



SEKG

HANDBOOK

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Handbook is to organize all the rules governing the Southeast Kreisgruppe that are not covered in its By Laws. We hope it answers all your questions. This initial version has been long in preparation. Should all your questions not be answered, please contact any member of the KG Board

As LV/DVG America grows, so do the responsibilities of the KG Board. This book is our response to a growing need and your requests for information.

I. KREISGRUPPE

A. MEMBERSHIP

Much effort goes into making and keeping the Southeast Region working together and associating together in a spirit of cooperation and sportsmanship, and encouraging handlers in the sport we all love.

In order to promote those efforts, the members of the KG and the KG Board have enacted the following guidelines.

1. *KG Korner*: an electronic monthly newsletter that keeps the membership informed of events and issues effecting the membership.
 - a. Outside organizations can put flyers in KGK if submitted to KG Secretary for Board approval. If approved, organization should send their ad to the KGK editor for inclusion. ①
 - b. Clubs can advertise their fund raisers in KGK Calendar of Events, up to 3 lines. Including other activities such as CGC's, ATT tests, etc. ②
2. *Scheduling Trials* - Clubs are discouraged from planning events on the same weekends. ③
 - a. KG Secretary keeps trial calendar. Clubs must contact the KG secretary before submitting their trial request to the LV. ④ Clubs who do not clear their KG event with the trial secretary will not have their event announced and promoted by the KG. This includes but is not limited to the KG Korner and the Announcement list. To assist in scheduling their future events, a calendar of events can be found at the KG website: sekgonline.com.
3. *Triple Crown* - Competition for the Spivey Award was developed to encourage competition between clubs.
 - a. Handler must be a SEKG member and belong to a SEKG club.
 - b. Any level of competition is eligible, Sch1, Sch2 or Sch3.
 - c. Handler must trial the same dog in 3 different SEKG trials during the 12 months between KG Championships.
 - i. One trial can be any club trial, including their own club trial
 - ii. One trial must be any club trial other than their own club trial.
 - iii. The third and last trial must be the KG Championship.

The Highest accumulated score of the three trials becomes the Triple Crown Champion. Their name is put on the Spivey Award and they keep the trophy until the next KG Championship.
4. *Sammelgruppen* members must be 75 miles from any club in order to encourage club membership and participation. ⑤

5. *Schutzhund III Pins* are given to acknowledge the achievement of the handler.
 - a. Club presidents send name & copy of scorebook of qualifying people to KG Secretary. ⑥
 - b. To qualify for Sch III pin, the BH through Sch III must be: ⑦
 - i. Done by same person in a DVG trial.
 - ii. Handler must be a DVG member with a DVG scorebook.
 - iii. If title is earned in another venue, the title must be repeated in a DVG trial.
 - iv. Can't go backwards.

B. CLUBS

1. *New Clubs* – Prospective clubs pay all expenses for the OfS. See KG Bylaws Revised Edition 2008, Article II, Section 4.

C. KG MEETINGS

1. *Delegates* - Each club has an official delegate(s) listed yearly with the KG secretary. If the delegate(s) on file cannot make the GM Meeting, then the club secretary must notify the KG Secretary who their delegates are for that meeting only. ⑧

D. KG BOARD

1. *Spending* - To more efficiently care for the KG, the executive board can spend up to \$500 without approval of the general membership.

E. HELPER SEMINARS

1. *Participants* – Helper seminars are open to both DVG members and non members. ⑨
2. *Funding* – The KG will fund one seminar per year. The KG keeps all fees. Monies from food & raffle sales go to the hosting club. Other seminars are funded by the hosting club. Hosting club to keep all monies. ⑩
 - a. No club hosted seminar can be scheduled within 90 days before and 30 days after a KG hosted seminar. ⑩

II. MEMBERSHIP

- A. If an error is made by either club(s) and/or members that causes a mistake in the records in the DVG office in Germany, the club and/or member shall be held responsible for any membership dues erroneously charged to the KG as a result.

B. TERMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

1. Individual memberships are automatically renewed from calendar year to calendar year unless an Abmeldung (cancellation) is timely submitted by the Club responsible office (or individual in the case of a Sammelgruppe member) to the KG responsible officer. Clubs should carefully review their roster printouts provided during the year by the DVG and cancel any improper memberships, including duplicate memberships in the club. Additionally, clubs should correct any spelling errors or incorrect addresses on the printout, photocopy the printout with the corrections and send directly to the DVG/Germany office with a cover letter of explanation. If the same errors appear on the club-prepared rosters provided to the KG and LV membership officers, the club should also send a copy of the corrected printout to these officers.
 - a. End of the year membership printouts from Germany. Every year, roughly around the first of December, the DVG office sends each club president 2 printouts. One lists all members for whom dues were paid for that year and the total amount paid to DVG. The other lists all those holding membership in the club during the year. It is the responsibility of the club to thoroughly check this list. Beside any member who has been canceled for the coming year, there will be an asterisk (*). Should a member be listed whom the club has, cancelled for the coming year and no asterisk is beside that person's name, the club responsible officer should immediately notify the KG and LV membership officers. If the cancellation form (Abmeldung) has been processed by both the KG and LV membership officers, then Germany can be notified that an error exists and asked to rectify the mistake in their records.
 - b. First of the year membership printouts from Germany. Along with the club's membership cards for a current year, Germany sends a membership printout. Again, it is the responsibility of the club to thoroughly check this list. If an error exists, the KG, LV and Germany need to be notified immediately. The printout is normally accompanied by a letter asking that the DVG office be notified of any errors in the list. There is usually a time frame given during which time the office will accept such corrections. The KG and LV membership officers should be notified of the error as well as Germany. Faxing a copy of the membership printout, with information about the mistake legibly written or typed at the bottom, will also help clarify what needs to be corrected. Taking such action is imperative when there is a mistake in a specific membership in the club. Such errors as addresses, spelling, etc., should be corrected through the normal channels by sending through an LV Address Change Form via the KG membership officer.

If an error exists on the first of the year membership printout concerning a canceled member and the club fails to pursue correcting the error, the club will be responsible for paying any dues charged to the KG for that member for the year. Failure to reimburse the KG for dues charged to the KG by the LV & Germany because of the club failing to take action will result in the club being declared not in good standing until such time as the KG treasury has been reimbursed.

2. The Abmeldung (cancellation) with its original plus 4 copies should be submitted timely by the club in order to reach the KG secretary by the annual LV/KG roster and dues payment date. It is important to report the individual's name as originally given and spelled on the roster provided by DVG along with the membership numbers.
3. The KG secretary has the option of terminating members whose dues are not received in a timely manner. It is not the KG secretary's job to nag club's for their renewals.
4. A club may terminate an individual member prior to the end of the current calendar year only with an Abmeldung (cancellation) and a letter to the LV Treasurer or Secretary explaining why the member is no longer in good standing with the club. Otherwise, all cancellations are submitted with the renewal papers of the club.
5. If for any reason, clubs and individual members are automatically renewed by DVG, the club is legally liable both to the KG and LV. The KG is legally obligated to the LV for payment of the required LV dues. In such cases the LV has the discretion of forgiving the American magazine portion of the LV dues.
6. *Correction Fees:* The LV Treasurer has the following service charges for incomplete or inaccurate paperwork. These are collected from the related KG. Should the KG be assessed fees for correction of paperwork, those fees will be charged back to the responsible club.
 - a. One dollar (\$1) per page for copying of any required membership papers not submitted with sufficient copies.
 - b. One dollar (\$1) for the correction of the effective membership date on any Anmeldung (Membership) or Abmeldung (Cancellation).
 - c. Five dollars (\$5) for the complete required typing of any Anmeldung (Membership) or Abmeldung (Cancellation).
 - d. Thirty dollars (\$30) per page for typing each required club roster on the LV prescribed form.

Note: During the membership year, the club should type another last page of this roster when there is an accumulation of five or more new club members which are not shown on the last submitted roster form.
 - e. The LV Treasurer is not obligated to add any organizational/membership number to any form, but a charge of \$2 will be assessed if he/she does.

III CLUB TRIALS

A. GENERAL RULES

The following rules governing club trials have been effected in an effort to provide fair and equitable rules for all competitors. Some deal with the actual running of the trial and others deal specifically with the conduct of the competitors. Any infraction of those rules governing competitors' conduct will be grounds for dismissal from the trial and will be stringently enforced by the Trial Chairman.

