

**REGULATIONS FOR FIELD, FOREST AND MOUNTAIN TRIALS FOR
CONTINENTAL HUNT, POINT AND RETRIEVE BREEDS (HPR) THAT ARE
ORGANIZED UNDER THE CLUB FOR CONTINENTAL HPR BREEDS (SKF)
UNDER THE SWEDISH KENNEL CLUB (SKK)**

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GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR SHOWS, TRIALS AND COMPETITIONS

These regulations will apply from 1 January 2012 until 31 December 2016. Any changes required as a result of Swedish legislation or FCI regulations will be found at SKK's website www.skk.se.

General regulations for shows, trials and competitions organized by Svenska Kennelklubben (SKK, Swedish Kennel Club), by provincial kennel clubs and breed clubs affiliated with SKK, and by breed clubs affiliated by agreement. In case of interpreting of the show regulations only the Swedish version is valid.

The following General regulations apply to official (SKK Dog Registered) shows, trials and competitions arranged by the Swedish Kennel Club (SKK), by provincial kennel clubs and breed clubs affiliated with SKK, and by breed clubs affiliated by agreement. In addition, the applicable parts of SKK's rules and the regulations issued by authorities also apply. Bringing dogs together for shows, trials and competitions places requirements on both the organizer and dog owners/handlers in order to be able to maintain good protection against infectious diseases and harm to humans, owners' own dogs and other animals. The dog's welfare always takes top priority at all SKK events. It is also important that the results of judging are not affected by undue circumstances. Participants and functionaries are obliged to act or perform in such a way that they do not harm or act against SKK or its member organisations, and not to act in such a way that they affect other dogs' chances of being judged fairly at trials, shows or competitions, and not to make disparaging comments about other dogs, officials or participants. All dogs must be made available for the examinations and taking of samples that may be necessary in connection with checking for doping and other undue circumstances. When a veterinary certificate is referred to for a dog, this must be issued on an SKK approved form (e.g. Swedish Veterinary Association form F145 or equivalent). The following details must be included in order for the certificate to be accepted: breed, registered name, registration number, ID number, description of injury, whether this has been acquired, what the intervention relates to, action, reason for action and, if a body part has been removed, a comment on its appearance. An original copy of the certificate must always be brought to the show. Organizers are entitled to take copies of veterinary certificates. Any person who has been excluded by the SKK's Disciplinary Board from the SKK organisation or who has been banned from taking part in shows, trials and competitions by a Nordic kennel club or the FCI or has been banned from handling and keeping animals by the authorities, may not own, enter or handle dogs at trials and competitions. Such person may not own, enter or show a dog at a show or take part with a progeny group or breeders group. This also applies to any person who has chosen to leave the SKK organisation during an ongoing investigation by SKK's Disciplinary Board, meaning that the Disciplinary Board cannot examine the matter. Dog owners are responsible for dogs not being shown/handled by a person who has been excluded or has been banned from handling and keeping animals by the authorities. Dogs which, in the six months prior to the show, trial or competition, have been owned by a person who has been excluded or banned by the SKK's Disciplinary Board from entering, bringing dogs to, or allowing dogs to be brought to shows, trials or competitions may not take part.

Results awarded in official classes will be recorded by SKK. Only registered dogs can be named champion.

1. Vaccinations

Participating foreign dogs must be brought into Sweden in accordance with Swedish import requirements for dogs in relation to rabies vaccinations and deworming against tapeworms (echinococcus).

Participating dogs must be vaccinated against distemper as follows:

- Dogs under the age of one (1) year: at the age of at least ten (10) weeks.
- Dogs over the age of one (1) year: the dog must be vaccinated at the age of at least ten (10) months, and not more than four (4) years ago.
- First-time vaccination must be carried out at least fourteen (14) days before the day of the trial, competition and/or show. Checks may be carried out to ensure that the applicable import and vaccination requirements have been followed. In addition, SKK recommends that participating dogs are also vaccinated against parvovirus infection and parainfluenza (kennel cough).

2. Identification number

Dogs must have an identification number in order to take part in an official show, official trial or competition. (This also applies to crossbreed and unregistered dogs.) The identification may be carried out by tattooing or with a microchip implant that complies with ISO standards 11784 and 11785. Breed clubs are entitled to decide that only tattooing shall be acceptable at the club's events. Participants that provide their own microchip scanner are entitled to take part with micro chipped dogs, regardless of whether the organiser has decided that only tattooing shall be acceptable. At shows organised by the SKK General Committee or an SKK provincial kennel club, the organiser is responsible for providing a microchip scanner. Identification checks may be carried out by random inspections.

3. Responsibility

During shows, trials or competitions, dog owners or their representatives are responsible in accordance with the *Swedish Supervision of Dogs and Cats Act*. Those taking part in shows, trials or competitions are responsible for dogs being kept in such a way that they cannot harm themselves or others. Under no circumstances may dogs be kept in cars, dog cages, tents or similar in such conditions that they could come to harm. If the dog owner or their representatives during the show, trial, competition or club organized activity keeps a dog in contravention of the above, he shall be reported by the duty functionary to the Kennel Club on a specific form. Examples of functionaries are: organizing committee, show manager, veterinary in duty, trial or competitive leaders, judges, ring steward, instructor and as well figurant to trials. It is incumbent upon the organizer to ensure that the form is available at the event. Organising clubs discharge themselves and their officials from all liability for harm or loss that dog owners may sustain in connection with shows, trials or competitions. The same applies to damage caused by dogs during shows, trials or competitions if such damage is not demonstrably a result of obviously inadequate organisation. Physically punishing dogs is forbidden.

4. Force majeure

The organiser is not obliged to refund entry fees if the event is cancelled as a result of force majeure. Neither SKK nor its member organisations are responsible for loss or direct or indirect costs caused as a result of an event not being held. Nor are elected representatives, employees or officials of SKK or its member organisations who have made a decision on such an event responsible for loss or direct or indirect costs.

5. Unacceptable behaviour

Dogs that demonstrate unacceptable behaviour during shows, trials, competitions or activities organised by the club by showing aggression, attacking or otherwise appearing to be threatening towards people and/or other dogs may be dismissed from the venue.

Specific reporting obligations for judges and officials

Serving judges and officials are obliged to report to SKK in writing using a specific form if a dog demonstrates unacceptable behaviour during a show, trial, competition or activity organised by the club in accordance with the above. The organiser is responsible for ensuring that this form is available at the event.

