

# ISPU World Championship IPO3 and IPO-FH Guidelines

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## General information

Planning and arranging future international sports events for the breeds covered by ISPU is considered to be the responsibility of ISPU by definition.

World championships are held as open world championships, and therefore dog handlers from FCI member countries which are not yet ISPU members may participate. Participants from non-member countries of ISPU can become the winners of the day. However, the title "ISPU World Champion" is only awarded to starters from ISPU member countries.

## World Championships policies

The policies are based on the International FCI Testing Standards as amended. Additionally, the implementing regulations set forth in these guidelines are applicable to establish standard procedures.

## Organizer and Host

The International Schnauzer-Pinscher-Union (ISPU) is the **organizer**. The organizer and the host shall come to an agreement on the location and general conditions in collaboration with the ISPU executive board member in charge of sports. **IPO3 world championships are always held on the last weekend of October. The times and locations of each IPO-FH world championship are determined by the ISPU sports officials.**

The national organization in the country where the event is held, which manages the ISPU breeds there, is the **host**. The practical implementation of the event may be carried out by a local organization in that country.

If the organizer and host have come to an agreement, the event location of the next world championship shall be announced after the drawing of contestant numbers at the current world championship.

In the preparation period, only arrangements shall be valid which were made in writing between an officially appointed sports official of the respective nation who is also jointly responsible for the implementation in his/her country and the ISPU sports official.

The official Homepage and Facebook Page of the ISPU World Championships in German and in English is run by ISPU without exception. The host may choose to run a homepage and/or Facebook Page in the language of its country. Such a Page must display buttons for German and English which may only present the official ISPU World Championships Homepage, when clicked.

# Trial site and procedure ISPU World Championships

## IPO3

The ISPU IPO3 World Championships are held according to the IPO 3 level. ***If the stick is allowed in a host country, it is still prohibited at the ISPU World Championship. Soft sticks may only be used without touching the dog.***

Obedience and Protection must be presented on a sports ground or a stadium with well groomed lawns.

Roofage (stands and/or tents) must be available to protect the spectators in bad weather. Enough parking for the contestants and the spectators must be available in front of and near the stadium. Also, there should be a sports ground or stadium cafeteria for the competitors, spectators and helpers.

The tracking grounds should provide equal conditions for all contestants. Mixed terrain is allowed, including grassland, plowed soil or farmland with low plants. Obstacles such as fences, ditches etc. are allowed if overcoming them is not particularly difficult for the dog and the handler. Terrain used on Friday may be used again on Sunday. The track supervisor must be provided with a 1:5000 terrain sketch of the tracks. A minimum of five qualified tracklayers must be available.

A time schedule shall be prepared showing each contestant their working time. The schedule must allow each contestant at least one hour's time between the individual examinations trial phases. (Females in heat shall be given a break of 20 minutes between Obedience and Protection). The order of trial phases may vary.

On the day before the start of the world championship, the teams shall be given time for Obedience and Protection work in the sports ground or stadium. The available time shall be divided among all contestants.

Prior to the start of the trial a veterinary check must be carried out. Sick dogs and dogs suspected of contagious disease are excluded. Females in heat may participate in all events on condition that they are separated from the other contestants and come after all the others in Obedience and Protection. The veterinary checks must be completed numbers are drawn. For the temperament characteristics evaluation, an ISPU supervising judge will be present.

The two Protection helpers and two substitute helpers shall be chosen by the supervising judge and the trial judge from at least four Protection helpers provided by the organizer. The selection shall be closed to the public. The Protection helpers must wear the protective clothing including sleeves and pants specified by the FCI.

The use of electrical devices, spiked collars and the like is prohibited in the environment of the world championship and will lead to disqualification regardless of the legal situation in the host country. A relevant accusation must be submitted in writing and confirmed by witnesses.

Prior to the start of the world championship the ISPU sports official shall convene a team leaders meeting which must be attended by the trial judges, the supervising judge, the trial chairperson and the team leaders.

In the sports ground or stadium, the selected Protection helpers shall demonstrate one Obedience and one Protection performance to ensure that each contestant is familiar with the procedure. For this demonstration the host shall provide at least one handler with a non-competing IPO3 dog. It is mandatory that the demonstration dog is a giant schnauzer.

