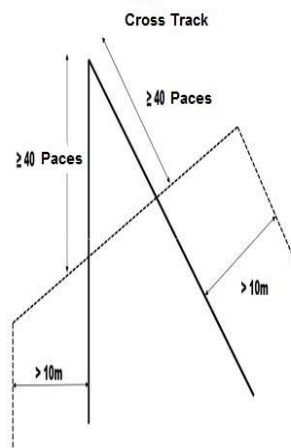
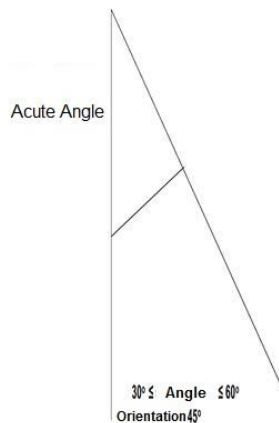
Sharp angle to the right

Sharp angle to the left



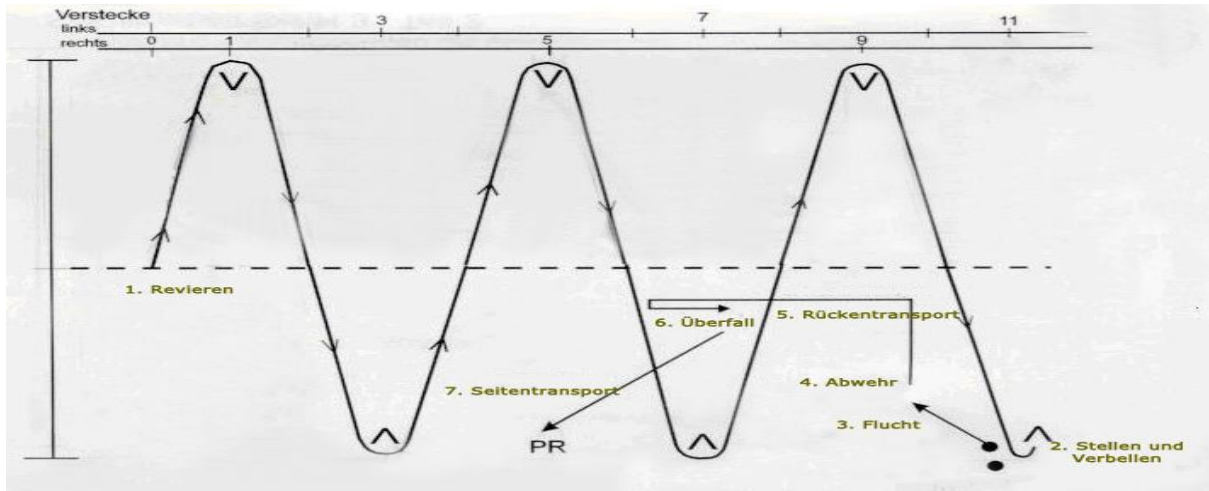
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Cross track

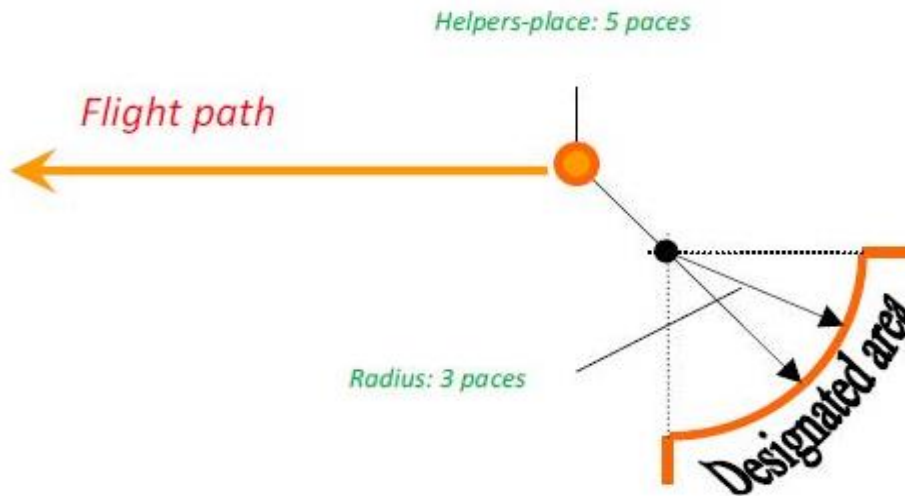


Additional information for FCI-IGP (international utility dogs regulations)

