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### **Regulations on Association Judgeship** New revision by the 2005 General Meeting Amended and revised by the 2010 General Meeting

The merit of Association tests stands in direct relationship to the capability, knowledge and objectivity of the Association Judges. For this reason, reputation and prestige of the German versatile hunting dog movement are inevitably connected to appropriately managing the judgeship issue. Any handler of a versatile hunting dog will gladly accept and place confidence in an Association Judge with character and discernment.

For just this reason, it is an urgent necessity to provide a pool of discerning, objective and responsible future judges and to ensure the continuing education of appointed Association Judges.

Training and development of Apprentice Judges (*RA.*), and the continuing education of appointed Association Judges (*VR*) are governed by the following Regulations on Association Judgeship.

#### **Section 1** **Authorization to Train Apprentice Judges**

- (1) Every JGHV member club under the definition of Section 3(1)1.a-d of the JGHV By-laws is entitled to nominate Apprentice Judges and apply for their registration, and train them to become Association Judges.
- (2) Every member club which desires to train Apprentice Judges shall designate an **experienced** Association Judge as the specialist for judges and judge candidates. This specialist must have the ability to assess whether an Apprentice Judge is suitable for the position and possesses the principal character qualities described above. In this capacity, he shall guide and supervise the training of the Apprentice Judge. He further maintains a list of appointed Association Judges in his member club.
- (3) During the entire course of his training, the Apprentice Judge shall be sponsored by the nominating member club. Only in the event of a legitimate reason (e.g. change in physical address) may the Apprentice Judge transfer from his sponsoring club to another club. Such transfer must be requested in advance by the first sponsoring club on behalf of the Apprentice Judge from the JGHV Office.

#### **Section 2** **Admission Guidelines**

- (1) Anyone may be registered as Apprentice Judge who
  - a) has been a member of the nominating member club for a minimum of three (3) years; exceptions subject to approval by the Executive Committee;
  - b) is in possession of at least three (3) consecutive annual hunting licenses (36 months); a youth hunting license qualifies;

- c) has successfully handled within the last four years (48 months) one or more hunting dog(s), which he himself trained, at one or more spring natural ability test(s) (*VJP*), or *Derby* test, with a passing score in tracking of at least "sufficient", and fall natural ability test(s) (*HZP*), or *Solms* test, with a passing score in tracking of at least "sufficient", as well as one Association Utility Test (*VGP*).  
The same shall apply to special breed clubs;  
Exceptions to the 4 year (48 months) requirement are subject to approval by the Executive Committee. The request for an exception must be submitted by the respective member club on a legitimate basis.
  - d) For the registration in the specialty subject Water, the applicant's dog(s) must have passed in the subject "Search behind Live Duck in Densely Covered Water".
  - e) A dog shall not be considered trained by the applicant when the dog was handled successfully at a test by a different handler.
  - f) Subscribes to the Association Publication, "*Der Jagdgebrauchshund*"; and
    - g) Has attended within the last three (3) years a judges seminar on „Introduction to Performance Testing, Judging and Versatile Hunting Dog Movement,“ presented according to JGHV guidelines; attendance must be documented on Formblatt 62;
    - h) Special breed clubs shall have the right to take into account those elements that are specific to their breed. The JGHV Office shall be notified in advance of such specifics.
- (2) The respective member clubs may only nominate Apprentice Judges who are likely capable of reaching and supporting a factually correct and objective judgment without regard of the person's status. Apprentice Judges must be practicing hunters with a dog.

### **Section 3 Registration**

- (1) Formblatt 51 shall be used for the registration application and submitted to the JGHV Office together with the required documents stated therein.
- (2) Following registration, the Apprentice Judge card and the JGHV By-laws, and Regulations on Association Judgeship are returned to the respective member club which will then issue the card and documents to the Apprentice Judge. No credit will be given for any Apprentice Judge activity prior to the successful registration (see paragraph 3 below) by the JGHV Office.
- (3) The name of each newly registered Apprentice Judge must be published in the Association publication, "*Der Jagdgebrauchshund*". Registration shall be deemed preliminary and will not become effective until it has been determined that no objections against the registration have been filed within 4 weeks after publication.
- (4) In the event that registration is denied, the nominating member club may file a written protest with the JGHV Office within two (2) weeks. The Executive Committee shall make the final decision on the protest.

