

# Effective January 1, 2012, rule changes that are imperative for handlers to know

The word Schutzhund is **NO** longer in our vocabulary – we now refer to our titles as IPO 1, 2 or 3.  
**Information that is not mentioned in the area below stays as it was with the old rules.**

## BH

- Minimum age 15 months and must be at least 15 months on day of trial.
- As before – the Dog Handler (DH) must prove that they have passed the written test or has previously been involved in trials as a handler.
- The dog must be able to be touched, this includes the temperament test.
- The dog participating in a BH can wear either a regular metal collar or a leather collar. However, only one (1) collar is permitted during the testing.
- The DH that is about to perform exercise # one (1) must be at the start position and in the basic position as the other DH and his/her dog is in the basic position to start the long down exercise.
- Exercise # one (1) is the same as in the past.
- Exercise # three (3) – the sit out of motion is now as follows. From the basic position the DH commands the dog to heel and somewhere between 10 and 15 paces the handler stops and the dog goes into the basic position. The handler shows a pause and then commands the dog to “SIT”. The DH then leaves the dog and continues 15 paces then turns and faces his/her dog. On the judge’s command the DH returns to his/her dog.
- Exercise # four (4) – the down out of motion is now as follows. From the basic position the DH commands the dog to heel and somewhere between 10 and 15 paces the handler stops and the dog goes into the basic position. The handler shows a pause and then commands the dog to “DOWN”. The DH leaves the dog and continues 30 paces then turns and faces his/her dog. On the judge’s signal the dog is called by the DH. The sit in front and to the basic position is the same as before.

## IPO 1

- Minimum age 18 months.
- Must have a BH.
- The dog must be able to be touched during the temperament test.

### **Tracking**

- When reporting for tracking the Dog Handler (DH) reports to the judge and then prepares the dog for the track no closer than 2 meters from the start marker
- First article is worth 11 points the second article is worth 10 points
- DH may praise a little during the actual tracking.

### **Obedience**

- The DH must have the dog on leash when reporting to the judge. After the reporting in the leash is removed.
- “Sit out of Motion” the DH from the basic position walks at a normal pace and somewhere between 10 to 15 paces the dog is commanded to “SIT”. Without stopping the handler continues another 15 paces stops and turns toward their dog. On the judge’s request the DH returns to their dog.
- The DH that is about to perform exercise # one (1) must be at the start position and in the basic position as the other DH and their dog is in the basic position to start the long down exercise.

### **Protection**

- The DH will report in to the judge on leash.
- The DH will go to the center of the field between the two search blinds and while in the basic position will remove the leash before starting the blind search.
- During the escape exercise the handler must give a command such as “Take him” when the helper first leaves to run away from the dog. If no command is given a one point deduction will be imposed.

## **IPO 2**

- Minimum age 19 months
- Must have obtained an IPO 1 with a minimum 70 – 70 - 70.
- The dog must be able to be touched during the temperament test.

### **Tracking**

- When reporting for tracking the Dog Handler (DH) reports to the judge and then prepares the dog for the track no closer than 2 meters from the start marker.
- First article is worth 11 points second article is worth 10 points
- DH **CANNOT** praise during the actual tracking.

### **Obedience**

- The DH must have the dog on leash when reporting to the judge. After the reporting in the leash is removed.
- “Sit out of Motion” the DH from the basic position walks at a normal pace and somewhere between 10 to 15 paces the dog is commanded to “SIT” without stopping the handler continues another 15 paces stops and turns toward his/her dog. On the judges request the DH returns to their dog.

- “Stand out of Motion” the DH from the basic position walks at a normal pace and somewhere between 10 to 15 paces the dog is commanded to “STAND” without stopping the handler continues another 15 paces stops and turns toward their dog. On the judge’s request the DH returns to his/her dog.
- The DH that is about to perform exercise # one (1) must be at the start position and in the basic position as the other DH and his/her dog is in the basic position to start the long down exercise.

### **Protection**

- The DH will report to the judge on leash and after completion of the reporting in the leash is removed from the dog.
- During the escape exercise the handler must give a command such as “Take him” when the helper first leaves to run away from the dog. If no command is given a one point deduction will be imposed.

## **IPO 3**

- Minimum age 20 months.
- Must have obtained an IPO 2 with a minimum 70 – 70 – 70.
- The dog must be able to be touched during the temperament test.

### **Tracking**

- When reporting for tracking the Dog Handler (DH) reports to the judge and then prepares the dog for the track no closer than 2 meters from the start marker.
- All articles are worth 7 points.
- DH **CANNOT** praise during the actual tracking.

### **Obedience**

- The DH must have the dog on leash when reporting to the judge. After the reporting in the leash is removed.
- “Sit out of Motion” the DH from the basic position walks at a normal pace and somewhere between 10 to 15 paces the dog is commanded to “SIT”. Without stopping the handler continues another 15 paces stops and turns toward their dog. On the judge’s request the DH returns to their dog.
- The DH that is about to perform exercise # one (1) must be at the start position and in the basic position as the other DH and their dog is in the basic position to start the long down exercise.

### **Protection**

- The DH will report in to the judge off leash.
- During the escape exercise the handler must give a command such as “Take him” when the helper first leaves to run away from the dog. If no command is given a one point deduction will be imposed.