Blind Search

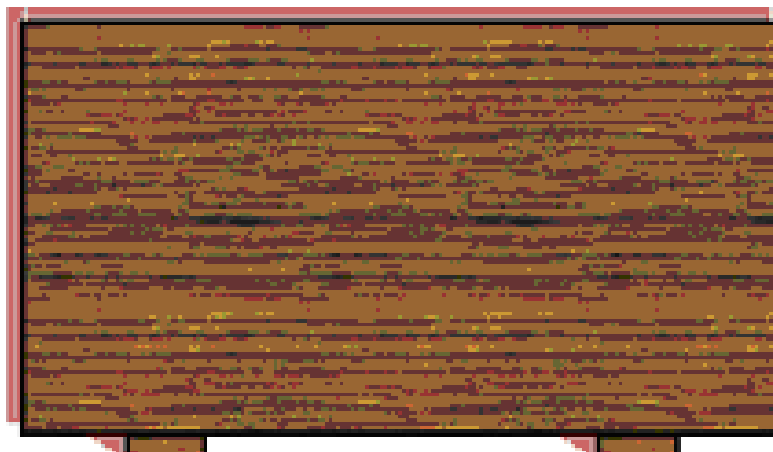


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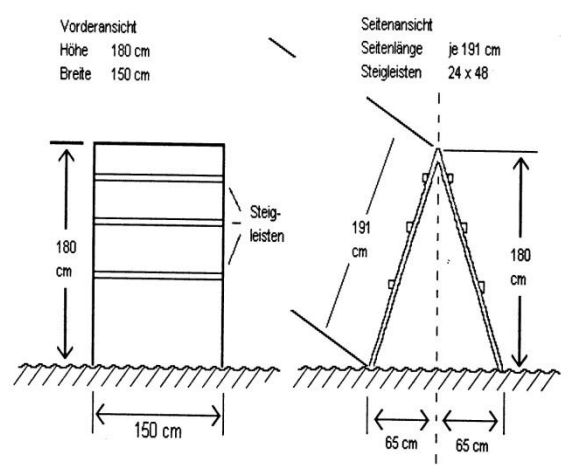
Hurdle

150 cm



100 cm

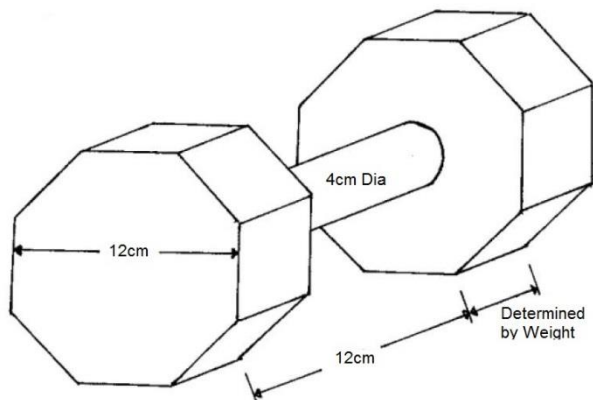
Scaling wall

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| <p><b>Schrägwand</b></p> <p>Vorderansicht<br/>         Höhe 180 cm<br/>         Breite 150 cm</p> <p>Seitenansicht<br/>         Seitenlänge je 191 cm<br/>         Steigleisten 24 x 48</p>  | <p>The scaling wall consists of 2 sides joined at the top and must be 150 cm wide and 190cm high. At the bottom both sides stand apart so that there is a peak height of 180cm. The entire area of the scaling wall must be covered with anti-skid material. At the upper part of the sides 3 cleats 24/48mm must be fixed. All dogs must jump the same obstacles.</p> <p>Test jumps are not permitted during the examination.</p> |
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**Dumbbells**

|                     | <b>FCI-IGP-1</b> | <b>FCI-IGP-2</b> | <b>FCI-IGP-3</b> |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>On the flat</b>  | 650 gr           | 1.000 gr         | 2.000 gr         |
| <b>Jump</b>         | 650 gr           | 650 gr           | 650 gr           |
| <b>Scaling wall</b> |                  | 650 gr           | 650 gr           |

**Dimensions of the Dumbbells**



For the retrieve exercises, only dumbbells are allowed. The dumbbells provided by the hosting club/ organizer must be used by all participants. The dog handler's own dumbbells are not permitted. The sketch of the dumbbell above is merely a sample. It is important that the weights are correct and that the bars are made of wood and that the bars are at least 4 cm from the ground.