1. All VDH rules concerning conduct, sportsmanship, etc. (see pages regarding participant conduct in LV/DVG America, translation of the VDH trial rules) will be strictly enforced. The disregarding of these rules will be grounds for dismissal. Making inconsiderate or critical remarks on the sidelines of any trial about the scores, competitors, performances or judging is considered unsportsmanlike behavior and is grounds for expulsion from the trial grounds. This is true for spectators and trial participants alike. If the behavior is sufficiently offensive, a report may be made by the presiding judge to the governing organization (DVG) and can result in a suspension and loss of membership privileges for a period of time.
2. Only those handlers who hold DVG recognized scorebooks on their dogs may compete in the DVG trials. The handler must present his/her original scorebook to the Trial Chairman/Trial Secretary prior to competing.
3. Helpers do not need to be certified to work a club trial. ❶
4. All events must start on time.
5. Arrangements must be made by the club to transport the judges and trial chairman to the trial field and tracking.
6. Tracking articles for VPG 1, 2 and 3 must be consistent with the size, shape and materials designated by the trial rules (materials: leather, fabric, wood). The size of the articles should be about 10 cm (4 inches) long by 2-3 cm (3/4 inch to 1 1/4") wide by 0.5-1 cm (3/8 inch to 5/8 inch) thick. They may not differ substantially in color from the terrain.
7. During obedience, there must be a dumbbell stand, preferably high enough off the ground to avoid confusing the dog. The club should provide a full set of dumbbells (650 gram, 1 kilo and 2 kilo) for use in all levels, including a 650 gram dumbbell on the field for VPG 1. The 650 gram and 1 kilo dumbbells are to be on the field for VPG 2 retrieval exercises and the 650 gram and 2 kilo dumbbells on the field for the VPG 3 retrieval.
8. To achieve the correct angle on the wall, the distance between the two sides at the base should be 130 cm or 51.2 inches.
9. Per the 2004 VDH trial rules, the one meter jump is to be a solid jump, level across the top, with no soft material.

10. Closed club trials are not allowed. Entries must be on a first come, first serve basis. ②
11. Saturday & Sunday must be filled to have a Friday trial. ②
12. Judge can only give seminars after the trial, not before. ②

IV KREISGRUPPE CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. **SEKG** follows LV Championship rules in regards to qualifications for entry into KG Championship. ③
- B. **OFS** to announce helpers selected for the KG Championship 30 days prior to the event. ④
- C. **KG Sch III Champion** gets \$200 out of state travel allowance (\$100 in state) to go the National Championship. Money to be given to Champion by KG Delegate at the National event. ⑤
- D. **Helpers** working the KG Championship cannot work any dog after midnight of the Sunday before the trial.

E. **HOW IS HOST CLUB DETERMINED?**

Clubs wishing to host the event must submit written applications to the KG Board, and the KG Board makes its choice according to previously determined criteria. Consideration is given to the club's location, accessibility, support by the club to previous Regionals, and so on. Rules for the Host clubs, as well as all rules for participants are included below. Rules for obtaining permission to host the SE Regional Championship can be found under General Rules/Information for Host Clubs.

F. **How are the Dates Determined?**

The host club makes the final decision for the dates of the championship. Their decision should be made on such factors as: Tracking & Hotel availability, weather & local events that may hinder the smooth running of a trial (i.e.: a large sporting event that would limit the availability of hotels or accommodations). In the name of good sportsmanship, every effort should be made to not conflict with other championship events, either DVG or other organizations.

G. **HELPERS FOR LV CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The KG OfS has the job of determining who of the Level 1 rated helpers are suitable both physically and mentally to provide the helper work for the VPG 1, 2 and 3 Championships. The KG OfS presents the list of candidates he has chosen to the KG Board and only upon the approval of the Board are the candidates officially appointed as helpers for the SE Regional Championship. If the board does not approve one or more of the nominated helpers, the KG OfS is to provide an alternate candidate or candidates.

If the KG OfS intends to enter the SE Regional Championship as a competitor, then he no longer is a part of the trial committee and may not recommend the helpers for the Regionals. At that point, the KG Board becomes responsible for selecting the helpers for

the LV America Nationals. The senior club Training Director and LV OfS will select the candidates and present the list to the KG Board. Upon approval of the Board, the candidates will be officially approved and assigned. Usually a single helper will be used for VPG 1 and 2, with two helpers used in VPG 3. The VPG 1 and 2 helper will act as the alternate for the VPG 3 helpers and the LV OfS will choose one of the VPG 3 helpers to act as an alternate for the VPG 1 and 2 helper, should he be unable to perform because of injury, illness, etc. No additional lodging cost is incurred for the VPG 1 and 2 helper, as his Thursday night lodging is already paid automatically.