## Section 4 Training

### (1) General Guidelines

- a) The Apprentice Judge shall be in possession of the Test Regulations that pertain to his training, and of the most recent version of the General Guidelines. He shall be familiar with the contents.
- b) The Apprentice Judge shall subscribe to the Association Publication, “*Der Jagdgebrauchshund*”, and study its contents.
- c) The training of the Apprentice Judge shall be guided by the special subjects in which he successfully handled his dog(s), and by those for which he has been registered.  
The Apprentice Judge shall practice, each time under different senior judges, in all specialty judging teams in which he will judge in the future, as a minimum at two each of these types of tests, *VJP*, *HZP* and *VGP*. The same applies to special breed clubs.
- d) He shall practice at least at one of each of these tests in a different breed club/group/chapter.  
Special breed clubs shall have the right to take into account those elements that are specific to their breed. The JGHV Office shall be notified in advance of such specifics.
- e) In lieu of a *VJP*, the Apprentice Judge may practice at a *Derby*, and respectively, at a *Solms* in lieu of an *HZP*.
- f) He shall be included at least once in the preparations and execution of one natural ability test and one performance test; these activities shall be documented.

### (2) Training Practice

- a) A maximum of TWO (2) Apprentice Judges may be assigned to each judging team. The Apprentice Judge is provided a judge's book at each test practice. The Apprentice Judge shall keep these books until his appointment.
- b) He shall at a minimum evaluate two (2) dogs during the entire test and write reports on these dogs. Limiting his assignment to certain specialty judging teams must be avoided.
- c) The acting senior judge (RO) shall stay in close contact with the Apprentice Judge during the entire test. They shall, in particular, discuss relevant Test Regulations, bases for judgments as well as test technicalities and, foremost, the natural abilities and performance demonstrated by the dogs under judgment.
- d) As soon as one test subject has been completed, the Apprentice Judge shall upon request by the senior judge be **the first** to report his observations to the judging team, including a judgment on the performance and the reasons for the judgment.
- e) As part of the open judging, the Apprentice Judge shall on at least one occasion at each test describe to the handlers his evaluation and judgment of a dog. The same shall apply to his evaluation of unusual behavior and physical deficiencies.

### (3) Written Report by Apprentice Judge and Documentation on Card

- a) Following the test, the Apprentice Judge must prepare his written report on each dog in his group. The Apprentice Judge shall describe the dogs' performances in

each test subject. The judgment shall present itself as the logical conclusion from the described performance whereby the reason for the judgment must be explicitly laid out. The Apprentice Judge shall report on at least six (6) dogs per special judging team at all test levels at different tests.

Special breed clubs shall have the right to take into account those elements that are specific to their breed. The JGHV Office shall be notified in advance of such specifics.

- b) Within two (2) weeks from the test, a duplicate test report is to be completed by the Apprentice Judge and submitted, with the Apprentice Judge card, to the senior judge, or respectively, to the senior judges of each specialty judging team and the test director. The senior judge shall critique the report and return this copy to the Apprentice Judge.
- c) Documentation on the Apprentice Judge card by the senior judge, or respectively by the test director in tests where judging is done by specialty judging teams, must be withheld until the Apprentice Judge report has been received. In the event that the report is delayed without prior notice to the senior judge, the confirmation of the test attendance may be declined. Confirmation on an Apprentice Judge card that is not registered with the JGHV Office is prohibited.
- d) The senior judge (or respectively, the senior judges of specialty judging teams) shall without delay review the report and use Formblatt 54 to write comments. The report and the evaluation shall thereafter be sent to the appropriate party (Director of Judge Development) of the club, and the card and the copy of the report with comments sent to the Apprentice Judge.  
"The Apprentice Judge shall be responsible for providing envelope and postage."

#### **(4) Required Attendance of Continuing Education Seminar for Judges and Additional Requirements for the Apprentice Judge**

- a) Following his registration, the Apprentice Judge shall attend at least two (2) continuing education seminars with topics that reflect the Apprentice Judge's specialty subjects. These seminars must be qualified as such under JGHV guidelines. His attendance at each of these seminars must be documented on the card.
- b) The member club that plans on organizing a seminar or judges' continuing education event shall notify the JGHV Office of the planned event in advance, i.e. at least two (2) months before the next annual quarter begins. Notification shall be made using Formblatt 61 for Seminars and Formblatt 63 for Continuing Education for Association Judges. The event shall be deemed approved as a continuing education event when it is published in the official Association publication. The organizing club shall document attendance for each attendee. The attendance by an Apprentice Judge shall be documented on his card; Formblatt 65 may be used for all other attendees.
- c) The sponsoring club or the JGHV Executive Committee may request additional training not mentioned in herein.

#### **(5) Responsibilities of Director of Judge Development During Apprenticeship:**

- a) The Director of Judge Development shall ensure that the application for registration as Apprentice Judge is correctly completed and submitted to the JGHV Office with all required documents attached.
- b) He shall review after each practice activity by the Apprentice Judge the report for proper and plausible completion, and shall, where indicated, initiate suitable action

in coordination with the senior judge and the Apprentice Judge. He shall review the report for style and contents. Any negative comments regarding the activities or the demeanor of the Apprentice Judge, or any disagreements over the comments by the senior judge shall be forwarded by the Director of Judge Development to the respective parties in a timely manner. Where indicated, the communication shall be in writing.

