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Supplementing comment on the International Trial Rules

for

Search and Rescue Dog Tests

of the

Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)



and the

International Search and Rescue Dog Organisation (IRO)



Result of the FCI/IRO Working group for the revision of these RH PO

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This supplementary comment should enhance the comprehensibility of the valid Trial rules. It bases on an agreement between FCI and IRO on the contents to be clarified and should be checked for its currentness and, if applicable, adapted.

1) Transition 2018-2019

For the transition from IPO-R 2012 to IPO-R 2019, in order to keep the integrity of the current Testing Standards, IRO and FCI have agreed on the following rules for IPO-R tests (phase A and B):

Who had achieved the qualification for the next level in 2018 can start in this level also after 01.01.2019. This means:

- a. Who has achieved a positive A test once in 2018 can start in B in 2019.
- b. Who has achieved a positive E test in 2018 can start in A no matter in which discipline.

2) Clarification on: 2.4.1. Test Area UO/GW

Extract IPO-R:

Retrieve article: *Utility articles, maximum shoe size, consisting of the following material: wood, leather, light metal, textile, plastic, and/or a combination of these.*

Recommendations for the measurement tolerances:

Length 10 – 25 cm, width 5 – 10 cm, tickness 3 – 6 cm.

For round articles, the diameter should be approx. 3 – 6 cm.

Not suitable are:

- Glass, porcelain, breakable articles
- Articles under pressure (e.g. aerosol can)
- Articles with liquids
- Tubes, with pastes or similar
- Plastic containers of any kind
- Articles which are too heavy or too light (less than 200 g; more than 500 g)

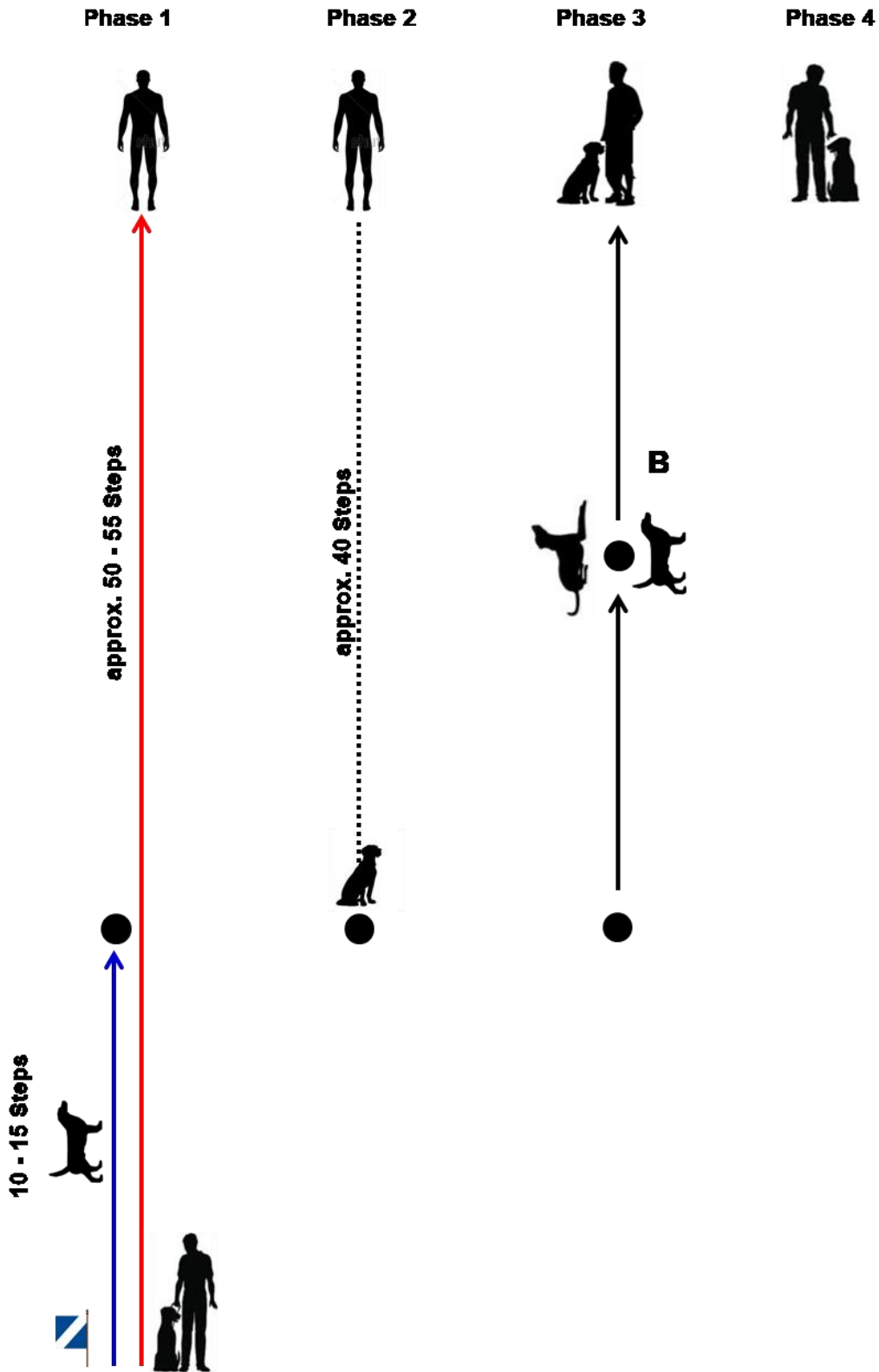
Preferably, articles should be used which are not deformed or destructed even after multiple use. For instance:

- Pencil case from soft plastic / leather / linen, if possible filled
- Hand broom from wood
- Clothes or shoe brush
- Synthetic garden shoe / also possible: wooden shoe!
- Wash brush from wood or plastic
- Toolbag from leather / plastic / linen
- Flashlight from plastic / rubber and/or metal
- Small rolling pin

Articles which differ from this are permitted in accordance with the TJ.

3) Correction of the sketch 10.7. Distance control

In Level A the sequence is determined as Sit-Recall-Down-Recall, in Level B the sequence is shown with Sit-Recall-Down-Stand-Recall.



4) Substitution of Exercise 6 in Preliminary level RH-W, Obedience/Dexterity

Due to a double execution of the exercise in Nosework and Ob/Dex, the complete exercise

4.4.7 Exercise 6 Bringing a Rescue Device from the Shore 15 points

is substituted by:

4.4.7 Exercise 6 Mounting and Riding on a Surfboard 15 points

Exercise Area

For the execution of the exercise a shore point is to be selected that allows the D to stand in the water and can easily get onto the shoreline.

Devices

Surfboard

Permitted AC/VC

- 1 AC and/or VC for "mount";
- 1 AC and/or VC for "stay";
- 1 AC and/or VC for "climb off";
- 1 AC or VC for "basic position".

Execution

The DH assumes the basic position with his D at the starting point. From the basic position and at the AC and/or VC for "mount" the D has to climb up on the surfboard that is in shallow water and does not have a sail. The surfboard must be reachable for the D without him having to swim.

The DH may help his D climb onto the surfboard by holding it.

At the AC and/or VC for "stay" the D has to remain calmly on the surfboard.

At the instruction of the TJ the DH pushes the surfboard with the D lying on it approx. 20 meters in the designated direction. The D has to remain calm and stay until the DH gives him the AC and/or VC to "climb off".

To finish the exercise, at the shore the DH assumes the basic position with his D by giving an AC or VC.

Evaluation

Insecure mounting or remaining devalue accordingly;

If the D leaves the surfboard independently, the exercise is considered insufficient;

If the D does not go onto the surfboard, the exercise is scored with 0 points.

5) Directability at Distance in L A, B and W A

2.4.1 Test Area UO/GW:

Directability at Distance in L

"-A/B: 3 backpacks at a distance of 40 m from one another and the start, a marked area in the centre"

The part "and the start" is not applicable in A/B.

5.4.9 Directability at Distance, W A:

Execution:

The sentence „*At the beginning of the exercise, the TJ determines the sequence in which the points are to be approached*” is not applicable.

6) Affects all chapters:

Differences or contradictions between **HZ and/ or SZ**, or **HZ and SZ**:

For all is valid: *“In general, in all exercises, HZ and / or SZ are allowed, if a single exercise does not require something else.”*