The host club is to assume this responsibility, including the helpers' travel expenses (airfare or mileage) and a meal allowance of \$25 per day for the days working. The maximum travel/meal costs is set at \$400. Additionally, the helpers receive lodging for days working plus one day. This means the two VPG 3 helpers receive lodging for Thursday night (the night prior to working) plus Friday and Saturday nights. The VPG 1 and 2 helper receives lodging for Wednesday (the night prior to working) and Thursday. Additionally, the VPG 1 and 2 helper is to receive his lodging paid for Friday and Saturday nights when he acts as the alternate should either of the VPG 3 helpers be injured or become ill.

It is emphasized that all Helpers are expected to initially pay for their own travel (either airfare or driving expenses) and rooms by credit card, cash or whatever. They then are to turn in lodging receipts to the host club's Treasurer. Host club/KG responsible nights are to be turned into the appropriate club/KG person. Helpers will then be reimbursed by the responsible organization. Any lodging charge(s) over and above the night before and the nights of the days working or the alternate-specific lodging nights are completely the responsibility of the individual helper.

1. *Helper Participation as a Competitor:* Working as a Helper in the Nationals should be a Helper's primary focus and that Helpers are not permitted to compete.

H. GENERAL RULES GOVERNING THE KG CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following rules governing the SE Regional Championship have been effected in an effort to provide comparable competitive conditions each year and fair and equitable rules for all competitors. Some deal with the actual running of the trial and others deal specifically with the conduct of the competitors. Any infraction of those rules governing competitors' conduct will be grounds for dismissal from the trial and will be stringently enforced by the Trial Chairman.

1. RULES FOR COMPETITORS

- a. All participants are required to wear black slacks and a white, collared shirt in obedience and protection, weather allowing. The shirt may be either short or long-sleeved. No club insignia or logos are allowed. "Grubbies" may be worn during tracking. Of course, rain gear is permitted in the event of bad weather.
- b. The trial field will be open for practice by competitors on the day prior to the opening day of the Nationals. No other practice times will be allowed,

unless agreed upon by the host club and the KG Board. All equipment, both obedience and protection, is to be in place at that time for the use of the competitors during practice. Protection work is allowed. There will be no exclusive use time for individual competitors, so please practice good sportsmanship in sharing the use of the jump, wall, etc. Designated persons, i.e., a host club member or member of the KG Board, will take turns overseeing the trial field practice sessions. During practice sessions on the trial field, all participants are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner both with others and with their dogs. Any unsportsmanlike conduct may be grounds for expulsion from the trial. A practice field with similar equipment (jump, wall, blinds, etc.) will be provided for competitors' use at all other times.

- c. Both the competition stadium AND the tracking fields are completely off limits to all handlers and dogs for two weeks prior to as well as during the competition. Clubs within the location of the SE Regional Championship are asked to caution their non-competing members to refrain from tracking on the fields to be used for the competition in fairness to competitors. The host club will provide comparable tracking grounds of a similar type of cover for competitors' practice.
- d. All VDH rules concerning conduct, sportsmanship, etc. (see pages regarding participant conduct in LV/DVG America, translation of the VDH trial rules) will be strictly enforced. The disregarding of these rules will be grounds for dismissal. Making inconsiderate or critical remarks on the sidelines of any trial about the scores, competitors, performances or judging is considered unsportsmanlike behavior and is grounds for expulsion from the trial grounds. This is true for spectators and trial participants alike. If the behavior is sufficiently offensive, a report may be made by the presiding judge to the governing organization (DVG) and can result in a suspension and loss of membership privileges for a period of time.

2. *GENERAL RULES FOR THE TRIAL*

- a. Only those handlers who are currently paid up members of LV/DVG America and hold dhv/DVG scorebooks on their dogs may compete in the SE Regional Championship, which, at the VPG 3 level, determines our dog/handler team will represent the KG at the LV National Championship. Though photocopies of scorebooks are now required to accompany entry forms, nonetheless, the handler must present his/her original scorebook to the Trial Chairman/Trial Secretary prior to competing.
- b. A member shall be defined as a person who is a member of DVG in good standing, as shown on the rolls of the Organization, who is a Permanent Resident or has applied to become a Permanent Resident, as defined by the rules of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (i.e., holds or has applied for a Green Card), living within the boundaries of the KG.
- c. In order to compete in the LV Championship, a participant's KG member club membership application must have been received for processing by

the LV Membership Officer (the KG Secretary) prior to January 1 of the year in which the LV Championship is held. Sammelgruppe, or individual members, are prohibited by DVG rules from competing in any elimination trials. Only those who hold current membership in LV member clubs may participate in the KG Championship.