- c) The application for the Association Judge Appointment shall be submitted on Formblatt 55, with the required documents attached, to the JGHV Office not later than 48 months following registration. The JGHV Executive Committee shall make the final decision on early applications for appointment.

The following documents shall be attached to the appointment application:

1. Card;
2. Reports;
3. Evaluations by senior judges;
4. Documented attendance of at least two (2) qualifying Continuing Education Seminars (see Section 4(4a) above);
5. The sponsoring member club must submit a definitive evaluation of the Apprentice Judge on Formblatt 55 when the training has been completed.

- d) In the event that the appointment is declined, or if the sponsoring club refuses to submit the appointment application, the Apprentice Judge he shall be so informed in writing with the reasons thereto as soon as possible.

## **Section 5 Written Test**

- (1) After the application for VR appointment has been received, the Judge Apprentice shall take a written test demonstrating his factual knowledge.
- (2) All tests are conducted on the same two days to be determined and announced by the JGHV Office. The number of test locations shall depend on the demand. The tests shall be held after the deadline for appointment applications has expired. The test days shall be announced in the official Association publication, "*Der Jagdgebrauchshund*".
- (3) The Director of Testing shall designate three (3) judges for each test to constitute a test committee; he shall further designate one of the judges to be chairman.
- (4) The test candidates shall be entered for the test by their respective club using Formblatt 57 which must be received by the JGHV Office by June 1st, or December 1st respectively, of each calendar year. The test entry fee is 50.00 Euro; proof of payment must be included with the entry form. The Director of Testing shall inform the Apprentice Judge of the test date and location, in coordination with the JGHV Office.
- (5) Test Details

The Director of Testing shall coordinate with the breed and test member clubs a catalog of questions. From this catalog, the Director of Testing shall for each test select a list of 100 questions which are then bundled into a questionnaire. Special breed clubs and, where applicable, their groups/chapters (such as flushing breeds, Dachshund breeds, hound dogs) shall submit to the Director of Testing a catalog of questions which takes into account the elements specific to their breed.

The chairman of the test committee shall request from the Director of Testing the test questionnaire that will be used for the test date on which his committee will conduct the

test. The questionnaire will then be mailed to him in a closed and sealed envelope. The envelope may not be opened until the test is about to begin. Any test candidate must be allowed the opportunity to verify that the seal of the envelope is intact.

All tests shall commence at the same hour and be concluded after a maximum of 3 hours. Questions are answered by using multiple choice method (1 in 3). The completed questionnaire of each test candidate shall immediately be reviewed using the correct answer sheet provided with the sealed test package. The test is passed when the candidate has correctly answered 60% of the questions. The candidates shall be informed of their individual test result after the review. If a candidate has passed the test, it shall be so noted on Formblatt 58.

If the candidate failed the test, he may do one repeat test.

### Test Reporting

The test committee shall compose a brief report on the test, containing the following details:

- Test date and location;
- Names and Judge numbers of judges in test committee;
- Test results;
- Number of passed/failed candidates;
- List of passed candidates.

The test report shall be signed by all judges in the test committee and submitted, with the used and unused questionnaires, to the JGHV within one (1) week.

Special breed clubs shall have the right to additional test requirements and/or different test details. These have to be coordinated in advance with the JGHV Office.

## Section 6

### Association Judge (VR) Appointment

- (1) Apprentice Judges are eligible for appointment as Association Judges by the JGHV Executive Committee in accordance with Section 4(5)a after their sponsoring member club has applied for the appointment, and after the Apprentice has passed the written test. In their capacity as Association Judges, they are authorized to judge any test subject matter for which they have received the appointment. See Section 6(4).
- (2) Natural Ability tests may only be judged by Association Judges who are authorized to judge the entire test spectrum.
- (3) At performance tests, the Association Judge may only judge the subjects for which he is authorized to judge. One specialty breed judge per judging team, however, shall be permitted. The reverse shall apply to specialty breed clubs.
- (4) The application for the Association Judge Appointment shall be submitted on Formblatt 55, with the required documents attached, to the JGHV Office where it must be received by June 1<sup>st</sup>, or December 1<sup>st</sup> respectively, of each calendar year.

