
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF JUDGES

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Listed below are the new IPO I - III rules. The changes in Tracking and Obedience were so minor that the Judges decided to allow them to remain the same as the Schutzhund rules. Hopefully this will eliminate some of the confusion of new rules. These rules are effective as of January 1, 1995.

TRACKING:___IPO I, II, III

No changes.

OBEDIENCE:___IPO I, II, III

No changes.

PROTECTION:___General Rules

- If the dog leaves for the escape or courage test before/without the handler's command the rating for that exercise has to be unsatisfactory.
- If the dog does not out after 3 commands that exercise has to be unsatisfactory.
- If the dog does not out after the 4th command (given 10 steps away from the dog) the dog has to be excused.
- If the dog attacks/bites the helper in any 'hold phase' he has to be excused. (This does not apply to rebites on the sleeve, only 'dirty' bites.)
- If more than 6 dogs are entered (for IPO) a second helper has to be used (for courage test).
- In the search the dog is not allowed 'behind' the handler at any time.
- Notes: No specific procedure is required for the disarming in IPO. Minimum passing score in protection is 70, but 80 points are required to advance to the next level.



PROTECTION:___ IPO I

Blind Search: 5 points

- No change. (Procedure as in Sch H I)

Hold and Bark: 10 + 10 = 20 points

- Upon judge' s command the handler will go to the dog. (Upon another command) handler and dog will then take the basic position no more than 3 feet away from the helper. The handler then calls the helper out of the blind and the helper takes his position for the escape.

Escape: 25 points

- Upon judge' s command handler and dog will approach the helper to a distance of 5 steps, the handler leaves the dog in a SIT position, and returns to the blind. The helper escapes upon the judge' s command.
- **The dog has to prevent the escape upon the handler's command.**
- *Note:* The handler can (and should) give the command for the pursuit as soon as the helper gets the signal from the judge.

Reattack: 25 points

- Attack after 5 seconds. Normal procedure without hits. Take dog in basic position upon pickup.

Courage Test: 25 points

- Judge will ask team to take basic position in the middle of the field (in line with 3 blind).
- The dog must sit but can be held.
- The helper approaches the team from blind 6 by **walking** directly towards the team.
- When the helper is about 30 steps away, the judge will give the handler a sign to release the dog while at the same time the helper will attack the team by **running** towards them.
- The handler has to remain in his position.
- Following the attack (which includes 2 hits) there is a disarming (no down required) and 20 paces side escort to the judge.
- The dog has to remain OFF leash for the entire protection phase including critique.



PROTECTION:___ IPO II

Blind Search: 5 points

- Procedure as in SchH II.

Hold and Bark: 5 + 5 = 10 points

- Procedure as in IPO I.

PROTECTION:___ IPO III

Blind Search: 10 points

- Procedure as in SchH III.

Hold and Bark: 5 + 5 = 10 points

- Procedure as in IPO II.

Escape: 20 points

- Procedure as in IPO I.

Reattack: 20 points

- Procedure as in IPO I

Back Transport: 5 points

- Procedure as in SchH.

Attack: 20 points

- Procedure as in SchH.

Courage Test: 20 points

- Procedure as IPO I, but dog has to sit **free** in basic position when helper runs towards the dog.

Escape: 15 points

- Procedure as in IPO II.

Reattack: 15 points

- Procedure as in IPO II, but with 2 hits.

Back Transport: 5 points

- Procedure as in SchH.

Attack: 15 points

- Procedure as in SchH.

Courage Test: 15 points

- Procedure as IPO II, but helper **runs towards the center of the field first** before turning and running towards the dog.

Reattack: 15 points

- Procedure as in SchH III.