



# USRC IPO TRIAL REGULATIONS VARIANCES

## **Section 1: Titles**

The following titles may be offered at USRC Trials:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Minimim Age</b>	<b>Judging Phases</b>
BH/VT - Companion Dog Test	15 months	2
IPO 1 - International Utility Dog Level 1	18 months	3
IPO 2 - International Utility Dog Level 2	19 months	3
IPO 3 - International Utility Dog Level 3	20 months	3
IPO VO - Preliminary IPO Utility Dog	15 months	3
IPO-FH International Tracking Dog	20 months	3
FH 1 Tracking Dog Level 1	18 months	3
FH 2 Tracking Dog Level 2	18 months	3
Apr 1 - Utility Dog Level 1	18 months	2
Apr 2 - Utility Dog Level 2	18 months	2
Apr 3 - Utility Dog Level 3	18 months	2
FPr 1 Tracking Test Level 1	15 months	1
FPr 2 Tracking Test Level 2	15 months	1
FPr 3 Tracking Test Level 3	15 months	1
UPr 1 Obedience Test Level 1	15 months	1
UPr 2 Obedience Test Level 1	15 months	1
UPr 3 Obedience Test Level 1	15 months	1
StPr 1 Article Indication Test	15 months	1
StPr 2 Article Indication Test	15 months	1
StPr 3 Article Indication Test	15 months	1
AD - Endurance Test	16 months	
AWD 1 - American Working Dog Level 1	Refer to AWDF Rules	
AWD 2 - American Working Dog Level 2	Refer to AWDF Rules	
AWD 3 - American Working Dog Level 3	Refer to AWDF Rules	

## **Section 2: General Rules and Regulations**

1. Evidence of achieving the BH title must be presented before entry for any other level except the AD.
2. Handlers may enter up to three (3) dogs in USRC club level trials. Handlers may enter up to two (2) dogs in USRC Regional or National championship trials.
3. Motivational training aids and commonly used corrective devices (i.e. prong, choke or electric collars, heeling sticks etc.) may be used during practice in a commonly accepted humane manner.
4. Corrective devices may not be used on, or within sight of the trial venue (the venue is considered to be all trial fields to include tracking fields, obedience and protection fields), after the official start of the trial and during the trial (examples of corrective devices are choke / pinch / electric collars, heeling sticks etc.). At all times the use of all training methods and aids must be done in a commonly accepted manner. Abuse of these methods may lead to disqualification and / or discipline.
5. Motivational methods of training (i.e., food, toys, etc.) may be used during the trial until reporting into the Judge or entering the trial or tracking field.
6. The minimum number of dogs for an official working trial is four (4) paid entries.
7. All titles and awards must be earned in a progression (example: IPO1-2-3, Apr 1-2-3, FPr 1-2-3, etc)



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8. All dogs entered into a trial may not exceed three (3) phases of work in a single trial with the exception of adding an AD with another title. (Example: a dog may enter for FPR1 and UPR1 in the same trial = 2 phases or a dog may enter IPO 1 = 3 phases)

9. The start of a trial is determined by one of the following:

- At championship events the start is the draw (a designated time that the entries draw for placement and turn in scorebooks to the trial secretary).
- At club level events the start is determined to be after the scorebooks have been turned in or when the first dog has started a phase of the trial for that calendar day.

10. Practice on scheduled trial venue fields is allowed:

- For championship events, prior to the start of the trial and only during the times designated by the host club.
- For multi-day club level events, after the conclusion of each day's official trial activities and with the permission of the trial secretary and/or judge.

11. "Bitches in Season" will be placed at the end of the event for phases B and C (obedience and protection) and allowed practice time at the end of the trial prior to their competition.

12. All trial fields must be large enough to properly complete the required exercises for the IPO examinations. At all trials, regardless of the titles offered (examination levels), the obedience field must be set up with the jump, wall and three (3) dumbbells. During protection all six (6) blinds must be set up.