The drawing of the contestant numbers will be done in public on the evening before the start of the world championship. The catalog number with the drawn number must be displayed so all contestants can see it.

The track lengths may be reduced in coordination with the supervising judge. The contestants shall be provided with information about the determined length and the terrain and the track layouts. The contestants must be provided, via the team leaders, with samples of the items used.

Obedience and Protection will be carried out in the sports ground or stadium alternately on one and the same site. During the Obedience phase, only the necessary equipment shall be on site (hurdle, climbing wall, dumbbells, hideout for the long down exercise); during the Protection phase only the 6 blinds will be in place. Positions and/or distances must be marked.

The judges' decisions are final and non-appealable. Only objections on grounds of non-compliance with IPO are permitted. An objection must be filed with the ISPU sports official by the team leader. A deposit of € 300.00 must be paid which will be forfeited in favor of ISPU if the objection is rejected.

Decisions on objections are made by the sports official, the supervising judge and the judges of the discipline in which the objection was made. The resulting decision will be final.

At the award ceremony, at first the individual ranking results and then the country ranking shall be announced. For the winners of the first prize of the individual ranking and the country ranking the respective national anthems must be played.

## **IPO-FH**

The ISPU Tracking Dog World Championship is held according to IPO-FH.

There must be a central base as starting point for the contestants, the spectators and the trial staff. At the base, a cafeteria catering for the contestants, the spectators and the helpers should be in place. Also, it is advisable to provide a mobile cafeteria in the tracking grounds. Should the IPO3 and IPO-FH world championships be held jointly, the sports ground or stadium shall be used as central base.

The host shall provide for the guiding and/or transport service to the tracking grounds for the contestants and the spectators.

The tracking grounds and the track laid should provide equal conditions for all contestants. This includes an equal number of sharp angles and right angles on all tracks. The terrain must be mixed terrain including grassland, plowed soil and farmland covered with low plants. Obstacles such as fences, ditches etc. are allowed if overcoming them is not particularly difficult for the dog and the handler. The terrain can be reused on the day after next day. However, it is not allowed for a contestant to work on the same terrain twice.

A time schedule shall be prepared showing each contestant their working time. The schedule must ensure that each contestant works only one track per day, with each contestant being required to work a track once in the morning and once at noon.

Before the trial starts, a veterinary check must be carried out. Sick dogs and dogs suspected of contagious disease are excluded. Females in heat may participate on condition that they are separated from the other contestants. The veterinary checks must be completed before the numbers are drawn. For the temperament characteristics evaluation an ISPU supervising judge will be present.

The use of electrical devices, spiked collars and the like is prohibited in the environment of the world championship and will lead to disqualification regardless of the legal situation in the host country. A relevant accusation must be submitted in writing and confirmed by witnesses.

Prior to the start of the world championship the ISPU sports official shall convene a team leaders meeting which must be attended by the trial judge, the supervising judge, the trial chairperson and the team leaders.

The contestant numbers will be drawn in public on the evening before the starting day of the FH world championship. The catalog number with the drawn number must be displayed so all contestants can see it.

The track lengths may be reduced in coordination with the supervising judge. The contestants shall be provided with information about the determined length and the terrain and the track layouts. The contestants must be provided, via the team leaders, with samples of the items used.

The tracks shall be laid in the terrain one after the other for all groups at regular intervals.

The judges' decisions are final and non-appealable. Only objections on grounds of non-compliance with IPO are permitted. An objection must be filed with the ISPU sports official by the team leader. A deposit of € 300.00 must be paid which will be forfeited in favor of ISPU if the objection is rejected.

Decisions on objections are rendered by the sports official, the supervising judge and the judges of the discipline in which the objection was made. The resulting decision will be final.

At the award ceremony, at first the individual ranking results and then the country ranking shall be announced. For the winners of the first prize of the individual ranking and the country ranking the respective national anthems must be played.

## **Appointment of the trial judges**

ISPU has appointed 3 supervising judges (Mike Greub – Switzerland, Albert Ritter – Austria, Georg Benz – Germany). Together with the sports official they are responsible for compliance with all rules and regulations of the Testing Standards and the rules and regulations.

