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FCI COMMISSION FOR UTILITY DOGS

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADJUSTMENTS IN RUNNING LOCAL/NATIONAL EVENTS FOR UTILITY DOGS

Because of the Corona pandemic, IGP examinations are not (or in a limited proportion) possible. The reasons for this are the current worldwide pandemic and the regulations of different countries which in many cases do not allow or allow only partially to do IGP examinations.

It is possible that the different national canine organisations during this pandemic decide to have restrictions or temporary changes in the IGP regulations. These changes are only for regional / national examinations like club examinations.

The changes are not acceptable for CACIT. So, for the moment it is not possible to have CACIT /International trials.

Each FCI member is responsible for its own decision-process in this. Because of the different situations (government instructions, etc) in the different countries, there is no overall recommendation for these temporary adaptations. The suggestions for this transitional phase are not changes in the IGP regulations and are only for the time of the restrictions set by law in your country. It is therefore the responsibility of each NCO, always keeping in mind the utmost importance of health.

Based on a proposal of the VDH, the Board of the FCI Commission for Utility Dogs has made the following suggestions:

Companion Dog:

1. The traffic part of the companion dog test is not to be carried out in the city, but must be carried out outside the event area, with the necessary everyday situations that must be checked in accordance with the IGP regulations
2. Have the ID check carried out by a person commissioned by the ~~performance~~ judge. Justification for this: if the device is used by different people, it must be disinfected after each use. The person who carries out the ID check, as well as the handler, should wear a mask if necessary (if the distance is less than 1.5 m).

Phase A: Tracking

3. In the track, the tracklayer and the handler wear gloves. After the dog has identified the article, the handler shows it. Before the restart, the article is placed behind the dog. The tracklayer will pick-up the articles (for the IGP 1 and FH-V level this change is not necessary, for all other levels it is a temporary addition to the IGP regulations).

Phase B: Obedience

4. Before the start of phase B, each handler hands over his own dumbbells, which are marked with the name, to the exam leader who is wearing gloves. The exam leader brings them to the bring stand. At the end of phase B, the handlers take the dumbbells with them again.
5. When passing through the group, a minimum distance of 1.5 m must be observed for subordination.

Phase C: Protection

6. The biggest problems with the existing legal distance rules specifically concern the protection phase.

In IPG I, in the Bark and Hold exercise, the handler can decide whether he picks-up the dog or calls it into the basic position.

The dog should be called up, **so that** the handler can approach it up to 1.5 m, call it into the basic position and return (on or off leash) to the basic line for this exercise.

In all test levels, the stick is not taken from the helper. Reason: according to the hygiene concept, the stick would have to be disinfected before delivery to each dog handler.

7. Disarmament - in all test levels:

- After instruction by the judge, the handler goes to the helper up to a distance of 2 metres.
 - At the judge's instruction, the dog is called in basic position or placed in a subordinate position (sit, down, stand) and, at the handler's instruction, the helper steps 2 metres away from the dog.
 - The handler then goes to the dog and takes it in the basic position. After this basic position the team carries on.
8. For side transport to the judge, the distance of 1.5 meters required by the regulations must be maintained.

On behalf of the Board of the FCI Commission for Utility Dogs

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