Examples of officials include: *Show Committee members, Show Managers, Vets on duty, trial or competition organisers, Ring Stewards, Instructors and Figurants at trials.*

6. Prohibited from taking part in shows, trials and competitions

Mental attributes

Dogs that have been Disqualified or awarded 0 grade with regard to mental attributes on three (3) occasions are not entitled to take part.

Infectious diseases

Dogs suffering from an infectious disease or infestation of vermin may not take part. Dogs may not take part if during the last month they have had or are suspected to have had distemper, parvovirus infection or kennel cough, or if during the last month they have been spending time together with a dog that has had any of these diseases. Dogs may not take part earlier than two months after completing a period in quarantine.

Bitches in whelp and bitches rearing puppies

Bitches in whelp may not take part in trials, shows or competitions in the 30 days before whelping, calculated from 63 days after the first mating, and nor may they take part before 75 days after whelping, regardless of the outcome of the whelping.

Puppies

Puppies under the age of 4 months may not take part in trials, competitions or shows, and may not be brought into the venue.

Ear cropped dogs

Dogs born before 1 January 2008:

- Dogs born in a country where ear cropping was not allowed when it took place or are after a Danish-, Finnish-, Norwegian-, or Swedish owned bitch may not participate in a show, trial, competition or dog mental health description.
- Dogs born in a country where ear cropping was permitted when it took place may participate in a show, trial, competition and dog mental health description.

Dogs born on 1 January 2008 or later:

- May not participate in a show.
- Dogs born in a country where ear cropping was permitted when it took place may participate in a trial, competition and dog mental health description.
- Dogs born in a country where ear cropping was not allowed when it took place may not participate in a show, trial, competition or dog mental health description.

Dogs with docked tails and dogs that are not born with a natural full-length tail

Dogs born before 1 January 2008:

- Dogs born in a country where tail docking was permitted when it took place and that is not bred by a Swedish- or Norwegian owned bitch may participate in a show, trial, competition and dog mental health description.
- Dogs born in Sweden, where tail docking done for health reasons in order to remedy a postnatally acquired injury and where a certificate in accordance with what is stated in the introduction to the general rules can be shown in original, both in the venue and subsequently may participate in a show, trial, competition and dog mental health description.
- However, regarding dogs of the breeds Dobermann and Rottweiler born in countries where tail docking was not allowed when it occurred, regardless of the health reasons stated above, may not participate in a show, trial and competition. On the contrary, it may participate in a dog mental health description.

Dogs born on 1 January 2008 or later:

Show

May not participate in the show. This applies regardless of the country the dog was born in or if tail docking has been made for health reasons.

From this prohibition to participate in the show are here the following exceptions:

- Dogs of the breed from the FCI group 7 (pointing dogs) born in a country where tail docking was allowed when it occurred or who has tails docked for veterinary reasons or are not born with naturally full-length tail may participate

in the show. Dogs of the breed specified below and who are not born with naturally full-length tail may participate in the show.

Group 1 Australian Shepherd, Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog, Pyrenean Sheepdog (both varieties), Bouvier des Flandres, Catalan Sheepdog, Croatian Sheepdog, Mudi, Old English Sheepdog, Polish Lowland Sheepdog, Welsh Corgi Pembroke, Schipperke

Group 2 English Bulldog, Entlebucher Mountain Dog, Danish Swedish Farmdog

Group 3 Jack Russell Terrier, Brazilian Terrier, Tenterfield Terrier

Group 5 Karelian Bear Dog, Swedish Vallhund

Group 6 Småland Hound

Group 7 see exceptions for group 7 above

Group 8 Spanish Water Dog

Group 9 Boston Terrier, French Bulldog, King Charles Spaniel

Assessing by a show judge on one occasion

Dogs that are born in a country where tail docking was allowed when it occurred or who has been tail docked for veterinary reasons or is by breed not named in the list above and who are not born with a natural full-length tail, may after a special assessment by SKK be allowed to become assessed by a show judge on one occasion and get the results registered in the studbook.

Trial, competition and dog mental health description

Dogs born in a country where tail docking was allowed when it occurred or who have tails docked for veterinary reasons or are not born with naturally full-length tail may participate in tests, competition and dog mental health description.

- Dogs born in countries where tail docking was not allowed when it took place may not participate in a trial, competition or dog mental health description.

General clause and the possibility of dispensation

Dogs that have been taken out of Sweden and that have had their ears cropped, their tails docked or any other procedure carried out that is not permitted in Sweden, may not take part after being brought back into Sweden. This also applies to puppies from bitches that have been taken out of Sweden, if the puppies were born within one year of the day on which the bitch was taken out of Sweden. The SKK General Committee may grant dispensation from this regulation if it is clear that the dog was not taken out of Sweden in order to circumvent the regulation on disqualification from taking part, or if special reasons exist.

7. Doping and other undue circumstances

The showing of injured or sick dogs is not permitted. Nor is the showing of dogs which have been subjected to measures aimed at improperly altering their appearance, performance or character, or intended to conceal signs of injury or illness. Doping by a dog is regulated by the State Board of Agriculture regulations and general advice about training and competition with animals, *SVFS 2011:24 item number L17, chapter 7, §§ 1-2 and appendix 2* to these regulations. In addition, for detailed regulations outlining which treatments or actions are not permitted in the SKK-organization, see the *National regulations against dog doping*. Rules for applying for exemption can also be found from SKK organization's doping regulations. It is the obligation of the person responsible for a dog to ascertain how a specific treatment or other measure may affect the eligibility of the dog to take part in a show, trial or competition. If the show committee/trial management/ competition management decides to carry out tests with the aim of investigating the issue of doping or other prohibited actions, the person responsible for a dog is obliged to make the dog in question available for testing and for any further examination resulting from the test. The manipulation of samples for doping analysis is forbidden. Detailed rules for taking samples, etc., can be found in the *National regulations against dog doping*.

Neutered dogs/bitches

Male dogs that have been surgically neutered are granted general dispensation to take part in trials, competitions or shows. In order to take part in shows and external assessment, certification is required in accordance with the introduction to the general regulations (issued prior to neutering but after the age of 6 months) to confirm that the dog had two normally developed and positioned testicles prior to the operation. Male dog that has been neutered by medical treatment is not allowed a dispensing for participating in trials, competition or shows. Female dog that has been neutered by continuously medical treatment or surgical treatment is allowed to a general dispensation for participation in proportion to the *National regulations against dog doping*.

REGULATIONS FOR FIELD, FOREST AND MOUNTAIN TRIALS (HUNTING TRIALS)

§ 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the hunting trials and hunting tests for continental HPR breeds, under the patronage of Specialklubb för Kontinentala Fågelhundar (SKF), is to evaluate the dogs' ability for hunting for the benefit of selective breeding and for game management and also to contribute to an improved hunting culture by stimulating owners to train their dogs. The tests and trials must reflect real hunting conditions.