The host and the contestants must follow in every respect the instructions given by the sports official and/or the supervising judge.

The performance judges shall be chosen from an ISPU pool of judges. Each ISPU member country may suggest a trial judge for the pool at any time or later remove that judge. The maximum number of performance judges in the pool is 5 per member country. These persons must submit a cynological résumé.

In any event only performance judges from different nations are appointed, with 2 IPO3 performance judges and one FH performance judge being appointed by ISPU and all the others by the host country.

For tracking supervision there must be additionally one trial judge according to IPO3 and IPO FH. Moreover, one long down judge must be present for IPO3. They can be from the hosting country.

## **Team Leaders**

Each nation shall designate a team leader who acts as a contact person for the trial committee during the event. The participant country must provide the name, telephone number and email address of its team leader by the closing date.

## **Competition Rules**

The host may issue specific competition rules that contain important information and requirements that must be followed during the event by the participants and visitors, if necessary. Special emphasis should be placed on veterinary requirements - e.g. external dogs are not allowed on the trial grounds.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

Only sports enthusiasts that have dogs of ISPU breeds are entitled to participate, they must be members of an ISPU organization and/or come from a nation that is a member of FCI. An FCI-recognized pedigree must be presented for each dog entered in the trials. The dog must have an IPO 3 certificate for the IPO world championship or an FH2 or IPO-FH certificate for the IPO FH world championship that is no more than one year old. Also, each contestant must provide a scorebook issued. The scorebooks and the pedigrees shall be collected and handed over to the host by the team leader before the competition starts. In the scorebook

of each contestant, 'ISPU World Championship' must be entered next to the results so as to be clearly visible.

If IPO3 and the IPO FH world championship are held in the same location at the same time, a contestant may only start either at IPO3 or at IPO FH. Starting in both disciplines is prohibited. Only one dog per starter may be presented at the world championship. Females in heat must start in A according to the time schedule and go last in B and C on the last day.

Individual nations may lay down additional eligibility requirements for their starters. Contestants must complete the designated registration form and send it to the address specified in the announcement. The maximum number of contestants for the ISPU FH world championship is 40.

The deadline for entry is 4 weeks before the start date. Entries are only accepted by the organization which is an ISPU member in the respective country. Entries by contestants will only be accepted if they are signed by the national organization that is an ISPU member. Accepted contestants will receive a confirmation from the host about 3 weeks before the event.

## **Sports clothing / Contestant numbers**

The contestants must wear team apparel indicating their country for the opening ceremony and the awards ceremony. During the trials and at the awards ceremony the contestants must display their numbers.

## **Ranking and titles**

### **IPO3**

The contestant with the highest total score in individual ranking is the winner and will be awarded the title "ISPU World Champion IPO3 (year)".

In the event of a tie, the contestants shall be ranked according to who had the higher score in Phase C and then the higher score in Phase B and then the higher score in Phase A. If all scores are tied, the contestants will share the same ranking.

For team ranking, the three best results of the contestants of each nation shall be evaluated. All contestants who have reached a positive total result are included in team ranking. In the event of a tie, the teams shall be ranked according to which one had the higher score in Phase C and then the higher score in Phase B, and finally the higher score in Phase A. If all



scores in the individual disciplines are tied, the teams will share the same ranking. The team with the highest total score will be awarded the title “ISPU Team World Champion IPO3”.

## **IPO-FH**

The contestant with the highest total score is the winner and will be awarded the title “ISPU Tracking Dogs World Champion (year)”.

In the event of a tie, the higher score shall be decisive. In the event of even individual results, the contestants will share the same ranking.

For the team ranking, each individual positive result (2 x 70 points) is banked toward a title. The winning team of the world championship is the highest-scoring team. In the event of a tie, the team with the higher score is the winner. In the event of even results, the second best result shall be used, and in the event of a tie, the teams will share the same ranking.

## **Organization overview**

The host will provide the team leaders with an up-to-date organization overview including functions and contact information before the start of the competition, which will also be published on the Homepage.

## **Catalog**

The catalog will be designed and printed by the host. The list of contestants should be placed on the central leaf.

## **Trial results**

The individual trial results will be shown, immediately after their announcement by the respective trial judges, on a large centrally located blackboard displaying the list of contestants.