- d. The only requirements for VPG 1, 2, 3 are:
 - i. The dog/handler team must hold the title at the same VPG level in which they are to compete in the Regionals.
 - ii. In the case of a titled import dog or any purchased titled dog, the period between the previous year's Nationals and the present year's Nationals, with the same handler competing with the dog.
 - iii. No handler may compete in VPG 1 or 2 with the same dog with which he/she competed in the same classification in a previous Nationals, and no dog may compete at a VPG 1 or 2 level if a higher degree has already been earned. ⑥
- e. Scorebook Requirements
 - i. Any participant entering the KG Championship MUST have a dhv/DVG scorebook on that dog, showing the handler as the owner. If the dog is owned by one person and handled by another, BOTH owner and handler must be DVG members. The original scorebook must be presented to the appropriate trial official prior to competing. No photocopies are accepted.
 - ii. If the dog entered is imported with an existing dhv, SV, ADRK, etc., scorebook, the new owner MUST obtain a dhv/DVG scorebook on the dog in the new owner's name. This can be done by photocopying the existing scorebook and sending it to DVG in Germany for registration of the titles and issuance of a new dhv/DVG scorebook, before he/she can enter the SE Regional Championship (or any DVG trial).
 - iii. Scores may be entered in all scorebooks held on the competing dog, so long as those scorebooks are given to the Trial Chairman/Trial Secretary prior to the beginning of the trial. Scores may also be entered in the dhv Sportpass.
 - iv. Participants must have space in their scorebooks on which to enter the trial results. If the scorebook is full (no lines remaining), the participant will not be allowed to enter. It is the responsibility of the KG member to obtain a second scorebook prior to the Nationals by sending the old full scorebook or a photocopy to the DVG office and requesting a replacement scorebook.
 - v. Participants must present their scorebooks to trial officials no later than the night of the draw. If a participant has forgotten his/her scorebook, participation in the SE Regional Championship will not be permitted. In special cases, a participant may be allowed to participate if arrangements can be made for the scorebook to be sent overnight to arrive during the Regionals. This will be dealt with only on a case by case basis and is not to be considered a "given".

- f. Entry Forms
 - i. All entrants MUST include a photocopy BOTH their current DVG membership card and scorebook along with their mailed-in entry form and entry fee check. All entry forms are required to show the participant's membership number and LV/KG/Member Club numbers as well as verification of prior title(s). Because of the volume of paperwork required for the Regionals, this information must be available to the Trial Chairman/Trial Secretary prior to the opening of the SE Regional Championship so that verification of membership and title(s) can be made. The host club has the right to return any incomplete entries to members and require proper paperwork to be submitted before honoring the entry.
- g. Drawing for Position
 - i. At the handlers' meeting prior to each division competition (some divisions will last more than one day, but there will be only one handlers' meeting), each competitor will draw for order of position for the following day(s). For example: if there are 20 VPG 1's or 2's, at the handlers' meeting, the competitors will draw numbers 1 through 20. That number will determine the order for obedience and protection and the tracking "flight". A "flight" will consist of perhaps 5 competitors, and on the morning of tracking, after the tracks have been laid, the first flight (numbers 1 through 5) will then draw for tracking position within that flight. If there are 20 dogs competing that day, there may be 4 flights of 5 dogs each (numbers 1 through 5, 6 through 10, etc.). Each flight's tracks will be laid at different times, to control the age of the tracks, and each flight will draw for position only within the group. Tracks are then run according to the number drawn.
 - ii. For obedience and protection, the order will then revert to the original position number drawn at the handlers' meeting.
 - iii. The VPG 3's will be slightly different. Depending on the total number of VPG 3 entries, the number drawn will determine not only position, but also the day a handler will compete. For example: day 1 could be number 1 to 20; day 2, numbers 20 through 40, and so on. The number drawn determines the order in which you compete, as well, depending on how many dogs compete on which days. Tracking will be done in flights, just as for the 1's and 2's, with the day of tracking determined by the draw number.
 - a. Once tracking order within flights is determined, handlers should understand that the order for obedience and protection will revert to the number originally drawn.
 - iv. There will be NO exchanging of position numbers, either for day of competition, order of competition within a day, or tracking

order within a flight. Any competitors found doing this will be excluded from competition.