The dog's ability as a pointing dog should be evaluated in the field, forest or on mountain terrain on feathered game that is commonly hunted with pointing dogs. In Sweden this includes willow grouse, rock ptarmigan, capercaillie, hazel grouse/hazel hen, pheasant and partridge. Other game birds (e.g., woodcock) may also qualify. *The allowed game on the day of the particular trial should be determined before the start of the trial.* Where appropriate the dog's ability to find and retrieve cold or fresh dead or wounded game should also be tested on water and land. This part of the test can include other game species than the ones identified for the hunting.

§ 2 ORGANIZATION

Hunting trials are announced by SKF, arranged by SKF and carried out either by SKF or by one of the breed clubs that belong to SKF.

Hunting trials can be carried out either as a "*full test*" with all parts (cold game retrieve on land, cold game water retrieve and hunting with retrieving cold or fresh game during the hunting session) on the same day, or as a "*divided test*" with the cold game retrieves on land and in water on one occasion and hunting on another.

For breeds that have requirements of cold game retrieves on land or water or both (see specific rules for different breeds below) these tests have to be completed before the hunting part of a divided test is carried out. Cold game retrieve results from a divided test may not be used on a full test cold game retrieve results obtained at a full test can be used in combination with hunting and retrieve results from a divided test. Also, if the requirements include more than one cold game retrieve the two or three different tests have to be completed on the same day (divided tests).

For hunting trials, the date and ground should be approved by SKF. The club that is carrying out the trial appoints a head steward, and if appropriate a commissioner, and a judge authorized by SKF. A guide for the grounds is appointed when this is needed. The head steward should be approved by the club who is carrying out the trial and be well informed of the trial regulations and the practical application of these. The organizer of the hunting trial can, when necessary, limit the number of participants. Each breed club is allowed to carry out one breed specific or club championship per year where participation is exclusive to dogs of one breed. Individual members in breed clubs can, through their breed club, apply to SKF for a privately arranged test (*Swedish: "särskilt prov"*) under the trial regulations. Directions for privately arranged tests are issued by SKF.

§ 3 PARTICIPATION

The hunting trial is open to breeds that are organized under SKF and to dogs of group 7, breeds that have not yet been assigned to a breed club by SKK and whose owners are members of SKF or of an SKF affiliated breed club or their equivalent in another country, linked to a kennel club organization that is acknowledged by SKK as long as the dog:

- a) is not, and has not for the last six months been, owned or trained by the acting head steward
- b) is not, and has not for the last six months been, owned or trained by the acting judge or judge candidate (*doing the final test for the judge approval on the day of the test*) and will run in the group judged by either of these
- c) is not, and has not for the last six months been, owned or trained by a family member of the people referred to under b) above
- d) has not been prohibited to start by a veterinarian because of an injury or disease or by the head steward or acting judge is considered to be in apparently poor condition
- e) is not vicious to people, gun shy or aggressive towards other dogs
- f) is not a bitch in season. Exceptions can be made by the organizer provided that the bitch is prevented from affecting the participation of other dogs.
- g) if it is lacking one or both testicles (monorchia or anorchia), that this is noted in the result protocol (in this case main score sheet = "*Generalprotokoll*"). Anorchid and monorchid dogs are always excluded from international trials.
- h) in all other respects fulfil the requirements set by SKK for participation in trials.

A dog owned in Sweden should, when the entry time closes, be registered by SKK except for dogs born before 2001-01-01 and registered in the Norwegian Kennel Club

For dogs outside Sweden a copy of the registration must be attached to the entry. If this requirement is not fulfilled achieved results can be annulled.

Owners of dogs of breeds that have requirements of tests on cold retrieves should bring a hunting trial card (Swedish: "Gult kort") that proves valid results on the cold retrieve tests that are required for entering the hunting trial. The card should be presented to the trial management and results entered on the card should be confirmed by the head steward or by someone appointed by the head steward at each trial. Hunting trial cards should be provided by the trial manager. Hunting trial cards can also be obtained from the breed club.

Trial managers have the right to limit the number of entries at each trial. The maximum number of running dogs is made public in due time before each trial. If more dogs are entered than there is room for, the entries are decided by lottery. The lottery is organized for Winner's class separately from the other classes (junior, open and elite). The lottery for junior, open and elite classes is combined into one lottery.

§ 4 ENTRY AND ENTRY FEE

Entries should be made according to the manner set by SKF. The entry should be with the organizer on the last day for entries. If the trial is not full at the deadline for entries the organizer can choose to accept late entries.

The entry fee, set by the organizing club, should be registered by the organizing club's bank on the day the entry closes, unless anything else has been granted. The entry fee is refunded if:

- a) the trial is cancelled
- b) hindrance from participation, out of the owner's hands, has been confirmed
- c) the dog does not get an entry due to limitations in numbers of entries

Participants should notify the trial management of any cancellations as soon as possible.

§ 5 RUNNING ORDER

Division into groups is at the discretion of the organizer. The organizing club decides the group size, depending on the grounds and other relevant factors. In trials where the dog's quality is tested against the breed standard (in Junior, Open and Elite) the maximum number of dogs per group is 14. When dogs are competing against each other (in Winner's class) the maximum number of entries in one group is 20. For trials on forest grounds, the maximum number of dogs per group and judge is seven.

The running order is determined by lottery by the head steward; handlers with more than one dog entered should be shown consideration in the lottery.

If the handler and dog do not show up in time for their test or run they will be allowed another test time/run during the day if this is possible. The head steward decides the new starting time.

§ 6 GRADING and AWARDS, JUDGES REPORT and MAIN SCORE SHEET

It is the responsibility of the judge to decide the grade/award for each dog, make notes and, within the time set by SKF, submit the judges' reports. If a dog is disqualified due to poor mentality, like aggression or behaviour showing fear (of people or the gun, etc.), this should be noted on the result lists (in this case main score sheet = "*Generalprotokoll*") and be signed separately by the judge.

The judge should provide oral and written feedback to the participants after the test/trial, including dogs that did not pass the test/trial.

§ 7 RESPONSIBILITIES BY THE JUDGE

It is the judge's responsibility to carry out the test/trial according to the rules and regulations provided by the head steward. When a judge is invited to judge a field trial the judge must, through the organizing club, find out if birds have been put out on the grounds. If this is the case the judge must, through the organizing club, make sure that the game handling has been in accordance with the current SKK policy for game handling, including requirements of a picking-up dog.

