

Meeting – (Team Leaders)

Aside from the well-known requirements according to the PO such as dominance of the dog towards the helper (escape, defense and bark and hold), grip behavior and obedience, here yet a few points:

Revere:

- Basic Position in the direction of the judge and reporting in by virtue of a handshake (Off-leash heeling follows at the direction of the judge), then set up the dog in the direction of the first blind
- With the command to Revere and hand signal with either the right or left arm, the dog is sent to revere. The handler must remain in the Basic Position.
- When the dog has shown a side sweep, the handler calls him with the command to “Here” and then in movement sends the dog with a new verbal command and hand signal to revere to the next blind. In addition, the handler may use the name of the dog to recall the dog.
- If the dog does not check the 6th blind, then 2 additional attempts made be made in the direction of the blind otherwise it will result in termination. He may not be sent again to the 5th blind and then to the 6th.

Escape:

- If the dog runs prematurely to the helper, but does not grip, the judge will instruct the handler to go to the marked spot where the dog is placed for the escape. From this point the dog gets a one-time command to “Here-Heel” to return. If the dog returns then this is evaluated with “zero” points. If he doesn’t come then discontinued due to lack of obedience.

Direct way to the Dog:

- Please maintain the most direct way back to the dog. Do not go in a wide sweep also when placing the dog for the escape or between disarming and side-transport.

Approaching the Dog:

- When approaching the dog, then approach the dog – go to the dog directly.
- Do not stand behind the dog (e.g. at the end of this tail) and place him from there so that the dog almost has to be recalled!

Back-Transport:

- The helpers are instructed to turn around slowly (not on the sleeve side) and to go 8 paces ahead, halt until the handler commands (Heel/Transport)
- If the dog prematurely runs to the helper and does not grip
 - 1 recall command
 - If the dog returns to the handler – protection will continue, minus 5 points for back transport
 - If the dog does not come back then discontinued due to lack of obedience

Side-Transport:

- Dog grips – 1 command (Out/here/heel) is permitted otherwise discontinued due to lack of obedience.
- Please do not place your hand on the shoulder of the helper.

Starting position:

- At the end of part 1 when going to the start position do not take up another basic position (back to the area) and then assume a Basic Position once you reached the start point otherwise go directly to the start position.
- The dog has to be placed in the Basic Position (dog can do this independently or with a command to “sit”) and only then can he be held by the collar.

Also when leading the dog away after reporting out in the Basic Position (after taking 5 steps, then assume the Basic Position), wait until the dog is in position before putting the leash on – do not grab the collar first. The helper remains standing calmly.

Subsequently, also do not: don't let him bite the leash or use any other handler tactics up to the area for the critique.

Transition Phase – After the helper stands still approx. 1 second (“21” or (1001) then approach.

Guarding phase prior to the attack – definitive 5 seconds (21-25 or 1001/1002/1003/1004/1005)

Disqualification due to insufficient social tolerance

Note: A dog, who at any time during the competition (prior to, during or after his own performance), bites a person or other dogs, tries to bite, attacks or tries to attack will be disqualified from the competition.

