



The IPO Rules changes to IGP in January 2019

An FCI Working Commission meeting was held on the 11 & 12 March 2017. The primary focus of the meeting was the discussion and approval of the proposed IPO rule changes to be effective 1st. January 2019. Everything approved by the Working Commission will not be official until approved by the FCI General Committee / Board and will not be implemented until 1st. January 2019.

Starting January 1, 2019, IPO will be renamed to IGP, and new rules come into effect. The 2019 IGP Regulations can be found on the FCI website, under the Utility Dogs section: <http://www.fci.be/en/Utility-Dogs-58.html>
(There is a live link on the front page of the Working Malinois Australia Inc. website.)

The changes are:

1. The name will now be titled "IGP" - "*Internationale Gebrauchshund Prüfung*" (International Working Dog Test); no longer IPO - "*Internationale Prüfungsordnung.*"
2. BH- the heeling pattern will be slightly shorter but will still include on and off leash heeling.
3. IGP1-2-3 levels of track will have 3 articles, each worth 7 points for a total of 21 points for articles.
4. The FH, FH2, and IPO FH will remain basically unchanged.
5. In all Obedience the distance the handler will throw the dumbbell is more clearly defined as approximately 10 metres, the height of the hurdle and wall remain the same. The minimum distance from the jump or wall is defined as 4 metres (no longer 5 paces). The scoring for the send-out exercise scoring is more clearly defined.
6. The IGP Obedience will change slightly in the IGP1 to exclude the retrieve over the wall and instead have a recall over the wall without the retrieve. In both IGP2-3 there are no significant changes proposed.
7. The IGP protection will still include pressure and stick contact (padded stick hits) and an "Attack on the Dog Out of Motion" (long bite / courage test) at all levels but done slightly different from current for level 1-2. There are some changes in all levels most significantly in the IGP1.
8. The IGP1 will no longer require a blind search of the # 5 blind, the dog will instead be sent directly into the #6 blind (final blind). The handler will be allowed in IGP1 to leash the dog during pickup and transport exercises.

9. The IGP2 will no longer have an “Attack out of Back Transport”, but will have an additional Re-attack (defence) exercise with no stick contact after the “Attack on Dog Out of Motion” (long bite / courage test) like the IGP3.

10. The Attack on the Dog Out of Motion (long bite / courage test) for the IGP1 and IGP 2 will not require the Helper to return to the blind and then run out to the mid-line and towards the dog/handler, instead the Helper will remain mid-field after the last defence exercise and the handler will pick up the dog and heel away down the mid-line of the field to a distance of approximately 30 meters away for the IGP1; 40 meters away for the IGP2, then the handler will stop and turn towards the Helper where the judge will signal the exercise to begin.

11. The IGP3 does not change from our current IPO3 in any phase.

12. Additional sporting titles are slightly changed or added, examples are the IPO V no longer has Protection and will only be Tracking and Obedience; countries will be allowed to offer FPr (TR) 1-2-3, UPr (OB) 1-2-3, BgH 1-2-3 (obedience with additional exercises like retrieves, send out etc), APr 1-2-3 (obedience and protection) and a ZTP (*Zuchtauglichkeitsprüfung* or Breed Survey) for those organizations using their Breed Survey as a breed test.

NB: The requirement the jump will have to have a top board that allows it to pivot if touched and then return to its starting position has been removed.

We thank the FCI Working Commission for their communications regarding the working dog rules and changes.