## **List of results**

The final results shall not be announced and the awards ceremony shall not commence until clearance is obtained from the ISPU sports official. The team leaders receive a complete list of results during the awards ceremony.

## **Settlement of costs**

The national host is at liberty to design the details – including, but not limited to, the settlement of costs – within the limits of its resources.

The host will pay the costs as defined by the resolution of the FCI Utility Dogs Commission of 7 March 2015 (€ 0.35 per kilometer; daily allowance € 35; accommodation according to receipt) incurred by the invited trial judges, the supervising judges, the tracklayers and/or track supervisors and long down judges, two Protection helpers (and one Protection helper as standby) as well the costs incurred by the attending ISPU sports official.

## **Honor & memorial gifts**

ISPU provides a sum determined in advance by the ISPU executive board for trophies. The host provides memorial gifts and certificates for each contestant and may obtain special prizes from sponsors (e.g. trophies for the best female dog, best tracking, best obedience, best protection).

## **Entry fees**

It is recommended to not charge more than € 50.00 per contestant and dog for IPO3 WM and € 70.00 per contestant and dog for IPO-FH world championships.

The fee for the evening reception may be collected together with the entry fee.

## **Trial committee**

The trial chairperson and the organization manager can be contacted at any time in the office or via the office staff on Friday afternoon and during the trial times on Saturday and Sunday.

## **Abandonment due to severe weather**

Abandonment Phase A: A new scent trail must be provided next day

Abandonment Phase B and C: If the trial must be stopped due to severe weather, a new time within the next few days must be scheduled.

If new scent trails and/or new times are not possible (the decision will be made by the competent performance judge and the ISPU sports official), the following international rule in sport (including Olympics) shall apply:

- If more than fifty percent of the contestants have completed all three disciplines of the world championship (IPO3) or two disciplines (IPO-FH), the result of these contestants shall stand as the final result of the world championship.
- If less than fifty percent of the contestants have completed all three disciplines of the world championship (IPO3) or two disciplines (IPO-FH), the competition shall be canceled without result.

## Important notes

- As a general rule, the team leaders are the contact persons for the trial committee for the duration of the event.
- Current vaccination certificates must be provided upon the veterinary check.
- Dogs which cannot be identified through the chip reader are excluded from the world championship.
- Each dog handler is liable for any damages caused by his/her dog. Accordingly, they must be insured for such cases.
- Verbal commands may be given in the native language of the dog handler.
- Dog handlers must carry a leash with them during all phases of the trial. All dogs must wear a chain link collar. Leather collars and so-called tick collars must be removed. For tracking work, additionally the use of a tracking harness is permitted.
- The handler must clean up after the dog outside specially designated zones without delay. This applies particularly to areas inside the sports ground or stadium.

## Resolution

According to a resolution of 26 October 2014 adopted by the General Assembly of ISPU any amendments /supplements to these Guidelines must be subject to a resolution by the executive board of ISPU and published on the official ISPU WM Homepage/ISPU Homepage.

These Guidelines are exclusively applicable; the present version was adopted by the ISPU Executive Board

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Sports official of the International Schnauzer-Pinscher Union (ISPU)

**Appendix 1: Distribution of Roles and Responsibilities**  
**Template for organization overview**

Organizer:	Internationale Schnauzer Pinscher Union (ISPU)		
Host:			
Location:			
Organization/Technical director:			
Trial chairperson:			
Trial judge	Phase A	Phase B Long down:	Phase C
Trial judge in tracking grounds:			
Tracklayer:			
Group:			
Protection helper:	Part 1:	Part 2:	Backup/substitute helper:
Guide to tracking grounds:			
Office trial committee:			
Stadium announcer:			
Veterinarian:			
Medical service:			
Reservation of accommodations:	Contact:	Email:	
Contact for camping:			
Catering crew:	Head of catering:		
Replacement:			
Replacement 2:			
Catering on the tracking grounds:			
Cashier:			
Interpreter:			

**Appendix 2: Time Schedule Template**  
**Schedule of the event**

**Wednesday:**

Meeting of the team leaders and sports officials of the participating nations with the trial judges

**Thursday:**

Time plan depends on requirements and number of registrations  
Training of the nations (5 minutes per starter)  
Presentation / protection work practice in phases B & C in the presence of trial judges / helpers / group of persons / gunshot test / participants & audience  
Team meeting

Venue .....

