

CHANGES TO GSSCC IGP WORKING DOG TRIAL RULEBOOK

New rules effective January 1, 2025.

GSSCC judges committee is working to update our rulebook with this information and additional criteria for the handlers. Until the 2025 GSSCC IGP Working Dog Trial Rule is released, the following information details the most significant changes. For additional diagrams, refer to the 2025 FCI International Utility Dogs Regulations.

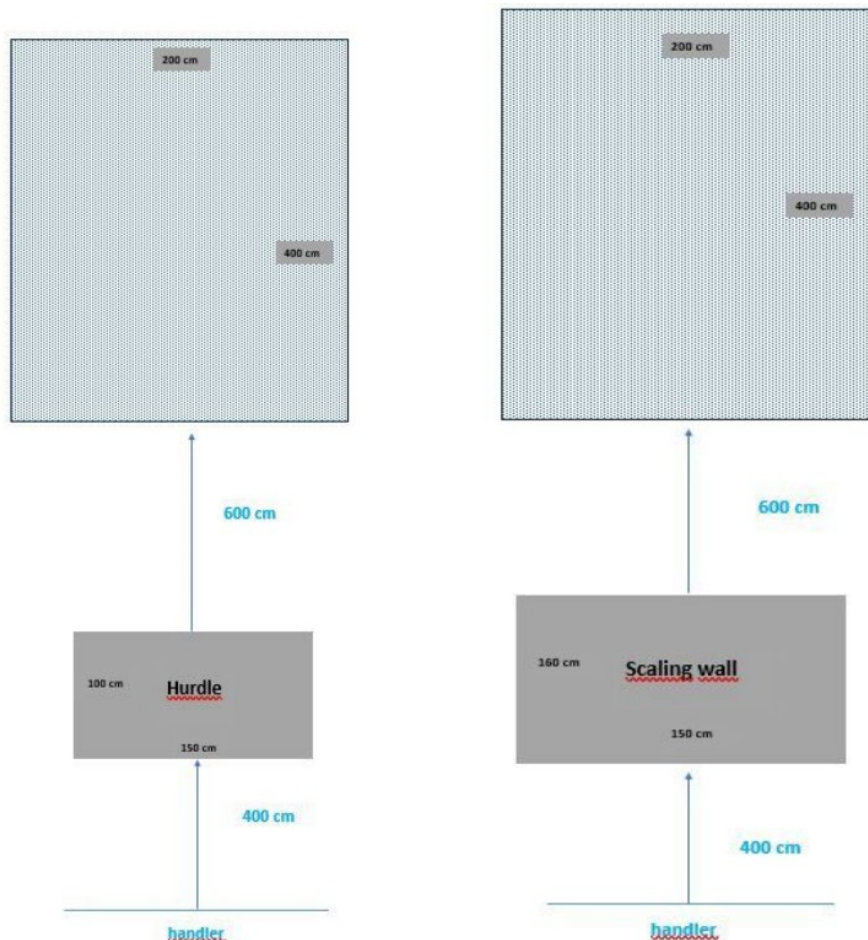
GSSCC will continue to offer the 2025 IGP titles – BH/VT, IGP 1-2-3, FH-1-2-3, STP 1-2-3, TR and OB 1-2-3, all conducted under the rules effective January 1, 2025.

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Obedience Field

The obedience field must be clearly marked with the following:

- A basic position for the start of exercises.
- Long down positions for the male and female dogs.
- A line for the handler's position for "Retrieve on the Flat," the dumbbell throw must be in the direction of the send out (as previously done), the new addition to the Retrieve on the Flat is a square box 4 x 4 meters in size which must be marked on the field 8 meters from the handler line for the "Retrieve on the Flat".
- A line for the minimum distance that the handler may be to the hurdle and wall (this is the closest that the handler may be to the hurdle/wall; the handler may position back further from the line). This is marked at 4 meters from the hurdle/wall (as previously done). On the other side of the hurdle and wall, starting at 6 meters from the hurdle/wall, a rectangle box must be marked as 2 meters wide x 4 meters long. When the handler throws the dumbbell, it must land in the marked areas for the retrieves.
- If the dumbbell is not within the 4 x 4 meters square on the flat retrieve or the 2 x 4 meters rectangle on the hurdle/wall, a "field assistant" or judge will pick up the dumbbell, holding it in a way that the dog can see it and will place it in the middle of the marked area. The handler may send the dog for the retrieve when the assistant/judge is back by or behind the handler.
- The Wall (A-Frame) is set to 160 cm tall (previously 170cm) and box marked as above.