- (5) The appointment of a new Association Judge will become effective when four (4) weeks after the publication in the „*Der Jagdgebrauchshund*“ no protests to the appointment have been received. The new Association Judge's name shall then be added to the list of Association Judges, and the Judges' card will be issued to the new Judge. The JGHV Executive Committee has the final decision on any protests to the appointment.
- (6) Additional test categories may be approved for judging under the guidelines of these Regulations, in accordance with Sections 1 through 4, and 6. It will be required that the Association Judge has successfully handled a hunting dog during the last four (4) years in those test categories for which he seeks judging qualification. If this requirement is met, the sponsoring member club may apply for Apprentice Judge registration for these additional subjects. Formblatt 52 shall be used for the application and submitted to the JGHV Office. For the additional categories, the Apprentice Judge shall practice under the supervision of different senior judges at a minimum of two (2) different tests. He shall have to report on a total of at least six (6) dogs. He shall further have to attend at least one (1) continuing education seminar with a focus on the speciality category/categories for which he seeks the appointment. The Apprentice Judge reports and their evaluations shall be submitted to the JGHV Office within four (4) years of the initial registration for the additional category/categories. Apprentice Judges who seek appointment for additional categories do not need to take a written test.

## **Section 7**

### **Association Blood Tracking Judges**

- (1) Only Association Blood Tracking Judges may judge at Association Blood Tracking Tests (*VSwP*) or Association Tracking Shoe Tests (*VFSP*). Such judges are noted on the judges' list with the affix Sw.
- (2) Requirements for Registration as Apprentice Judge Sw:
- a) Appointed Association Judge
- b) Successful handling at a *VSwP* of a dog trained by him (does not apply to accredited judges of the breeds *Hann. Schweisshunde*, *Bay. Gebirgsschweisshunde*, *Alpenländische Dachsbracken* and *Bracken* of the German Bloodhound Club - *DBV*)
  - c) Application for registration as Apprentice Judge Sw by the sponsoring member club. Application must be submitted by the sponsoring member club to JGHV Office using Formblatt 53.
- (3) Association Judge Sw Training
- a) The Apprentice Judge Sw shall practice at a minimum of two (2) *VSwP* tests and/or *VFSP* tests, including the preparation of and participation in the creation of the blood track by either drip/dab or shoe method. At least one of these tests must be with another breed club/group/chapter.
  - b) The Apprentice Judge shall complete the report (in accordance with Section 4(3a)/duplicate) within two (2) weeks and send it to the senior judge for evaluation. The senior judge shall use Formblatt 54 for his comments which, after completion, he shall send to the Director of Judge Development of the sponsoring member club. An envelope with postage shall be included. The Apprentice Judge Sw shall receive a copy of his report with the comments.

- c) The Apprentice Judge shall report on a minimum of six (6) dogs. He shall always report on every dog in his judging group.

(4) Appointment

- a) Applications for Association Judge Sw must be submitted by the sponsoring member club to the JGHV Office not later than four (4) years after the initial registration. Use Formblatt 56 for the application and attach the required documents. Further attachments shall be the Apprentice Judge card, the reports including their evaluations by the senior judges. The sponsoring member club must submit a definitive evaluation of the Apprentice Judge when the training has been completed.
- b) The names of each newly appointed Association Judge Sw (VR Sw) will be published in the official Association publication, "*Der Jagdgebrauchshund*".

**Section 8**  
**Association Judges Activities/Engagements**

- (1) Only Association Judges whose names appear in the current JGHV Judges List may engage in judging activities as Association Judges.

Further requirements for Association Judges:

- a) Individual membership in a JGHV member club, as defined by Section 3(1)a-d of the JGHV By-laws;
- b) Possession of a valid hunting license in his name;
- c) Beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, must subscribe to the official Association publication, "*Der Jagdgebrauchshund*".

- (2) The duties of an Association Judge are inherent to his special position. In particular, he is expected to
- Comply in every aspect with the Test Rules and Regulations;
  - Conduct himself in an exemplary manner as both a hunter and dog handler;
  - Attend at least one (1) qualifying (see Section 4) continuing education seminar for judges in a 4-year period. The organizing member club shall issue written documentation of the attendance – Formblatt 65 may be used;
  - Train and successfully handle a dog within a 4-year period through the test categories for which he has been appointed, in lieu of the continuing education seminar.

In each member club, it is the Director of Judge Development who shall be responsible for monitoring that above requirements are met by their respective Association Judges. The names of Association Judges who have attended a continuing education seminar for judges shall be submitted to the JGHV Office using Formblatt 64. Proof of the training and successful handling of a dog shall be submitted only if so requested by the JGHV Office.

- (3) In the event that an Association Judge fails to meet one of the above requirements in (1) a) or b) or c), or if he is unable to document the attendance of a continuing education seminar, judgeship shall be suspended and will terminate after three (3) years. Suspension and reinstatement shall be published in the official Association publication.