EXCEPTION: If there are two dogs from the same household, or two handlers who for a good reason do not want to be on the obedience field at the same time, these handlers must notify those running the drawing of the problem PRIOR to the drawing, and it will be announced publicly. The Trial Chairman, or whoever is officiating the drawing, is directed to ask at the beginning of the drawing if there are any handlers who do not wish to be on the field at the same time with any other handler. At that time, after the first of the two handlers draws, the second handler will then draw, and IF the second handler draws a number that will place both on the field at the same time, the second handler will immediately redraw. There is no exchanging of numbers, but rather a redrawing. These competitors will have to draw early enough so they will not be last.

- v. If, for ANY reason, a competitor cannot attend the handlers meeting and draw for him/herself, no one other than the Trial Chairman will be allowed to draw for the competitor. After all competitors have drawn, any numbers left over will be assigned to those not attending the meeting. The Trial Chairman will simply draw numbers for those missing competitors and assign them in alphabetical order in order to be fair.
- h. **Style of Judging**
 - i. At present, judging for the SE Regional Championship a single judge. If the host club receives more VPG 3 entries than the number of days allowed for the KG Championship, there are options:
 - a. the host club can request an additional day for the SE Regional Championship competition, or
 - b. entries will be closed after the maximum number of entries for the days allowed are received. The KG Board should be consulted should this occur.
 - ii. The VPG 1 and 2 competitions are to be held on a single day and judged in the same manner as the VPG 3 competition. Should there be more entries than are permitted in a single day, the host club should consult with the KG Board as to whether the entries should be closed or an additional day requested.
 - iii. The host club may at their discretion, include FH competition during the KG Championship.
- i. **Miscellaneous Provisions**
 - i. The host club, in conjunction with and by conferring with the Trial Chairman (a KG Board member), will have the option of setting up the number of dogs per flight for tracking based upon total number

of entries, length of time anticipated for tracking, etc. There will be no set number designated.

- ii. In the event of a disagreement, the decision of the judge is final.
- iii. If competitors wish scores entered in more scorebooks than the dhv scorebook, they must turn in any other scorebooks to the Trial Chairman/Secretary at the same time as their dhv book. Otherwise, the judges are not obligated to sign the books.
- iv. dhv Handler Sportpass books also should be turned in at the same time as the scorebook(s) in order to have the trial results entered.

3. *TROPHIES and the Awards Ceremony*

- a. The Host Club is responsible for providing trophies suitable for a Championship for the first three winners of all divisions, VPG 1, 2 and 3.
- b. At the host club's/region's discretion and expense, High Tracking, Obedience and Protection trophies may be awarded. These trophies and the qualifications for these trophies must be announced in advance of the start of the Championship.
- c. Additionally, the host club will accept donations for the following trophies, should such donations be made:
 - i. High Tracking, Obedience and Protection
- d. The plaques on all trophies awarded at the Regionals must indicate the year of the Regionals and that the trophies were won at the SEKG Regional Championship. The location and the name of the host club may also be included
- e. Under VDH trial rules, the award ceremony is considered to be part of the trial and all participants are expected to attend. To leave a trial prior to the award ceremony without requesting permission from the judge/trial chairman is considered unsportsmanlike conduct and can be grounds for censure. This is true of all trials, whether local, regional or national in scope.
- f. The Spivey Award will also be presented to the winner of the Triple Crown competition.

4. *ADDITIONAL ADOPTED GUIDELINES*

- a. Rules - The following are rules have been adopted by the Southeast KG Board concerning the conduct of all KG Championships. These rules supplement those rules listed previously.
- b. General Conditions
 - i. All obedience and protection portions of the Championship are to be held in the evening, unless holding a day trial has been previously approved by the KG Board. The hour will be chosen by the host club, but the trial should not start until the temperature moderates as much as possible.