If the judge/s during a trial find that the game handling does not follow the SKK policy the judge is bound to enquire with the trial management if other grounds are available, where the SKK

policy is followed. When this is possible the judge should, in consultation with the trial management, switch grounds and complete the trial. If this is not possible the judge is bound to break off the trial.

The judge is heading the group and should, when judging the dogs, only rely on his or her own observations, except for tests including a trail retrieve where a report from an appointed observer can be included in the judge's verdict.

Requests put forward by the dog handler should be met when possible, on condition that they do not contradict the trial regulations or in any other way are unreasonable. Since the testing of the dog's ability to include a retrieve during the hunting is very important, to shoot a bird for the dog the judge can decide to appoint more than one gun.

§ 8 PROTEST

A decision made by the judge, including how a dog is graded, may be changed in the following cases:

- a) if a technical fault is at hand
- b) if the dog was not allowed to participate according to the current regulations

Therefore, a handler cannot oppose the judgement made by a judge.

A questioned decision made by a judge is tried only after:

- 1) a protest has been lodged by a handler affected by the questioned decision
- 2) after report from the test organizer or from the judge himself/herself or
- 3) after a decision by the board of SKF or SKK to handle the matter for any other reason.

A protest must be lodged in writing. The protest must be given to the test organizer on the same day as the judgement was made official, before the close of the trial/test, and must be accompanied by a fee corresponding to twice the sum of the entry fee. If a protest is lodged by someone not entitled to do so, or if the protest is not accompanied by the fixed fee, the protest must immediately be rejected. Such a decision is made by the head steward.

If the protest is accepted the dog's score/point/award can be adjusted immediately or after the handler has been offered a retest/retrial of the dog and the protest fee is repaid. If the acceptance of a protest leads to the elimination of the score/point/award given to the dog, the entry fee is repaid, in addition to the protest fee. The decision in writing is given to the handler who lodged the protest.

A handler who is affected by the decision of the head steward can appeal to the board of SKF. Appeals should be made in writing and have reached the SKF board no more than two weeks after the day of the decision by the trial/test management.

A grade/award can be changed within two years from the trial/test.

§ 9 GUNS AND SHOOTING

A shotgun is normally used during hunting trials. When trials are arranged at a time of year when shooting is not allowed and at the retrieving tests on cold game a 9 mm starting gun can

be used instead of a shotgun. The same type of weapon should be used for all classes during the test/trial. Each group should have a specially appointed gun who is executing the shooting according to the judge's instructions. The judge can act as gun.

§ 10 CLASSES AND CARRYING OUT THE TEST/TRIAL

Junior class (*Swedish abbreviation "UKL"*) is open to dogs who on the test/trial day have reached 9 but not 24 months of age. For all breeds except Brittanies and Weimaraners, this class is also open to all other dogs who have not been awarded at hunting trials.

Open class (*Swedish abbreviation "ÖKL"*) is open to dogs who on the day of the test/trial have reached 15 months of age and who have not been awarded more than one 1st in Open under these regulations or at equivalent tests/trials in other countries approved by SKK.

Elite class (*Swedish abbreviation "EKL"*)

For breeds with requirements of retrieving tests on cold game: Open to dogs who have been awarded 2x1st in open (or 1x1st with a grade 8 or higher for the hunting) under these regulations or at equivalent tests/trials in other countries approved by SKK. (Retrieving tests in Elite are open to dogs who have been awarded 1x1st in Open). Dogs who have run in Elite before July 1st 2012 are entitled to keep running in Elite.

For breeds without requirements of retrieving tests on cold game: Open to dogs who have been awarded 1x1st in Open under these regulations or at equivalent tests/trials in other countries approved by SKK.

Winner's class (*Swedish abbreviation "SKL"*) is open to dogs who have been awarded 1x1st in Open under these regulations or at equivalent tests/trials in other countries approved by SKK and is a purely competitive class. For arranging a Winner's class, a minimum of eight entries is required. If there are less than 20 entries the competition is carried out as a one day event. If there are more than 20 entries the competition is held over two days and the second day is denominated "winner class finals". **Please note that a Winner's class only is arranged for Brittanies.**

For hunting trials in all classes:

Dogs are run in pairs, with the exception of trials on forest grounds which are always carried out with single runs. The judge decides the total time each dog is running for and will stop the trial when he/she considers the dog sufficiently tested. A dog that comes on point soon after the judge has demanded the dog to be picked up may have the point included in the evaluation.

Tracking and GPS devices and bells may be used at trials on forest grounds only with the judge's consent. If tracking/GPS equipment is used, the receiver should be switched off and kept by the trial management until the evaluation of the dog is completed for the day.

No type of correction collar or dummy of correction collar may be used at tests or trials.

§ 11 SCORING

In order to be scored or awarded the dog is required to independently have found a bird, come on point and under realistic hunting conditions flushed the bird when possible and shown steadiness appropriate to the class, to the bird's flight, the gunshot and the fall of the shot bird, if it was shot. If no gunshot has been fired in a bird situation the dog cannot receive a score/award. For all breeds (except Brittany) points on fur game (not hoofed game) can be included in the evaluation of the dog but in order to obtain a score it is required to also show a point on a bird.

In order to obtain a 1st it is required, in all classes, to have a total running time of 60 minutes. To obtain any award a total running time of 30 minutes is required.

For a 1st in one of the quality classes (Junior, Open, Elite) it is required that the dog has flushed at least one bird and it is preferred if a bird is also shot for the dog. For a 1st it is also desirable to have had more than one bird situation where a gun has been fired.

The overall impression should be decisive during the evaluation of the dogs and too much emphasis should not be given to occasional faults.

Junior class:

The judging primarily focuses on traits like intensity (hunting drive), ability to find game, ability to make the most of given chances, natural quartering and how well the dog is following the handler. Juniors are allowed some running in when the gun is fired but should be sufficiently trained and cooperative to allow the judging from a hunter's perspective.

Open class:

In this class the judge is evaluating the adult hunting dog. Both the traits evaluated in Junior and the traits of the finished trained dog should be included.

Elite class:

In this class the finished dog should be evaluated and particularly high demands should be made on the qualities of the dog.

Winner's class:

To be awarded, the dog's achievements must be equivalent to a 1st in Open except for the requirement of producing a bird. In order to obtain a CAC or CACIT ticket the dog must have produced a bird. The dogs should be ranked after each run. A final run can be arranged in case the two finalists have not run against each other earlier in the day.

