



IPO Helper Qualifying and Refresher Seminar for Current Helpers

22 October 2017

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Venue: Magalies Club Grounds, Plot 92, Knoppjeslaagte, Laezonia

Time: 09:30

Attending Judge: Mrs Jane de Swardt

Coordinators: Messrs John de Swardt & Richard Thompson

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Closing date for applications and R.S.V.P: 2 October 2017

Aspirant Helpers wishing to qualify should take note of the following:

1. CV's must be submitted to the National Administrator by no later than 2 October 2017, email to secretary@gsdfederation.co.za
2. Please arrange for suitable dogs

Qualified Helpers from the Panel wishing to be considered for qualification as A Grade Helpers should complete and submit the attached form to the Chairman of the National Sports Committee, Mr Mike Seddon.

An excerpt from the Helpers Manual is inserted below.

1.2 Application

- 1.2.1 Fully paid-up, bona fide members of the Federation are eligible to apply as helpers on the IPO Helpers Panel.
- 1.2.2 Persons under the age of 18 years must have a letter of consent from their natural or legal guardian.
- 1.2.3 The applicant must be an active member of a club without remuneration.
- 1.2.4 The applicant must have been active and trained for IPO or Schutzhund within a local club environment for 12 months.
- 1.2.5 The application must be forwarded in writing, to the National Training Supervisor, via the National Administration, together with a recommendation from the local club where the applicant is training, stating all relevant qualifications and experience.

1.3 IPO Helper Evaluation

- 1.3.1 Applicant Helpers shall be evaluated by
 - a) A Tutor Helper and a Training Test Judge OR alternatively
 - b) A Training judge who is also a Tutor Helper,

1.4 Examination of Applicants

- 1.4.1 The evaluation will be carried out by the evaluator(s).
- 1.4.2 A theoretical examination on the rules and regulations governing IPO tests may be written.
- 1.4.3 A practical assessment is required and will be based on fitness and performance. The aspirant Helper will be evaluated on the following abilities:
 - a) Technical ability and knowledge of rules and regulations governing IPO tests for trial helper work;
 - b) Understanding of techniques for training and dog development;
 - c) Understanding of "problem" dogs and situations both in tests and training.
- 1.4.4 After the evaluation, the evaluator(s) will submit the decision on the applicant in a written report to the National Training Supervisor via the National Administration.

1.5 Maintaining Status as a IPO Helper

- 1.5.1 Members of the IPO Helper's Panel must officiate as a Helper at least once every year in an IPO event

or
- 1.5.2 Helpers must participate in a Federation recognised refresher course at least once every two years.
- 1.5.3 Helpers must remain active trainers within an official Federation club or Training Group without remuneration.

All participants must be fully paid up members of the German Shepherd Dog Federation