Team leader meeting with trial committee in the presence of trial chairperson / trial judges / tracking supervisors / head of organization / team leaders of the participating nations (interpreters)  
Veterinary check and temperament test - vaccination record / registration papers / presence of at least one trial judge is required (interpreters)  
Official welcome address / reception including drawing of contestant numbers

**Friday: (1<sup>st</sup> day of trial)**

Venue for transport to tracking grounds.....

Departure of the first group of participants to tracking grounds  
Beginning of tracking work on the tracking grounds, phase A  
Beginning of trial in the stadium, phases B & C  
End of the first day of the trial  
Gala evening (where?), doors open at .....  
Beginning gala evening

**Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> day of trial)**

Venue for transport to tracking grounds.....

Departure of the first group of participants to tracking grounds  
Beginning of tracking work, phase A  
Beginning of trial in the stadium, phases B & C

**Sunday:** (last day of trial)

Beginning of trial in the stadium, phases B & C

End of trial

Presentations / supporting program

Parade of nations and awards ceremony

End of World Championships at roughly 2 - 3 p.m.

Following the official closing of the ISPU Giant Schnauzer World Championship

Get-together at.....

### Appendix 3: Contest Entry and Accommodation Registration Form Template

ENTRY for the ... ISPU Giant Schnauzer World Championship in ..... on .....		
Dog details	Dog handler details	
Breed: Giant Schnauzer	First name: _____	
Color: _____	Surname: _____	
Female/male dog: _____	Street address: _____	
Dog's name: _____	Zip code: _____	
Date of birth: _____	City: _____	
Pedigree no.: _____	Country: _____	
ID chip no.: _____	Telephone _____	
Working certificate no.: _____	Email: _____	
Issuing organization: _____	<b>Accommodation registration</b>	
IPO 3 on: _____		
Father of the dog: _____		
Ped. no. father: _____		
Mother of the dog: _____		
Ped.no. mother: _____		
Breeder: _____		
Dog owner: _____		
Arrival date: _____		
Departure date: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> hotel single room <input type="checkbox"/> dog		
<input type="checkbox"/> hotel double room <input type="checkbox"/> dog		
<input type="checkbox"/> camping site                                      .... persons		
<input type="checkbox"/> trailer    .... persons		
<input type="checkbox"/> camper van                                      ..... persons		
Team leader of my nation (name, telephone, email): _____		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check your dog's vaccination status in time.</li> <li>• Check your canine liability insurance.</li> <li>• Upon registration I am required to pay an entry fee of €.....</li> <li>• I am liable for any damage caused by my dog. I hereby undertake to indemnify ISPU and persons or organizations in charge of the trial from and against any third-party claims arising from damage caused by my dog.</li> </ul>		
Please send this application to the national organization in charge of giant schnauzers.		
The application deadline is 4 weeks prior to the start of the World Championships.		
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Location	Date	Signature of dog handler

## **Appendix 4: Trial Chairperson Checklist Template**

### **At the beginning of the year**

- Host sends invitations to: trial judges, helpers and the sports officials of the different nations.
- Attach accommodation registration form for non-competing visitors. (visitors with or without dogs / trailers / camper vans / tents, hotels)
- Keep application forms for trial participants and send them to sports officials and renowned people engaged in dog sport.
- Contact the ISPU sports official about the approval of the sports ground and/or stadium and the tracking grounds.

### **Two months before the event**

- Arrange for publication in national publications
- Contact sports officials of ISPU member countries
- Prepare event information including how to get to the event location (by car, train, plane).
- Find out and announce veterinary requirements
- Interpreter must be reachable by e-mail

### **Four weeks before the event**

- Evaluate applications
- Accept applications only if a copy of the (FCI-recognized) pedigree and working certificate have been submitted by the closing date
- Send a letter to accepted dog handlers /contestants/trial judges/helpers = immediately after the closing date, containing information and a booking confirmation including accommodation directions
- Evaluate accommodation registrations (confirm hotel bookings).