IGP 1

Tracking

1. No changes to the length, # of articles, aging time, or points. The only change is the tracking line length is now 5 meters.

Obedience

1. The dog may be praised/loosened up after each exercise. In the past, "light" praise was allowed after each exercise. Now, the praise can be more to help bring up the drive, reduce stress, and build focus.
2. "Sit and Down" exercise in IGP 1 may be performed in either of the same ways as in BH/VT, as the handler may give the command with a 3-second pause or while in motion.
3. There is no longer a retrieve over the hurdle in IGP 1. This exercise has been replaced by "2 jumps without retrieving over the hurdle. It is executed by the handler sitting the dog in basic position at or behind the line. Then, with a "sit command," the handler leaves the dog and proceeds to the other side of the hurdle (just as in the recall over the scaling wall exercise that had been required for IGP1). The handler stands at approx. 5 meters from the hurdle, calls the dog with the command to jump, and when the dog is in the air, a recall/heir command. The dog must clear the hurdle and come quickly to the handler's front position. After 3 seconds, it is followed by a command to move the dog to the basic position. Then, the exercise is repeated in the opposite direction, finishing the exercise with the dog in basic position in the direction it started with the first jump.
4. Long Down for IGP 1 is executed the same as for BH. The handler goes 10 meters away from the dog and may stand sideways.

Protection

1. "Blind Search" (search for the helper) is now changed back to a 2-blind search. The handler and dog take basic position in the middle of the field between in line with blind 5, facing down the field. The handler raises a hand to let the judge know they are ready (this is the report in protection). The judge will acknowledge, and then the handler with the heel command may turn toward the number 5 blind and, with the dog in basic position facing the number 5 blind, sends the dog to search. The dog must go around blind 5 and is then recalled by the handler, passing in front of the handler, and sent to blind 6.
2. "Attack on Dog Out of Motion" (Long Bite/Courage test) in IGP 1, when the handler picks up the dog, they will remain in that position, and the helper will move away from the dog to the required distance (in the previous way the handler and dog had to heel away from the helper).

IGP 2

Tracking – no changes

Obedience

1. The point allocation of the Stand out of Motion is now 10 pt.
2. There is no retrieve over the Scaling Wall in IGP 2. This is replaced by the same exercise as IGP 1, a "Recall Over the Scaling Wall" (10pt), and is executed the same way as in IGP1.
3. "Long Down " - the distance the handler is away from the dog is now 20 paces with the handler's back to the dog.

Protection - no changes

IGP 3

Tracking - no changes

Obedience

1. The point allocation of the Sit out of Motion is now 10 pt.
2. The point allocation of the Retrieve Over the Scaling Wall is now 10 pt.

Protection - no changes

Master Tracking Titles – FH

FH 1 - Laid by the handler, 800 paces long, 4 corners / 5 legs, 3 of the handler's articles, aged 90 minutes.

FH 2 - Laid by a stranger, 1200 paces, 6 corners, 5 of which are 90 degrees and the last corner is acute at 30 – 60 degrees, 5 articles, with a cross-track laid 30 minutes before the track starts by a different tracklayer across 2 legs (not the first or last leg and not within 40 paces of a corner), aged 120 minutes.

FH 3 - Laid by a stranger, 1800 paces, 8 legs, and one leg must be an arch (semi-circle) starting or ending at a 90-degree corner, 7 corners in total, 5 are 90 degrees, and 2 of them must be acute corners 30-60 degrees, 7 articles, with a cross-track laid 30 minutes before the track starts by a different tracklayer across 2 legs (not the first or last leg and not within 40 paces of a corner), aged 180 minutes.