

Summary of changes from FCI Working Commission meeting

"If" the Working Commission receives final approval from the FCI General Committee and there are no additional changes in the next 19 months in general this is a very simple overview of the significant changes:

1. The name will now be IGP (no longer IPO)
2. BH- the heeling pattern will be slightly shorter, the on leash pattern stays the same, off leash pattern is shorter.
3. IGP 1-2-3 levels of track will have 3 articles, each worth 7 points for a total of 21 points for articles.
4. The FH, FH2 and IPO FH will remain basically unchanged but must be done in order.
5. In all Obedience the distance the handler will throw the dumbbell is more clearly defined as approximately 10 meters, the height of the hurdle and wall remain the same. The jump will have to have a top board that allows it to pivot if touched and then return to its starting position. The minimum distance from the jump or wall is defined as 4 meters (no longer 5 paces).
6. The IGP Obedience will change slightly in the IGP 1 to exclude the retrieve over the wall and instead have a recall over the wall without the retrieve. In both IGP 2-3 there are no changes to the exercises performance proposed although some point value changes.
7. The IGP protection will still include pressure and stick contact (padded stick hits) and an "Attack on the Dog Out of Motion" (long bite/courage test) at all levels but done slightly different from current for level 1 -2. There are some changes in all levels most significantly in the IGP 1.
8. The IGP 1 will no longer require a blind search of the # 5 blind, the dog will instead be sent directly into the #6 blind (find blind). The handler will be allowed in IGP 1 to leash the dog during pickup and transport exercises.
9. The IGP 2 will no longer have an "Attack Out of back Transport", but will have an additional Reattack (defense) exercise with no stick contact after the "Attack on Dog Out of Motion" (long bite/courage test) like the IGP 3.
10. The Attack on the Dog Out of Motion (long bite / courage test) for the IGP1 and 2 will not require the helper to return to the blind and then run out to the midline and towards the dog/handler instead the helper will remain in the middle field after the last defense exercise(IGP-1) or side transport (IGP-2) and the handler will pickup the dog and heel away downfield to a distance of approximately 30 meters away for the IGP 1, 40 meters away for the IGP2 then the handler will stop and turn towards the helper where the judge will signal the exercise to begin.
11. The IGP3 does not change from our current IPO3 in any phase.
12. Additional sporting titles are slightly changed or added, examples are that countries will be allowed to offer FPr (TR) 1-2-3, UPr (OB) 1-2-3, BgH 1-2-3 (obedience with additional exercises like retrieves, send out etc), APR 1-2-3 (obedience and protection), and a ZTP for organizations using this as a breed test.

With the proposed changes if you and your dog are prepared to successfully complete the exercises and pass the current IPO 1-2-3, FH etc you will be prepared to do the same under the new proposed IGP 1-2-3 titles."