

## IGP

(International Gebrauchshund Prüfung = International Working / Practical Dog Test)

IGP Review Clarifications from Rulebook (these are still tentative as the FCI German and English Rulebooks have some errors in them that we are addressing with the FCI. Also for USCA and GSSCC (WUSV) member clubs we have to wait until November at the SV Meeting to confirm that they will be following the exact rulebook or add variances. But at this time this is the most correct information.

USCA will release a rulebook by early December at the latest and there will be more information available on the USCA website under FAQ.

All IPO Titles are still available but are now renamed to IGP, there have also been an additional tracking title added that USCA will offer.

### **Titles offered at USCA Trials are:**

BH (BH-VT) this is the BH as we have known it and is required for all dogs to proceed for anything except the AD. The BH will also be required to be repeated by any dog that is DQ due to aggression before being able to enter another trial at any other level.

IGP-V – this was the IPO VO and is entry level title

IGP 1-2-3, replace the IPO1-2-3

GPr 1-2-3 – same as the current APr 1-2-3 Obedience and protection phase (no track)

IFH – new title it is entry level FH. Basically a IGP3 length track laid by the handler .

IFH 1-2 - basically the same as the current FH and FH2

IGP FH- basically the same as the current IPO FH. It is 2 FH 2 tracks on two days with the dog given the average score of the two tracks

Tracking 1-2-3, FPr 1-2-3 – tracking only title

Obedience 1-2-3, UPR 1-2-3 Obedience only title

STp 1-2-3, article indication title

RH 1 -2 , these are based on the IRO Search and Rescue suitability USCA will not be offering protection only titles or the IBGH 1-2-3

AD – endurance

### Titles not offered at USCA Trials are:

Protection only titles (SPr)

IGP ZTP- breed suitability

IBGH 1-2-3- these are different levels of BH adding exercises. USCA will not offer these because they are very close or the same as the Obedience (OB/UPr)1-2-3

### General Changes at this time from IPO to IGP

Tracking

General- 10 meter line, handler may be lead up to 2 meters of the scent pad on short leash, any harness is ok as long as not past the rib cage or connection near the genitals.

If the dog gets tangled handler may down dog with permission from judge but the restart is from end of line, not next to the dog., False indications are the same as in IPO -2 if handler restarts dog without going up to the dog, -4 if the handler goes to the dog, in an FH it is -2pt. The article may be picked up and shown to the judge from either side of the dog but the dog must then be restarted from the side the handler is on when they presented the article.

All 1-2-3 level tracks have three (3) articles each worth seven (7) points. In the 1 & 2 an article is placed on the first (1) and second (2) leg at the judges' decision but may not be within twenty (20) paces of a corner. In the past the first (1) article had to be at least one hundred (100) paces from start **THIS** is no longer true, the first (1) article for the 1-2 track must be on the first leg no closer than twenty (20) paces from the corner or the scent pad (start). So it may be placed somewhere near the middle of the first (1) leg. On the IGP 3 track article location remains the same, first article must be at least one hundred (100) paces from start ideally on the first leg but can be on the second (2nd leg if required due to shape of track. ***Articles placed at judges decision.***

Articles must be placed on the track and it is recommended that they be in the footstep but it is not mandatory that they be in the footprint.

1. Tracking evaluation starts at the scent flag, Dog may not have any strong compulsion leading to track, must maintain 2 meters from scent pad to prepare for track, may sit or stand
2. Must always start all exercises with a command
3. Occasional praise is now (again) allowed in IGP 1 -2 level tracks, if the praise is used to help the dog out of a problem is still "help" and is faulty.
4. More than mild influence from the handler and the leg / corner can only be rated at highest a satisfactory (B). Example tight lead helping the dog stay on track, excessive commands or praise.

5. Article Indication, for IGP the dog may indicate the article by down, sit or stand and/or any combination of those methods without deduction on the same track (may down the first article, stand the second and sit on the last article or any combination of indication). What is important is the speed, confidence, intensity and correctness of the indication.
6. Corners are now "closed" corners , no longer should be the wider arc -5 step corners. A corner is considered to be the point where the legs of the track connect.
7. Light checking on the corners is allowed as long as the dog does not leave the track (at least 1 foot is on the track).
8. The dog should not show signs of stress in its work (just as in the past) it is more important now that we evaluate stress vs intensity in the dogs work.
9. Article placement "should" be in the foot print. (discussed at meeting not in book)
10. If a dog misses a single article (1) and the tracklayer cannot find it the dog receives the points for the article, if a dog does not indicate more than one (1) article and the tracklayer cannot find the article then a retrack should be offered and if refused by the handler than all points for article or articles are deducted.
11. All IGP levels may use 3 commands to start (first (1) command and two (2) additional). **Only in FH can the handler 1 time recall the dog before he steps onto the track to do a restart**
12. The final sit after the last article should be evaluated in the performance of the last leg
13. The evaluation/judging of the track begins at the scent pad and ends at the final sit after last article.
14. Handler may swing out from the track to keep line clear after the dog has committed to the corner
15. Tracking is terminated if the dog refuses to track, stops and does not start after 3 commands to track at any specific point or if there are many commands to keep the dog working.
16. **A dog may pass the track if it has earned enough points before it loses the track (leaves the track), but it may not pass if it stops working on the track even if it has gotten to a point of enough points.**
17. Tracking is Disqualified (DQ) if dog eats article or refuses to release the article to handler.