- ii. All events must start on time.
 - iii. Arrangements must be made by the club to transport the judges and trial chairman to the trial field and tracking.
 - iv. Two escort cars should be used to guide the tracking competitors to the tracking fields, one in front and rear.
 - v. To mark positions for handlers and helpers, the club must have white chalk, marking paint or flour available before the commencement of obedience. The location of position marks will be made by the KG OfS and the judges.
 - vi. The club must have a veterinary doctor on call for the emergency care of the dogs.
 - vii. Either food or toys may be used on the practice field, but no whips the trial field during practice sessions. If a participant fails to comply with this regulation, he/she may be expelled from participation in the Regionals. There will be either a Board member or a hosting club member monitoring practice sessions on the trial field during the day to insure compliance.
 - viii. Lighting must be of some standard quality of excellence.
 - ix. A KG Board member must be the trial chairman for all KG Championship events (VPG 1, 2 and 3). This appointment must be made at least 40 days in advance in order to facilitate good communication between the host club and the trial chairman.
- c. Tracking
- i. Tracking articles for VPG 1, 2 and 3 must be consistent with the size, shape and materials designated by the trial rules((materials: leather, fabric, wood). The size of the articles should be about 10 cm (4 inches) long by 2-3 cm (3/4 inch to 1 1/4") wide by 0.5-1 cm (3/8 inch to 5/8 inch) thick. They may not differ substantially in color from the terrain.
 - ii. More than one tracklayer is allowed, but each must be experienced.
 - iii. Tracking conditions must be of a difficulty consistent with a championship, but conditions should not be so difficult that tracking becomes the sole determining of the winner. Tracking cover or conditions do not have to be identical, but all must present an equal challenge to the tracking dogs.
 - iv. The type of tracking fields (i.e., grass, plowed dirt, hayfields, etc.) to be used must be advertised far enough ahead of time for participants to prepare and must not be changed.
- d. Obedience
- i. During obedience, there must be a dumbbell stand, preferably high enough off the ground to avoid confusing the dog. The host club is to provide a full set of dumbbells (650 gram, 1 kilo and 2 kilo) for use in all levels, including a 650 gram dumbbell on the field for VPG 1. The 650 gram and 1 kilo dumbbells are to be on the field for VPG 2 retrieval exercises and the 650 gram and 2 kilo dumbbells on the field for the VPG 3 retrieval.

- ii. To achieve the correct angle on the wall, the distance between the two sides at the base should be 130 cm or 51.2 inches.
 - iii. Per the 2004 VDH trial rules, the one meter jump is to be a solid jump, level across the top, with no soft material.
- e. Protection
- i. In keeping with the procedure followed during the Deutsche Meisterschaft, VPG 3 obedience and protection will be worked up to 6 at a time (i.e., up to 6 teams work obedience and protection, then the next teams up to 6, etc.). For that reason, all 6 blinds are to be in place on the trial field at the beginning of the VPG 3 competition and remain up throughout each day of trial. If the same procedure is followed for VPG 1 and 2 (up to 6 teams working obedience and protection), the blinds are to be in place during both obedience and protection -- 4 blinds for VPG 2 and 2 blinds for VPG 1.
 - ii. The jump and wall will remain up during VPG 3 protection (as is done in Germany during the Deutsche Meisterschaft). The jump and wall will be located in a position designated by the trial chairman or KG OfS.
 - iii. Prior to the commencement of each class of protection, the host club will arrange to have two dogs present for testing the trial helpers. These dogs cannot be entered in the championship, but must have sufficient training to allow the trial judges to properly evaluate the helpers' skills.
 - iv. Foliage around the blinds shall be optional. If the club exercises the option to use foliage, the fact should be advertised well ahead of time.

References:

- ① August 5, 1989 GM Meeting
- ② January 1, 2001 GM Meeting
- ③ April 19, 1997 GM Meeting
- ④ February 25, 1989 GM Meeting
- ⑤ February 14, 1987 GM Meeting, upheld August 27, 1990 GM Meeting
- ⑥ December 3, 2000 GM Meeting
- ⑦ March 15, 2003 GM Meeting
- ⑧ November 5, 1988 GM Meeting
- ⑨ March 21, 2009 General Membership meeting
- ⑩ March 21, 2009 General Membership meeting
- ❶ (May 27, 1989 GM Meeting)
- ❷ (February 14, 1987 GM Meeting)
- ❸ (November 11, 1998 GM Meeting)
- ❹ (September 19, 2000 GM Meeting)
- ❺ (May 27, 1989 GM Meeting)
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- ❼ (February 13, 1982 GM Meeting)