- (4) Association Judges may judge only at tests that are organized by JGHV member clubs; included herein are official utility tests organized by the individual (German) states. The rules for judging engagements in other countries shall be established by the individual member club. The Association Judge shall consider his acceptance of a judging invitation a binding commitment and consequently report to the test location to judge dogs that are recognized as admissible entries by JGHV or by the individual (German) state's Test Regulations for Utility Tests. Violations may be penalized under Section 4 of the JGHV Disciplinary Rules.
- (5) An Association Judge / Emergency Judge may not judge a dog that he owns, trained or bred. The same rule shall apply to first generation offspring of such dogs, and to offspring by a stud dog (first generation). Special breed clubs shall have the right to take into account their special breed specific needs. The JGHV Office shall be notified in advance of such needs. The Association Judge may also not judge dogs that have been bred by persons to whom he is related either by blood or marriage (past and present; and/or as remote as three times removed) or to whom he is or was married, or with whom he shares the same living quarters. The same rule shall apply to stud dogs or any dogs that are owned by persons who fit in any of the previous categories.
- (6) (4) and (5) above shall also apply to Apprentice Judges.
- (7) Test Directors and/or Association Judges may not handle dogs at tests where they engage in test director or judging activities.
- (8) The Association Judge capacity shall be suspended in these cases:
  - a) The Association Judge's hunting license is legally revoked or
  - b) The Association Judge fails to meet the requirements of Section 8 (1b). In cases where the revocation of the hunting license is suspected, the respective Association Judge shall be under obligation to prove towards the JGHV Office that he is in possession of a valid hunting license. In the event that he fails to do so, it shall be assumed that his hunting license has been revoked.
  - c) The Association Judge capacity/Judge Apprenticeship shall be suspended as long as the Association Judge/Apprentice Judge is under investigation for a violation against Association General Guidelines, Regulations for Judgeship and/or Test Regulations.
  - d) Association Judge capacity shall also be suspended for as long as an Association Judge fails to fulfill his duties and obligations towards the Association, or fails to attend a qualifying continuing education seminar within the time period mentioned in Section 4.
  - e) If it is determined that an Association Judge committed a violation against the Test Regulations or has insufficient knowledge of the Test Regulations, the Stud Book Commission has the right to require that the Judge attend a continuing education seminar for judges with an emphasis on his specialty. This seminar shall not be considered as credit towards the continuing education seminar for judges as required under Section 8 (2).
- (9) The Association Judge capacity shall expire when one of the following conditions occur:
  - a) Resignation
  - b) Revocation

- c) After the capacity as Association Judge has been suspended for a period of three (3) years.

The expiration of the Association Judge capacity shall be published in the official Association publication, "*Der Jagdgebrauchshund*".

- (10) Judgments by Association Judges become final after the Judges' Conference and after the deadline for protests. An Association Judge/Apprentice Judge may not protest the judgment of another Association Judge after the fact, or challenge a judge's objectivity. This shall also apply in cases where the Association Judge acted at the test in a different function.

## Section 9

### Legal Recourse

- (1) In the event that the sponsoring member club refuses to submit the application for the appointment, the Apprentice Judge may address the JGHV Executive Committee which shall render a decision after hearing the parties (including written statements by way of correspondence).
- (2) In the event that the JGHV Executive Committee declines the appointment, the sponsoring member club and the declined Apprentice Judge shall be notified by registered mail of the Executive Committee's negative decision with the reasons for the decision.

The sponsoring member club or the Apprentice Judge may appeal the decision. Such appeal must be filed with the JGHV Office within two (2) weeks of the receipt of the decision.

The JGHV Tribunal shall have the final decision on the appeal (see Section 2, paragraph 4b of the Association Tribunal Regulations).

## Section 10

### Coming into Force and Transitional Clauses

- (1) JGHV adopted these Regulations at its General Meeting on March 19th, 1995 with the revisions having been passed at the 2005 General Meeting and further supplemented at the General Meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010; they will come into force on **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**.

Upon recommendation by the Stud Book Commission, the JGHV Executive Committee has passed the following First Implementation Guideline for the Regulations on Association Judgeship.

### Regarding Section 1 Authorization to Train Apprentice Judges

#### (1)

Any JGHV member club which is authorized to conduct Association tests (see Section 3(1) 1 a-d of the JGHV By-laws) shall also be authorized to nominate and apply for the registration of Apprentice Judges, and train them to become Association Judges (VR).

*The application for an Apprentice Judge registration shall be for those specialty subjects that are typically tested by the respective member club.*

*Breed clubs und breed club associations for European continental pointing dogs and test organizations (versatile hunting dog associations and German regional hunters' associations generally test VJPs, HZPs, and VGPs with the following test subjects:*

<i>Feld 1</i>	=	<i>Field Work</i>
<i>Sp</i>	=	<i>Tracking</i>
<i>W</i>	=	<i>Forest Work</i>
<i>Wa</i>	=	<i>Water Work</i>
<i>Br</i>	=	<i>Retrieve</i>

*The sponsoring member club ensures that Apprentice Judges receive training in the above test subjects.*

*Special breed clubs shall submit a standard registration application for their Apprentice Judges, but train for the specialized subjects for which they test.*

*The same shall apply when additional test categories are added to the training of an Apprentice Judge in accordance with Sections 1 through 4 and 6.*

#### (2)

Any member club which desires to train Apprentice Judges shall designate an **experienced** judge as the club's specialist for judgeship (Director of Judge Development).