General basis for forming judgements, all classes

Ability to find game

The dog's ability to find game refers to finding and treating the game in a manner that is appropriate for the hunt. If the dog repeatedly puts game up without pointing it as well as false points, this should discredit the dog markedly while efficiency should be rewarded. When evaluating how efficient the dog has been, consideration should be given to whether the other dog, when running in pairs, has had successful and unsuccessful game contacts.

Hunting

The dog should hunt intensively, energetically, efficiently and with high quality in the quartering/quarrying, adjusted to the grounds and the game on the day with a strong desire to find game.

A dog that is hunting outside the appointed ground should be recalled.

Independent hunting where the dog is turning into wind, should be rewarded.

Pointing

The dog should show a firm point and very clearly indicate the found game.

When pointing a bird that starts running in front of the dog the dog should not stay on point but spontaneously follow the bird and reconnect with it in a new point, where this is suitable for the hunt.

The dog's ability to hold the game in position when on point should be rewarded.

The handler can tell the judge when he/she thinks the dog is on point but it is the judge who decides if a dog really is on point or not.

Pointing game other than the birds the dog is supposed to hunt does not penalise the dog as long as it is not a hindrance to the dog's intended hunting.

Flushing

Flushing and producing the bird should be willing and in a manner that would work on a real hunting occasion. The dog should follow running birds when this is appropriate. When the dog is in close contact with a bird, including when the dog is on point, the handler must not overtake the dog or touch the dog, and the dog must flush the bird independently. When the bird flushes and flies the dog should remain steady.

If the dog is unable or severely reluctant to execute a flush it cannot be awarded. The handler commands the dog to flush according to the judge's instructions.

Retrieving

Retrieving is **required** for all classes, apart from the Junior class for Brittanies. Therefore at least one cold retrieve (of the same species as the trial is carried out on) should be carried in each group. Shot birds should be retrieved when possible.

If the bird is not shot, the dog should be tested on a cold retrieve close to where the flush and shot happened, if possible. The dog should be off lead and be sitting approximately one metre to the side of the handler when the cold game is thrown and the gun is fired. The dog should not see the bird when it has landed.

The dog should, on the handler's command, quickly search for and retrieve the warm or cold game to the **handler's hand**. The bird should be delivered to the handler in the same condition as the dog found it in.

When the dog's ability to retrieve has been tested on cold game this is not repeated during the day. The aim is to shoot a bird over the dog (when allowed) and the dog should retrieve the warm game.

When the dog is searching for the retrieve the handler should stay passive at first but can, after directions from the judge, support the dog.

A dog that retrieves without a command (running in on the gunshot or when the bird falls) is penalized on the score given for the hunting and the dog cannot obtain more than a 2nd (maximum grade 7 in Junior and 6 in Open and Elite for breeds with retrieving tests on cold game).

Backing

The dog should back or, by the handler, be prevented from disturbing the pair partner on point. Natural backing should be awarded. A dog that is backing or has been stopped by the handler's command should be kept under control for the time the partner is working on the game.

Obedience and will to work for the handler

The dog's obedience and will to work for the handler should be evaluated throughout the day. The dog should be cooperative and respond to discrete directions from the handler.

If the dog puts a bird up it should be steady to this bird and wait for a new command from the handler. The same goes for when birds flush close to the dog, without the dog putting the bird up, if the dog is thought to have noticed the bird. It is not required that the dogs report game but it should be considered as a merit.

Stamina

Stamina is a crucial trait in an HPR dog. The short duration of the trial does not allow a real evaluation of the dog's ability to work for a longer time. Therefore, if a dog shows insufficient stamina during the short trial time, this should be seen as a serious fault.

Faults that disqualify the dog from awards in all classes are:

- a) Attacks on domestic animals
- b) Obvious shyness of game or gunshots
- c) Dog refusing to flush a bird/birds
- d) Repeated barking when hunting
- e) Dog that does not hunt for its handler and does not respond to commands given by the handler
- f) Severely disturbing the partner

Disqualifying faults in Open, Elite and Winner's class, in addition to a-f above are:

- a) Chasing game
- b) Refusing to retrieve
- c) Refusing to back or in any other way stop on a command, and thereby disturbing the partner's game contact.
- d) Stealing the point from a partner.

§ 12 AWARDS

1st in a quality class (Junior, Open, Elite)

1st should be given to a dog that fulfils very high demands according to § 10 and 11. Grades 8-10 are equivalent to a 1st.

In Junior, early and well developed hunting traits are required and in the other classes the qualities in the mature and ready trained dog is evaluated in addition to this.

Dogs awarded a 1st can also be given an honorary prize (*Swedish: "Hederspris"*) to mark particular quality.

2nd in a quality class (Junior, Open, Elite)

A 2nd award should be given to dogs that meet very high demands according to § 10 and 11, where minor shortcomings or faults are disturbing the overall impression. Grades 5-7 are equivalent of a 2nd.

3rd in a quality class (Junior, Open, Elite)

3rds should be given to dogs that meet the demands of good hunting ability. Grades 4-5 are equivalent to a 3rd.

For this award minor faults can be tolerated, both regarding the dog's natural ability and how it has been trained. The basic rule is however that any dog awarded at a hunting trial should be suitable to use for practical hunting.

Placing dogs in Winner's class

Dogs in Winner's class are compared and ranked against each other and the ranking is done continuously after each run.

The ability to find game, quartering well, efficient flushing and steadiness to the flush and gun should be the basis for the judge's opinion and for ranking the dogs. Also, a retrieve according to the regulations for retrieves, is required in order to be placed.

In order to be placed the dog must have shown a high level and been running for a minimum of 30 minutes. A maximum of six dogs can be placed (1-6 in Winner's class) but never more than 50 % of the total entry number. Place 1 and 2 can be tested in a pair run.

The winner receives a certificate. Certificates require particularly strong achievements. All demands on functionality in the dog, except backing and reporting, must have been shown.

§ 13 WATER WORK

The dogs' passion for water and its ability to retrieve from water should be tested.

When the handler and dog arrive at the start of the test the judge should inform the handler of the boundaries for the test area. A time limit should not be set for the test but the judge can interrupt a test. If the dog does not succeed on the first attempt it cannot receive a grade equivalent to a 1st (8-10).

The handler is entitled to resend the dog from the starting point twice.

Dogs waiting to take the test should be shown where to wait and they should not be able to see the test when they are waiting.

The water work should be tested using appropriate cold game.