18. There is now a FH-V track that is the same length a IPG 3 track(600 paces), ninety minutes old (90), no cross track, same 5 legs, but the last turn must be an acute angle. This is laid by the handler and uses the handlers own articles.
19. The FH-1 and FH2 track are basically the same as previous FH track
20. **Tracking information and descriptions are on page 25 & 26 of the FCI IGP Rulebook.**

## **Obedience**

### General Information:

1. All exercises must start with command, command must be same for same behavior through the trial (if sit is used it must always be sit etc),
2. About turns must be same , it is faulty to have a flip turn and then a left about turn. The dog must do the same type turn for both about turns.
3. Failure to get the dog to basic position to start an exercise after 3 commands is termination of OB phase (example dog will not move with the handler to a basic position to start an exercise).
4. All motion exercise if dog does position other than name of exercise 50% of total pt for exercise plus other faults are deducted.
5. If when the handler is returning to dog and it breaks position and comes to handler it gets 50% of points for the exercise.
6. Retrieve DB must be thrown 10 meters, excessive long throw may be faulty if judge feels it was to influence the dog, handler may not be closer than 4 meters from hurdle or wall and it should be marked, The throw of the DB must be far enough to allow dog to show clean jump back (no specified distance) . If the dog drops the DB at HF feet and does not pick up and the handler picks up dumbbell from ground with out moving position then partial points will now be awarded but the highest it can be rated is mid to low insufficient (M) plus any other deduction for additional mistakes.
7. The Send Out is rated as described in the rule book, basically the same as in IPO. Points if does not go or leaves field, goes to end of field or comes back to handler, deductions for additional commands, slow response etc.

## **BH-VT (BH)**

1. BH required for all dogs
2. Free Heeling is now only down field 45 paces –about turn-normal-fast-normal – ends with stop in basic (no right turns or second about turn)
3. Motion exercises may be completed 2 ways only stopped or in motion (slight pause change of pace is now incorrect) If stopped and the sit or down command is given wait 3 sec pause and then leave the dog. If done in motion as in IGP 1-2-3 not change in movement is allowed (as always) The sit and the down may be done different with out deduction, example handler stops to give sit and waits 3 sec and leaves, then for the down the handler does it in motion without stopping.
4. The BH must be repeated for any dog that has be DQ for aggression before it will be allowed to enter for any other title

## **IGP1**

Same as before except:

1. Check in on leash, leash off after check in
2. No wall retrieve , the exercise is a recall over the scaling wall. Handler takes basic position and gives sit command, then leaves the dog and goes to the other side of the wall at least 4 meters away from the wall and with a single command recalls th dog using a jump command and recall- example is hupp- hier. The dog must scale the wall and come to the front position (as in a recall) and then is commanded to basic with heel command.

## **IGP 2 and 3**

Same as IPO 2 and 3, no changes in exercises

## **Protection IGP 1-2-3**

### **General changes**

1. Search is now allowed to continue with additional commands as long as dog is moving, excessive commands are rated “M” insufficient , if the dog comes to basic may continue the search as long as it is able to start search again with no more than 3 commands while it is in basic or with the handler. But if this happens all points are lost for the search 0 pt, M insufficient, but

protection continues. If the dog comes to basic position a second time during the search the protection is Terminated.