*As an experienced Association Judge, he will have successfully handled dogs at several VGPs, or similar versatile hunting utility tests that may be specific to the breed of his choice. He will also have been designated several times the Senior Judge at Association Tests with hands-on experience in training Apprentice Judges. In addition to the hands-on experience, the designated specialist shall be enthusiastic about recruiting and developing Apprentice Judges, and sponsor the candidates during their training process. He shall provide continuing education in his region and monitor the educational progress of the Association Judges in his breed club. He shall be responsible for the timely distribution of updates (such as revisions of Test Regulations or Guidelines) to the Association Judges in his breed club.*

### Regarding Section 2(1)g

The following guidelines shall apply to the **Introduction Seminar**:

*The Seminar must be registered with the JGHV Office (see Section 4[4b]).  
The presentation must extend over a minimum of approximately 6 hours on a single day.  
No other educational seminars may take place on the same day.  
The following basic subjects shall be covered on that day:*

- 1) "The Hunting Dog" and/or "JGHV Hunting Dog Breeds"
- 2) "JGHV History"
- 3) "JGHV Organizational Structure"
- 4) "Test Rules and Regulations"
- 5) "Developing the Apprentice into a Competent Association Judge"

*Additional contemporary topics of interest may be included.*

## **Regarding Section 4 – Training**

### **Section 4(1) General Guidelines**

#### **d) - Apprentice Judge practice in different member clubs – groups/chapters**

The Apprentice Judge shall practice at a minimum at one each of these tests in a different member club/group/chapter.

*Apprentice Judges may substitute the required outside practice by practice in other regional groups of their breed when their breed clubs are not organized within JGHV as having independent sub-groups/chapters (such as VDW [German Flushing Dog Breed Clu], DJT [German Hunting Terrier Breed Clu], DRC [German Retriever Club]).*

*The same rule applies to Apprentice Judges in other countries.*

*Special cases not mentioned here must be coordinated in advance with the JGHV Office.*

### **Section 4(2)b) Components of Training Practice in Accordance with Section 4(2)**

*The Apprentice Judge shall evaluate all dogs in his group during the entire test course and afterwards report his evaluations.*

*At tests with specialty judging teams, the Apprentice Judge shall evaluate at least two (2) dogs during the entire test course and afterwards report his evaluations.*

*The Apprentice Judge shall be credited a practice test only when the dogs have been tested in all subjects of the test. If a dog fails in the lastly tested subject, the dog shall be deemed tested in all subjects.*

### **Section 4(3) d) Apprentice Judge Report**

*It is not permissible to suggest to an Apprentice Judges that he delete or change portions of his **Apprentice Judge report**. The report will be reviewed and evaluated in its initially submitted version. Any mistakes / shortcomings in the report or suggestions for an improved report must be noted on the copy which is returned to the Apprentice Judge. The Apprentice Judge must report any attempt by another to influence or manipulate to the designated specialist in his breed club or to the Director of Testing.*

*The Apprentice Judge shall complete the report using the guidelines that he received together with the Apprentice Judge card. The JGHV Office shall have the right to re-submit for review by the Stud Book Commission reports that have already been reviewed.*

**(4) a)** The following guidelines shall apply to **qualifying Continuing Education Seminars for Judges** (see also Sections 6(5) and 8[2]):

*Seminar must be registered with JGHV Office in accordance with Section 4(4b);  
The Formblatt must be fully completed using a single line in the table;*

*List of topics;*

*Judges Conferences at tests shall not qualify as continuing education seminars;*

*List of organization details, such as*

*names of speakers;*

*duration of scheduled event (minimum 3 hours);*

*date and location of seminar;*

*POC for seminar registration (include closing date for registration where applicable);*

*registration fee.*

*The attendee shall receive documentation for his attendance by the organizing club.*

*The attendance of Apprentice Judges shall be documented on their Apprentice Judge card. Do not enter the names of Apprentice Judges on the attendance sheet (Formblatt 64). An Apprentice Judge who attends a Continuing Education Seminar for Judges during his training cannot later claim the same seminar as a continuing education seminar (see Section 8[2]) after he has been appointed Association Judge (VR).*

*The following seminar topics are available for seminars (European continental pointing breeds):*

*Practical training in forest, field and water work;*

*Continuing education on tests of the respective club (VJP, HZP, VGP, VPS, FSWP, VFSP, versatile utility test for Teckel, etc.);*

*Test Questions & Answers;*

*Current issues relating to the hunting dog movement;*

*Preparation, execution and reporting of Association tests;*

*JGHV History and Organizational Structure;*

*Training of Apprentice Judges;*

*The Apprentice Judge report.*

*More topics may be covered as long as the principal portion of the seminar consists of one of the above listed topics.*

*Special breed clubs have the right to include elements specific to their breeds. The JGHV Office shall be notified in advance of such breed specific topics.*

## Regarding Section 5 Written Test

- (5) The Director for Testing shall coordinate with the relevant breed clubs and test organizations a catalog of test questions. The Director for Testing shall select 100 questions from the catalog and bundle them into questionnaires for each test.

