

IPO1 PhaseC

Exercise 1:	Search for the helper	5 points
Exercise 2:	Hold and bark	10 points
Exercise 3:	Prevention of an attempted escape of the helper	20 points
Exercise 4:	Defense of the dog during guarding phase	35 points
Exercise 5:	Attack on the dog out of motion	30 points
Total		100 points

General regulations:

In a suitable location six blinds are to be set-up along the length of the field, in a staggered fashion, three on each side (see sketch). Necessary markings must be clearly visible for the handler, the judge and the helper.

The helper must be equipped with a protection suit, sleeve and soft-stick. The sleeve must be equipped with a bite-bar and the sleeve-cover must be made from burlap (jute) in a natural colour.

If it is necessary for the helper to keep a close eye on the dog during the guarding phase, the helper is not required to stand still, though he is not permitted to make any threatening or defensive movements. The helper must protect his body with the sleeve. It is up to the handler in which way he/she chooses to take the soft-stick away from the helper. (See also "General Information" page 9-12 – "Helper Regulations")

It is possible to work with only one helper at all examination levels. If more than 5 dogs are entered at the same examination level a second helper is mandatory. All dogs within the same examination level must be worked by the same helper/helpers.

Dogs that are out of control, that, after a defense exercise, do not release or release only after the handler takes physical measures, that bite other parts of the helper's body than the sleeve, must be disqualified. No TSB rating is given.

For dogs that fail during a defense exercise or get chased away, the protection phase is to be terminated. The dog does not receive a rating in the protection phase. However, the dog must receive a TSB rating.

The verbal command "aus/out" is permitted one time during all defense exercises. Evaluation for the "out" see the table below.

Slow out	First additional command followed by immediate out	First additional command followed by slow out	Second additional command followed by immediate out	Second additional command followed by slow out	No out after second additional command, respectively additional influence
0.5-3.0	3.0	3.5-6.0	6.0	6.5-9.0	Disqualification

1. Search for the helper 5 points

- a.) One verbal command each: “revier/search or voran/go-ahead”, “hier/come” (the verbal command “hier/come” may be given in conjunction with the dog’s name)
- b.) Description of the exercise: The helper is located in the last blind, out of the dog's sight. The handler positions him/herself with his/her free-heeling dog between the fourth and fifth blind prior to starting the blind-search, so that two side-sweeps are possible. On the judge’s signal phase C begins. After the handler gives the verbal command “revier/search” in conjunction with a visual command, which is executed with either the right or left arm and may be repeated, the dog must quickly leave the handler and approach the fifth blind. The dog must run around the blind closely and attentively. As soon as the dog has searched the fifth blind the handler gives the dog the verbal command “hier/come” (it is permissible to use the dog’s name in conjunction with the command) and sends the dog while he/she is in motion, by using the verbal command “revier/search”, into the helper-blind. The handler is moving at a normal pace down an imaginary middle line. The handler is not permitted to leave this imaginary line during the search for the helper. The dog must be in front of the handler at all times. When the dog reaches the helper-blind the handler is required to stand still. At this point no further verbal or visual commands are permitted.
- c.) Evaluation: Limitations concerning manageability, fast and purposeful approach of the blinds as well as close and attentive running around the blind are to be deducted accordingly.

2. Hold and bark 10 points

- a.) One verbal command each: “hier/come”, “fuß/heel”
- b.) Description of the exercise: The dog must confront the helper actively and attentively and bark continuously. The dog is not permitted to jump on or grip the helper. After the dog has barked for approximately 20 seconds, the handler approaches the blind, upon receiving a signal from the judge and stops about 5 paces away from it. On the judge’s signal the handler calls his/her dog out of the blind into a basic position.
- c.) Evaluation: Limitations regarding the continuous and demanding bark and forceful hold, not influenced by the judge or the approaching handler until the verbal command is given, are to be deducted accordingly. 5 points are given for continuous barking. For weak barking 2 points are deducted. If the dog does not bark but is guarding the helper actively, attentively and closely 5 points are deducted. Bothering of the helper, for example bumping, jumping up on the helper etc. leads to a deduction of up to 2 points. Up to 9 points may be deducted for heavy gripping. If the dog leaves the helper before the handler receives the signal from the judge to leave the middle line, the dog may be sent into the blind a second time. If the dog stays with the helper this time, the protection phase may be continued, though the hold and bark is to be rated “insufficient”. If the dog does not want to search the blind or leaves the helper again, phase C is to be terminated. If the dog returns to the handler when he/she approaches the blind to pick-up the dog, or the dog returns to the handler prior to receiving the verbal command to do so, partial points are given reflecting an “insufficient” rating.

3. Prevention of an attempted escape of the helper 20 points

- a.) One verbal command each: “fuß/heel”, “platz/down”, “aus/out”

b.) Description of the exercise: Upon a signal from the judge, the handler orders the helper to step out of the blind. The helper moves at a normal pace to the designated location for the escape. On a signal from the judge, the handler moves with his/her free-heeling dog to the designated location for the dog to down before the escape. The distance between dog and helper is 5 paces.

The handler leaves his/her guarding dog in the down position and moves into the blind, maintaining visual contact with the dog, the judge and the helper. On the judge's signal the helper tries to escape. The dog must immediately and independently prevent the escape effectively, without hesitation and by means of an energetic and strong grip. The dog may only bite the helper's sleeve. On the judge's signal the helper stands still. When the helper stops moving the dog is to release immediately. The handler may give a verbal command "aus/out" on his/her own, within an appropriate time.