2. The handler is allowed a total 3 commands to get dog into find blind (first plus 2 additional) if dog does not go protection is Terminated, if dog finds helper and then leaves the handler is only allowed 1 additional command allowed and if the dog does not find and stay with the helper protection is terminated.
3. As Handler is called into pick up the dog by the judge if the handler has not gotten to the blind they may resend dog 1 time if not already used the 1 command, if does not go protection is Terminated. If the handler walking in and is past the blind or on call out line and the dog comes out early it is low "M" insufficient. All bark and hold are now 15 point exercises.
4. If the dog is gripping as the handler is called in , the handle when they are at the call out line on the signal from the judge may use "out-hier fuss (as one command) a maximum of 3 times , if the dog comes out or is able to be picked up the Hold and bark is rated as "M" insufficient -14 points, but protection continues. Bumping / bothering / gripping = low"M" rating
5. 3 commands rule for all secondary obedience in protection, more than 3 commands and DQ protection out of control.
6. If no "go" command is given by the handler in the escape, the exercise id rated 1 category deduction lower than what the dog does.
7. If dog breaks early for escape or breaks from back transport or during side transport but does not grip the handler has 3 attempts to get the dog back to the basic position using the heel command only or protection is Terminated. The helper should stop moving and the handler may not move from position to recall the dog.
8. If handler is next to dog (picking it up) and it regrips and holds the handler is only allowed command to heel (fuss or whatever the handler uses) a maximum of 3 times . The use of "out" is immediate termination.
9. If dog leaves the helper in any exercise while guarding before the judge signals the handler to approach to pick up the dog the protection is –Terminated
10. If dog leaves helper in any exercise while guarding after judge signals the handler to approach and pick up the dog the exercise is "M" insufficient) but protection continues and the handler must heel the dog back to the helper to continue the protection bringing the dog to the front of the helper in guarding position and then heeling to transport as a normal pick up would be completed.

11. Any dog DQ gets no TSB rating
12. All Side transports are approx 20 paces to the judge

**Changes to protection exercises in IGP1 & 2. The IGP 3 remains the same as IPO3 except point changes in exercises:**

**IGP 1**

All Obedience may be done on lease or off leash at the Handlers choice. (But if the use of the leash is the only thing keeping the dog with the handler the dog may still be DQ for out of control.)

1. Enter the field on leash and report to judge. Proceed on leash to the middle of field between blind 5 and 6 , the handler should be facing down field and signal judge and then command heel and turn to blind 6. The dog is sent directly into blind six (helper).
2. Hold and Bark 15pt now (10 hold, 5 bark) minimum 20 sec of barking before the handler is called into pick up dog. Handler goes to the call out line behind the dog (5 paces from blind)
3. The handler may pick up or call out or if pick up the handler must step to the basic position and command dog to sit and then at the handlers choice may use leash or free heel to heel out of blind back to the call out line.
4. Reposition to place the dog in the escape position the handler may use the leash or may free heel. If using the leash when getting to the escape line must sit and remove the leash then down the dog.
5. After defense and the handler is called in to pick up the dog the handle choice may leash or not leash the dog and heel away from the helper approx 30 meters on the judges direction for the Attack on Dog Out of Motion (long bite) The helper stays in position where previous defense exercise ended (helper does not go to the blind). After the handler is 30 meters away he/she turn to face the helper and at the basic (if using the leash removes it and may hold the collar) the dog should be calm. On the judges signal the handler send dog on command and the helpers attacks the dog , catch and drive with no stick hits only threat. Note: The Judge may move helper to safer position on field if needed , more center line if the helper is in a position that would not allow a safe catch or drive.
6. The Side transport may be on or off leash at the handlers choice. After reporting out the handler heels 5 paces away from the helper and if not already on leash must then leash the dog.

## IGP2

1. Same as IPO2 until the back transport.
2. Handler enters field off leash and heels to the midline between blind 2 and 3. Facing down field signals the judge and then with a single command turns to blind 3 and from basic position sends the dog to blind 3 to search 4 blinds just as in IPO. Call out is the same as IPO2, reposition for escape and escape is the same. Reattack is the same with 2 stick hits and pressure.
3. Handler is called to pick up the dog for Back transport the back transport is now approx 30 paces, does not have to have a corner, distance from the handler/dog to the helper is now 8 paces (used to be 5). At end of 30 paces back transport on judge's signal, the helper stops and Handler/Dog continue without a stop to heel up to the side transport position (basic) and stop next to the helper. The stick is taken and then a side transport 20 paces to judge (There is no NO ATTACK in the back transport IGP 2)
4. **Attack on dog out of motion** (long bite)- The Helper remains where side transport ended (unless it is dangerous position on the field then the judge may move helper to midfield after the handler/dog have heeled away from helper. The handler heels about 40 meters away and on the judge's signal stops and turns to face the helper, the dog must sit in basic position calmly until signaled by the judge to attack at which time the helper attacks the dog, catches and drives it without stick hits, but with pressure and threat. The handler must stay in position and not approach.
5. After the out from the Attack on Dog out of motion, the dog does an attack from the guarding. The helper reattacks the dog (same as IPO 3) and an additional grip and drive are performed by the helper, NO STICK CONTACT, pressure and stick threat only. After the dog outs on the judge's signal the handler picks up the dog and final side transport to the judge. After report out the handler must free heel the dog at least 5 paces away from the helper and then leash the dog.

## IGP3

Exactly the same as IPO3, the changes are in the point allocation for exercises (Hold and Bark 15pt etc)

**Additional information will be posted on the usca website as available before the end of the year. A edited FCI rule book with USCA variances will also be available as soon as the SV Judges meeting is complete.**