Special breed clubs, or their groups respectively (where applicable) (for example, flushing dogs, Dachshund, hound dogs) shall submit to the Director of Testing a catalog of test questions that includes breed specific questions.

*The catalog of test questions may be reduced in quantity for certain special breed clubs (such as blood hound breeds) in order to allow them to take the written test.*

*The use of reference material shall not be permitted during the test.*

## Section 6 (6) Adding Judging Categories

*The same guidelines apply as outlined in Section 1(1).*

## Regarding Section 8 Activities by Association Judges

- (1) Only those Association Judges may engage in judging activities whose names appear in the current JGHV Judges' List.

## Regarding Section 8(1)

*The list maintained and updated by the JGHV Office shall be considered the current list. The list is available for club officers as a CD. The list is updated every 2 months on the JGHV website.*

- (3) In the event that the Association Judge fails to meet any of the requirements listed in paragraph 1 a, b and c, or if he is unable to prove his attendance at a continuing education seminar for judges, his Association Judge capacity shall be suspended and will expire after three (3) years. Suspensions and reinstatements shall be published in the official publication, "Der Jagdgebrauchshund".

- (8) The Association Judge capacity shall be suspended in these cases:

- a) The Association Judge's hunting license is legally revoked or
- b) The Association Judge fails to meet the requirements of Section 8 (1)b. In cases where the revocation of the hunting license is suspected, the respective Association Judge shall be under obligation to prove towards the JGHV Office that he is in possession of a valid hunting license. In the event that he fails to do so, it shall be assumed that his hunting license has been revoked.
- c) The Association Judge capacity/Judge Apprenticeship shall be suspended as long as the Association Judge/Apprentice Judge is under investigation for a violation against Association General Guidelines, Regulations for Judgship and/or Test Regulations.
- d) The Association Judge capacity shall also be suspended for as long as an

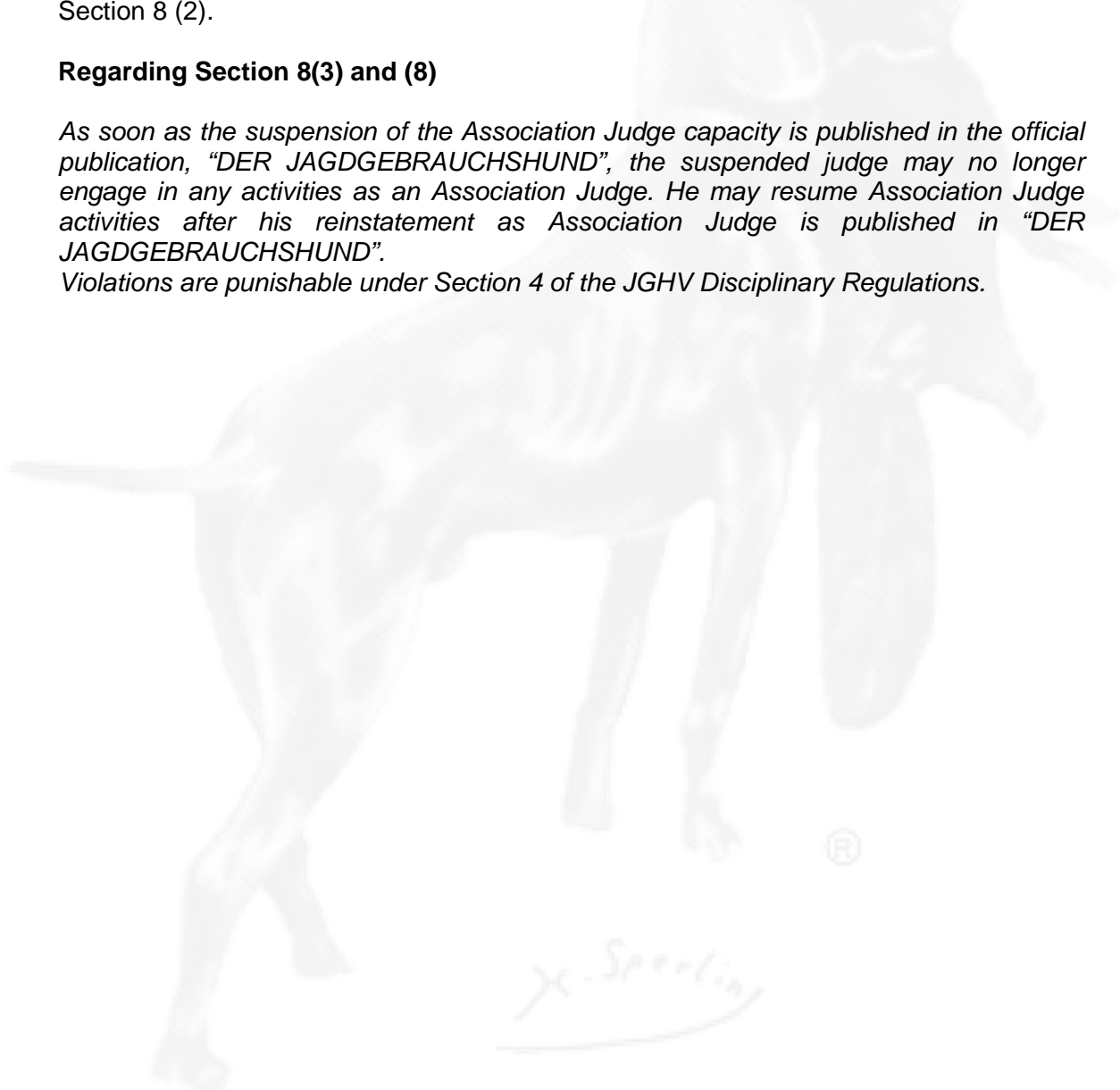
Association Judge fails to fulfill his duties and obligations towards the Association, or fails to attend a qualifying continuing education seminar for judges within the time period mentioned in Section 4.