When the test starts the dog should be off lead and sit approximately one metre from the handler's side. The dog shall, on the handler's command by order of the judge, quickly and willingly enter the water. The dog shall adjust the grip to the weight and type of game and deliver the game to the handler's hand. The grip should not damage the game. A dog that shows disobedience before the fetch command should be penalized. Additional help like a second shot or throwing stones into the water is not allowed.

The **Level 1** water retrieve is on open water and the cold bird is thrown from land. There is no gunshot. The water should be deep enough to ensure that the dog will swim at least half the distance.

The **Level 2** water test includes searching for and retrieving a cold bird in covered water (reeds if possible) where the cold bird is thrown into the water immediately after a gunshot. The bird should be thrown high enough to allow the dog to see it while it is in the air. The bird should be thrown 40-60 metres from the starting point and the length should be adjusted according to the conditions at the test site and the water temperature.

The water should be deep enough to ensure that the dog is swimming at least half the distance.

In **Level 1 and 2** the dog should be off lead and sit approximately one (1) metre from to the side of the handler and stay steady when the gun is shot or the bird is thrown or both. A dog that runs in before the command cannot be given the highest grade.

The **Level 3** test includes searching for and retrieving a blind retrieve in covered water (reeds if possible). The bird should be put out so that the dog does not see it. There is no gunshot. The handler should be shown the position of the bird. The dog's search for the bird should be directed by the handler from the shore using commands (oral and whistle) and signs. The bird should be put out 40-60 metres from the starting point and the length should be adjusted according to the conditions at the test site and the water temperature.

The water should be deep enough to ensure that the dog is swimming at least half the distance. When the dog is on its way back to the starting point with the bird a gunshot is fired from the shore and immediately thereafter another bird is thrown, seen to the dog, this should be retrieved when the first bird has been presented correctly to the handler.

§ 14 TRAIL RETRIEVE

The dog's ability to track and retrieve cold small game should be tested. The dog should find the game by following a scent trail and without further commands when the game is found retrieve it back to the starting point, and present it to the handler.

If the dog does not succeed on the first attempt it is not graded for a 1st (grades 8-10). The handler is allowed to restart the dog from the original starting point twice.

In **Level 1 and 2** the test should be done on feathered or fur (not hoofed) game. In **Level 3** it should be on any game that is hunted and that weights 4-7 kg. The game should be cold. The trail should bend (only weak bends in Level 1) and if possible be put out on a tail wind.

The **Level 1** test should be 100 metres, **Level 2** should be approximately 200 metres and **Level 3** should be approximately 300 metres.

The starting point is marked and shown to the handler in **Level 1 and 2**. In **Level 3** the start of the trail is somewhere in a 10x10 metre square that is marked and shown to the handler. The direction of the trail should be indicated to the judge. The trailed game is left at the end of the trail, slightly hidden.

In **Level 1 and 2** the handler is allowed to show the dog the start and direction of the trail, after that the dog should work the trail methodically. In **Level 1** the handler can work the dog on a rope (minimum five (5) metres) and follow it all the way to the end of the trail.

In **Level 2** the handler can use a rope (minimum 5 metres) and follow the dog up to five metres in the beginning of the trail, thereafter the dog should be released from the rope and the handler should return to the start of the trail.

In **Level 3** the dog can be handled on a rope (minimum 5 metres) in the marked 10x10 metre square indicating the start of the trail, the dog should however be off the rope when it leaves the marked square.

The dog's ability to adjust the grip to the weight and type of game should be observed. The dog should present the retrieve to the handler's hand. The grip must not damage the game. The handler should, in **Level 2 and 3**, remain at the start of the trail when the dog is working.

§ 15 SEARCH SQUARE

The dog's ability to search a specified piece of ground, retrieve, co-operate with the handler and to take directions should be evaluated.

The test square should be 50 x 50 metres and should be well trodden and scented by people and dogs walking in the square. The handler can move along the base of the square and into the centre of the square along a line from the centre of the baseline. The corners and centre of the square should be marked. Dogs and handlers who have not yet taken the test may not watch when other teams are completing the test.

Before the test starts, when the entered dogs and handlers cannot see, four retrieves, with a maximum weight of seven (7) kg, of varying game species should be placed in the square. The game should be placed evenly, with one in each quadrant of the square. All four retrieves should be placed inside the square. The game should as far as possible be put in the same position for all tested dogs. When the test starts the dog should sit approximately 1 metre to the side of the handler, behind the middle of the baseline. The handler can use commands (oral and whistle) and signs to direct the dog. Retrieved game should be delivered to the handler at the starting point. The dog's ability to adjust the grip to the weight and type of game should be observed. The dog should present the retrieves to the handler's hand. The grip should not damage the game.

A maximum time for completing the test should not be set but the judge can stop the test. In order to obtain the highest grade all four retrieves must be completed. In order to pass the test (grade 4) at least three retrieves must be completed.

§ 16 INCLUDED TESTS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDS

Trials for **BRITTANIES** include hunting (field, forest or mountain) and a retrieve during the hunting. Brittanies can also be tested on cold game retrieving tests. For obtaining an award or being placed a minimum running time of 30 minutes is required in all classes, for a 1st in the quality classes a minimum of 60 minutes is required. When awards/places are assigned the dogs work as a whole should be considered, including the retrieve (although not required in Junior).

In order to be placed in Winner's class a minimum running time of 30 minutes is required.

A dog that has not been in contact with a bird during the trial can be noted as "EFF" (Swedish "ej för fågel" which means not in contact with bird).

An Honorary Prize (HP) can be given in the quality classes, a certificate can be given to the dog placed first in Winner's class.

Retrieving tests

Junior: **Level 1** trail and water retrieve.

Open: **Level 2** trail and water retrieve.

Elite: **Level 3** trail and water retrieve and the search square.

All retrieves should be cold huntable game birds.

Trials for **BRACCO ITALIANO** and **SPINONE ITALIANO** include hunting (field, forest or mountain), the retrieve during hunting and the water retrieve and they are only trialled in quality classes.

In Junior the water retrieve is **Level 1**, in Open the water retrieve is **Level 1** and in Elite the water retrieve is **Level 2**.

The water retrieve must be passed in the current hunting year (July 1st until June 30th) in order to enter a hunting trial.

Each part of the trial is graded as 0 or 4-10.

For passing the test the dog must obtain at least grade 4.

In order to obtain grade 4 a minimum total running time of 30 minutes is required in all classes. For grade 7 or higher for the hunting the dog must have a total running time of at least 60 minutes.

A dog that has not been in contact with a bird during the trial can be noted as "EFF" (Swedish "ej för fågel" which means not in contact with bird).