If the dog does not release after the first command, the handler may give up to two additional commands "aus/out", upon receiving a signal from the judge. If the dog does not release after having received three commands (one permissible and two additional commands), the team is to be disqualified. The handler has to stand calmly, without influencing the dog in any way, while giving the command "aus/out". Upon releasing the helper, the dog must stay close to the helper and guard him attentively.

c.) Evaluation: Limitations concerning important evaluation criteria are to be deducted accordingly. Fast and energetic response and pursuit in conjunction with a powerful engagement and effective prevention of the escape, full and calm grip until the release, attentive and close guarding of the helper. If the dog remains in the down position or has not prevented the escape by means of biting and holding after the helper has taken about 20 steps, the protection phase is to be terminated.

If the dog is slightly inattentive and/or bothers the helper slightly during the guarding phase the exercise will be marked down by one grade. If the dog is guarding the helper very inattentively and/or is bothering the helper very much, the exercise is marked down by two grades. If the dog is not guarding the helper but stays with him, the exercise is marked down by three grades. If the dog leaves the helper or if the handler gives a verbal command for the dog to stay on the helper, phase C is to be terminated.

4. Defense of the dog during guarding phase 35 points

a.) One verbal command each: "aus/out", "fuß/heel"

b.) Description of the exercise: After a guarding phase of about 5 seconds the helper makes an attack on the dog, on the judge's signal. Without any influence from the handler the dog must defend itself through energetic and powerful gripping. The dog may only bite the protective sleeve of the helper. As soon as the dog has a grip on the sleeve, the helper applies two stick-hits. Hits may only be applied to the shoulders and the area of the withers. Upon a signal from the judge the helper stands still. After the helper has stopped the attack and is standing still, the dog must out immediately. The handler may give a verbal command "aus/out" on his own at the appropriate time.

If the dog does not release after having received the first permissible command, the handler may give up to two additional commands "aus/out", upon receiving a signal from the judge. If the dog does not release, upon receiving these commands (one permissible and two additional commands), the team is to be disqualified. The handler must stand still without influencing the dog in any other form, while giving the verbal command "aus/out". After the dog releases, the

dog must stay close to the helper and guard him attentively. Upon a signal from the judge the handler walks directly to his/her dog at a normal pace and with the verbal command "fuß/heel" he puts the dog in a basic position. The soft-stick is not taken from the helper.

c.) Evaluation: Limitations concerning important evaluation criteria are to be deducted accordingly. Fast and strong engagement, full and calm grip until the release, attentive and close guarding of the helper.

If the dog is slightly inattentive and/or bothers the helper slightly during the guarding phase, the exercise will be marked down by one grade.

If the dog is guarding the helper very inattentively and/or is bothering the helper very much, the exercise is marked down by two grades. If the dog is not guarding the helper but stays with him, the exercise is marked down by three grades. If the dog comes towards the handler when he/she approaches, the exercise is rated "insufficient". If the dog leaves the helper before the judge gives the signal to step-up or the handler gives a command for the dog to stay on the helper, the protection phase is terminated.

5. Attack on the dog out of motion 30 points

a.) One verbal command each: "sitz/sit", "voran or pack ihn/go out or defend", "aus/out", "fuss/heel", "fuss/heel"

b.) Description of the exercise: The handler is sent with his/her dog to a marked spot on the centreline of the exercise ground, level with the first blind. The dog may be held by its collar but it is not permissible to stimulate the dog.

On a signal from the judge the helper, who is equipped with a soft-stick, steps out of the blind and walks at a normal pace towards the centreline. The helper disregards the handler's command to stop, he runs towards the handler and the dog (at a running pace), making a frontal attack while yelling and making strong threatening motions. As soon as the helper has reached a point about 30 to 40 paces away from the handler and his/her dog, the handler releases the dog upon receiving a signal from the judge with the verbal command "voran/pack ihn/ go out/defend". The dog is to engage without hesitation and must prevent the attack by means of an energetic and strong grip. The dog may only grip the protective sleeve of the helper. The handler may not move from his/her position. On a signal from the judge, the helper stops the attack. After the helper has stopped the attack and is standing still, the dog must release immediately. The handler may give a verbal command "aus/out" on his/her own at the appropriate time.

If the dog does not release after having received the first permissible command, the handler may give up to two additional commands upon receiving a signal from the judge. If the dog does not release after having received these commands (one permissible and two additional commands), the team is to be disqualified. The handler must stand still without influencing the dog in any form, while giving the verbal command "aus/out". After the dog releases, the dog must stay close to the helper and guard him attentively. Upon a signal from the judge the handler walks directly to his/her dog at a normal pace and, with the verbal command "fuß/heel", puts the dog in a basic position. The soft-stick is taken from the handler.

This is followed by a side-transport of the helper to the judge over a distance of about 20 paces. A verbal command "fuß/heel" is allowed. The dog must walk on the helper's right side, so that the dog is in between the handler and the helper. The dog must watch the helper closely during the transport. The dog may neither bother, nor jump on nor grip the helper. The group stops in

front of the judge. The handler presents the soft-stick to the judge and reports out. Prior to the critique and on the instruction of the judge, the dog is put on a leash.

c.) Evaluation: Limitations concerning important evaluation criteria are to be deducted accordingly: Energetic defence with a powerful engagement, a full and calm grip until the release, attentive and close guarding of the helper.

If the dog is slightly inattentive and/or bothers the helper slightly during the guarding phase, the exercise will be marked down by one grade. If the dog is guarding the helper very inattentively and/or is bothering the helper very much, the exercise is marked down by two grades. If the dog is not guarding the helper but stays with him, the exercise is marked down by three grades. If the dog comes towards the handler when he/she approaches, the exercise is rated "insufficient". If the dog leaves the helper before the judge gives the signal to step-up or the handler gives a command for the dog to stay on the helper, the protection phase is to be terminated.

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