- e) If it is determined that an Association Judge committed a violation against the Test Regulations or has insufficient knowledge of the Test Regulations, the Stud Book Commission shall have the right to require the Judge attend a continuing education seminar for judges with an emphasis on his specialty. This seminar shall not be considered as credit towards the continuing education seminar for judges as required under Section 8 (2).

### **Regarding Section 8(3) and (8)**

*As soon as the suspension of the Association Judge capacity is published in the official publication, "DER JAGDGEBRAUCHSHUND", the suspended judge may no longer engage in any activities as an Association Judge. He may resume Association Judge activities after his reinstatement as Association Judge is published in "DER JAGDGEBRAUCHSHUND".*

*Violations are punishable under Section 4 of the JGHV Disciplinary Regulations.*



## How to Complete an Apprentice Judge Report

In accordance with Section 4 (3) of the Association Regulations for Judgeship

The lay-out of the report must be transparent; the contents composed in a style that allows the reader to reconstruct in his mind a detailed and accurate picture of the test conditions and the performance of each dog.

The Apprentice Judge must prepare his report within two (2) weeks after the test and submit it in duplicate to the senior judge of his judging team, or to the senior judges of specialty judging teams. He must attach the evaluation form, Formblatt 54.

The following suggestions are made for the overview and chronology of the report:

- Name, mailing address and Apprentice Judge (RA) number
- Name, mailing address of the Director of Judge Development of his sponsoring club
- Name of club organizing the test – type of test, location, date
- Test information
  - Number of dogs entered
  - Number of judging teams – specialty judging teams
  - Weather conditions
  - Test grounds
  - Game presence
- Apprentice Judge's judging team
  - Name, judge number of senior judge
  - Names and numbers of co-judges
  - Names, breed, ZR number, whelp date of all dogs in the judging group; names of handlers
- Describe the performance of each dog; include special conditions. Explain understandably the reasons for your scores or predicates for each dog in the group.

You must report on every relevant activity in your judging team. It is therefore essential that you pay close attention at all times to anything that goes on during the test. You must, above all, carefully and consistently observe and register each performance and behavior of every dog under evaluation, both positive and negative, and conclude from your observations a judgment that you are able to substantiate with written language.

It is crucial to the report that it demonstrate your judgments are the logical conclusion of test conditions and performance which the reader can easily reconstruct in his mind from your descriptions.

The report should distinguish clearly between the characteristics of testing natural abilities versus trained subjects. In natural ability tests, emphasis should be at how you arrived at the "general impression", provided the dog had multiple opportunities to facilitate a general impression. Judgments in categories that are by nature difficult to assess, such as use of nose and cooperation, should be supported by detailed observations.

You must describe in the report the performance of each dog in your judging group.

The senior judge (or senior judges of specialty judging teams) will review your report carefully for its factual contents and your statements supporting your judgments. The senior judge will then return one copy of the report with his comments to you, the Apprentice Judge; the other copy and the evaluation of your Apprentice Judge activity at the test by the senior judge (on Formblatt 54) will be submitted to the Director of Judge Development of your sponsoring club.