An Honorary Prize (HP) can be given in the quality classes.

It is desired that the dogs at times trot when they are hunting. For grade 7 or higher in Elite the dogs ought to have shown trot.

Coefficients for **BRACCO ITALIANO** and **SPINONE ITALIANO**

Junior, Open, Elite	Coefficient	Maximum points
Hunting	10	100
Retrieving	2	20
Water retrieve	5	50
Sum		170

Award	Minimum score	Minimum grade on hunting
1 st	130	7
2 nd	90	5
3 rd	50	4

Trials for **DRENTSCHE PATRIJSHOND** include hunting (field, forest and mountain) the retrieve during hunting, water and trail retrieve and they are only trialled in quality classes.

In Junior the water retrieve is **Level 1**, in Open the water retrieve is **Level 1** and in Elite the water retrieve is **Level 2**. In Junior the trail retrieve is **Level 1**, in Open the trail retrieve is **Level 1** and in Elite the trail retrieve is **Level 2**.

The trail and water retrieve must be passed in the current hunting year (July 1st until June 30th) in order to enter a hunting trial.

Each part of the trial is graded as 0 or 4-10.

For passing the test the dog must obtain at least grade 4.

In order to obtain grade 4 a minimum total running time of 30 minutes is required in all classes. For grade 7 or higher for the hunting the dog must have a total running time of at least 60 minutes.

A dog that has not been in contact with a bird during the trial can be noted as "EFF" (Swedish "ej för fågel" which means not in contact with bird).

An Honorary Prize (HP) can be given.

Coefficient

	Coefficient	Maximum points
	All classes	All classes
Hunting	10	100
Retrieve	2	20
Water retrieve	5	50
Trail retrieve	3	30
Sum		200

Award	Minimum points	Minimum grade on hunting
1 st	160	7
2 nd	120	5
3 rd	80	4

Trials for **OLD DANISH POINTING DOG** include hunting (field, forest and mountain), the retrieve during hunting, water and trail retrieve and in Elite also the search square and they are only trialled in quality classes.

In Junior the water retrieve is **Level 1**, in Open the water retrieve is **Level 2** and in Elite the water retrieve is **Level 3**. In Junior the trail retrieve is **Level 1**, in Open the trail retrieve is **Level 2** and in Elite the trail retrieve is **Level 3**.

The trail and water retrieve and search square must be passed in the current hunting year (July 1st until June 30th) in order to enter a hunting trial.

Each part of the trial is graded as 0 or 4-10.

For passing the test the dog must obtain at least grade 4.

In order to obtain grade 4 a minimum total running time of 30 minutes is required in all classes. For grade 7 or higher for the hunting the dog must have a total running time of at least 60 minutes.

A dog that has not been in contact with a bird during the trial can be noted as "EFF" (Swedish "ej för fågel" which means not in contact with bird).

An Honorary Prize (HP) can be given.

Coefficient

		Coefficient	Coefficient	Maximum points	Maximum points
Junior and Open	Elite	Junior Open	Elite	Junior Open	Elite
Hunting	Hunting	10	10	100	100
Retrieve	Retrieve	2	2	20	20
Water retrieve	Water retrieve	5	5	50	50
Trail retrieve	Trail retrieve	3	3	30	30
	Square	-	3	-	30
Sum				200	230

Award	Minimum points Junior and Open	Minimum points Elite	Minimum grade on hunting
1 st	160	184	7
2 nd	120	138	5
3 rd	80	92	4

Trials for **GRIFFON D'ARRET À POIL DUR/KORTHALS** include hunting (field, forest and mountain), the retrieve during hunting, water and trail retrieve and in Elite also the search square and they are only trialled in quality classes.

In Junior the water retrieve is **Level 1**, in Open the water retrieve is **Level 2** and in Elite the water retrieve is **Level 3**. In Junior the trail retrieve is **Level 1**, in Open the trail retrieve is **Level 2** and in Elite the trail retrieve is **Level 3** and the Elite trail retrieve should be a fox. Search square: At least one of the four retrieves should be a predator game.

The trail and water retrieve and search square must be passed in the current hunting year (July 1st until June 30th) in order to enter a hunting trial.

Each part of the trial is graded as 0 or 4-10.

For passing the test the dog must obtain at least grade 4.

In order to obtain grade 4 a minimum total running time of 30 minutes is required in all classes. For grade 7 or higher for the hunting the dog must have a total running time of at least 60 minutes.

A dog that has not been in contact with a bird during the trial can be noted as "EFF" (Swedish "ej för fågel" which means not in contact with bird).

An Honorary Prize (HP) can be given.

Coefficient for

		Coefficient	Coefficient	Maximum points	Maximum points
Junior and Open	Elite	Junior Open	Elite	Junior Open	Elite
Hunting	Hunting	10	10	100	100
Retrieve	Retrieve	2	2	20	20
Water retrieve	Water retrieve	5	5	50	50
Trail retrieve	Trail retrieve	3	3	30	30
	Square	-	3	-	30
Sum				200	230

Award	Minimum points Junior and Open	Minimum points Elite	Minimum grade on hunting
1 st	160	184	7
2 nd	120	138	5
3 rd	80	92	4

The trials for **STABYHOUN** include hunting (field, forest and mountain), the retrieve during hunting, water and trail retrieve and in Elite also the search square and they are only trialled in quality classes.

In Junior the water retrieve is **Level 1**, in Open the water retrieve is **Level 2** and in Elite the water retrieve is **Level 3**. In Junior the trail retrieve is **Level 1**, in Open the trail retrieve is **Level 2** and in Elite the trail retrieve is **Level 3**.

The trail and water retrieve and search square must be passed in the current hunting year (July 1st until June 30th) in order to enter a hunting trial.

Each part of the trial is graded as 0 or 4-10.

For passing the test the dog must obtain at least grade 4.

In order to obtain grade 4 a minimum total running time of 30 minutes is required in all classes. For grade 7 or higher for the hunting the dog must have a total running time of at least 60 minutes.

A dog that has not been in contact with a bird during the trial can be noted as "EFF" (Swedish "ej för fågel" which means not in contact with bird).

An Honorary Prize (HP) can be given.

Coefficient for

		Coefficient	Coefficient	Maximum points	Maximum points
Junior and Open	Elite	Junior Open	Elite	Junior Open	Elite
Hunting	Hunting	10	10	100	100
Retrieve	Retrieve	2	2	20	20
Water retrieve	Water retrieve	5	5	50	50
Trail retrieve	Trail retrieve	3	3	30	30
	Square	-	3	-	30
Sum				200	230

Award	Minimum points Junior and Open	Minimum points Elite	Minimum grade on hunting
1 st	160	184	7
2 nd	120	138	5
3 rd	80	92	4

Trials for **WEIMARANER** include hunting (field, forest and mountain), the retrieve during hunting, water and trail retrieve and in Elite also the search square and they are only trialled in quality classes.

In Junior the water retrieve is **Level 1**, in Open the water retrieve is **Level 2** and in Elite the water retrieve is **Level 3**. In Junior the trail retrieve is **Level 1**, in Open the trail retrieve is **Level 2** and in Elite the trail retrieve is **Level 3** and the Elite trail retrieve should be a fox. Search square: At least one of the four retrieves should be a predator game.

The trail and water retrieve and search square must be passed in the current hunting year (July 1st until June 30th) in order to enter a hunting trial.

Each part of the trial is graded as 0 or 4-10.

For passing the test the dog must obtain at least grade 4.

In order to obtain grade 4 a minimum total running time of 30 minutes is required in all classes. For grade 7 or higher for the hunting the dog must have a total running time of at least 60 minutes.

A dog that has not been in contact with a bird during the trial can be noted as "EFF" (Swedish "ej för fågel" which means not in contact with bird).

An Honorary Prize (HP) can be given.

Coefficient for

		Coefficient	Coefficient	Maximum points	Maximum points
Junior and Open	Elite	Junior Open	Elite	Junior Open	Elite
Hunting	Hunting	10	10	100	100
Retrieve	Retrieve	2	2	20	20
Water retrieve	Water retrieve	5	5	50	50
Trail retrieve	Trail retrieve	3	3	30	30
	Square	-	3	-	30
Sum				200	230

Award	Minimum points Junior and Open	Minimum points Elite	Minimum grade on hunting
1 st	160	184	7
2 nd	120	138	5
3 rd	80	92	4

Trials for **BREEDS WITHOUT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS** include hunting (field, forest and mountain), the retrieve during hunting, water and trail retrieve and they are only trialled in quality classes.

In Junior the water retrieve is **Level 1**, in Open the water retrieve is **Level 2** and in Elite the water retrieve is **Level 3**. In Junior the trail retrieve is **Level 1**, in Open the trail retrieve is **Level 2** and in Elite the trail retrieve is **Level 3**.

The trail and water retrieve must be passed in the current hunting year (July 1st until June 30th) in order to enter a hunting trial.

Each part of the trial is graded as 0 or 4-10.

For passing the test the dog must obtain at least grade 4.

In order to obtain grade 4 a minimum total running time of 30 minutes is required in all classes. For grade 7 or higher for the hunting the dog must have a total running time of at least 60 minutes.

A dog that has not been in contact with a bird during the trial can be noted as "EFF" (Swedish "ej för fågel" which means not in contact with bird).

An Honorary Prize (HP) can be given.

Coefficient

	Coefficient	Maximum points
	All classes	All classes
Hunting	10	100
Retrieving	2	20
Water retrieve	5	50
Trail retrieve	3	30
Sum		200

Award	Minimum points	Minimum grade on hunting
1 st	160	7
2 nd	120	5
3 rd	80	4

§ 17 ELIMINATION

The judge will eliminate a dog if the handler is not willing to follow the instructions given by the judge. If the dog is gun-shy, aggressive towards people and/or other dogs, or if the dog according to the judge is in an apparently bad physical condition, the judge will also eliminate the dog.

The judge or head steward will eliminate the dog if it receives a beating from the handler.

The test organizer is obliged to report such an incident to the board of SKF.

The dog can also be eliminated at the request of the handler.

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Instructions for arranging the trial

Instructions for the head steward

The head steward must be present when the test/trial starts and closes and available on request between start and closure.

Instructions for the gun

Appointed gun cannot participate in the trial (except in forest trials) as a dog handler.

Instructions for forest trials

Only the differences between forest trials, field and mountain trials are listed here. Junior, Open and Elite classes are arranged at forest trials.

General

The trial is mainly carried out in forests with forest game birds.

Number of dogs per judge and day: Maximum seven (7).

Gun is as usual appointed by the head steward. Handlers may act as guns for their own dog if the judge approves.

Single runs

Only one dog in each run.

Judging

The dog should adjust the hunting to the ground, hunt for the handler and be efficient. It is not required that the dog reports but this should be noted as particularly desirable. To report on command is not mandatory but should be seen as **particularly** favourable.

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Instructions for privately arranged trial/test (*Swedish: Särskilt prov*)

At a privately arranged test the entered handlers arrange grounds for the trial. At least 3 dogs and at least 2 handlers must participate. The organizing breed club is responsible for the trial being carried out correctly. The same demands on the head steward as during an ordinary trial applies.

Grounds

Any member who has access to suitable grounds can apply to their breed club, in a manner decided by the breed club, for organizing a privately arranged trial/test. The breed club shall notify the SKF trial secretary the details of the trial at least 3 days before it takes place.

Classes

A privately arranged test can include Junior, Open and Elite as a split trial in retrieving or hunting (field, forest or mountain) or as a full test.

Entry

Entries are made according to rules set by the breed club.

Finances

The head steward is executing all financial transactions around the trial. The head steward is handling the entry fees and any other costs. The head steward reimburses the judge and stewards as well as fees to ground owners.

The entry fee is set by the breed club.

The head steward shall present a declaration of the economy of the trial to the breed club.

Main score sheet (Swedish "Generalprotokoll")

The head steward is responsible for setting up the main protocol and completing the results sheet which should be signed by the judge and the head steward. The trial/test should be accounted for to the breed club, who in turn accounts for it to SKF, as soon as possible. The report of the trial/test must be sent to SKK within 3 weeks of the day the trial/test took place.

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Instructions for judges

The judge shall execute the evaluation of the dogs according to his or her own preferences within current rules and regulations, based on his/her own experiences as a hunter using pointing dogs. The judge is encouraged to pay particular attention to traits in the dog that are significant for hunting. The dog's ability to find game and how well it is using chances for game contacts should be in focus.

Trial grounds

It is the judge's responsibility to use the available grounds appropriately, to announce the direction and ground boundaries for each run.

Education

Judges shall in agreement with and after request from SKF supervise judge apprentices and examine new judges.

Open critique

In order to facilitate for participants and spectators to follow the trial or test the judge is expected to give open critique – if possible after each run – and thereby share his or her opinion of the dogs. The judge should say when it is appropriate announce which dogs that are done for the day and which get to go on. If the dog is eliminated by a disqualifying fault the judge should inform about this immediately.