

Judge Report Section A – Tracking Work – WUSV World Championship 2017 in Tilburg/ Netherlands

First of all, I would like to give thanks to the WUSV Board of Directors for having entrusted me with the office of trial judge for the tracking section, and for the confidence they bestowed on me! It was a great honor for me that I was appointed as a judge – now for the fourth time – on the occasion of an international WUSV event.

The Dutch colleagues under the leadership of Ad van Yperen provided for an excellent performance and organization of the event! A sufficient number of well trained personnel was available on all days of the event, the track layers were perfectly prepared for their task, and we enjoyed a very good catering on site the tracking area.

The height of the vegetation at the tracking area was very even. Only the thickness varied from time to time. The principle to work with two groups of track layers and an additional guide once again proved to be very useful. The teams were supervised by Mr. Wolfgang Rook from Germany and I would like to use this opportunity to thank him for his excellent work.

Mr. Clemente Grosso from Italy assisted me as a co-judge. He is a very experienced colleague who already judged on the occasion of many international events under the auspices of the FCI. I trust that Mr. Grosso will be very professional while judging in Denmark next year, and will only act to the best of his knowledge and belief. I would also like to thank him for the very good cooperation.

While judging, the following criteria enjoyed my utmost priority:

1. Free style tracking and motivation
2. Concentration and reaction time during the exercise
3. Confident indication of objects
4. Technique and training

The tracking work was aggravated by the weather conditions that prevailed on the occasion of the championship with rain storms and squalls on all days which contributed to the level of difficulty, too. And it deserves to be

mentioned that the best performances were shown exactly under these conditions.

In total, I was presented with 121 dogs with the following results:

- 7 dogs – excellent 5,84%
 - 25 dogs – very good 20,83%
 - 45 dogs – good 37,50%
 - 10 dogs – satisfactory 8,33%
 - 33 dogs – insufficient 27,50%
 - 1 dog – injured 0,00%
- 121 dogs in total 100.-%

Last but not least I would like to express thanks to the Dutch organization team and for the truly felt hospitality that made me truly enjoy my stay in the Netherlands. My thanks also go to the dog handlers and team captains for their loyalty and for the correct presentation of the dogs. Thank you very much!

Peter Mayerl

Trial Judge Section A – Tracking

Judge Report Section B – Obedience – WUSV – World Championship 2017

From October 04, to October 08, 2017 the 30th WUSV World Championship for German Shepherd Dogs was held in Tilburg/ the Netherlands. The Dutch colleagues are already very experienced in the hosting of international events, and thus the head of organization, Mr. Toine Jonkers, and his team were well prepared. The result was a very harmonious and super organized WUSV World Championship.

It is a great honor to be appointed as a trial judge on the occasion of such an international and major event, and it is quite a challenge to judge in an even and neutral manner. I did my very best and I do hope that I succeeded in offering a fair judgement to a total of 117 dogs from 35 countries.

It was my priority to identify the best dogs present and put them into the first rank. The level of performance shown was on average very even, and I emphasized on the dogs who worked free and with enthusiasm, and at the same time showed a high level of drive in terms of instinct, self-confidence and imperturbability. It needs to be said that the international competitors – in comparison with dogs from Germany – made good progress during the course of the last couple of years, and I was honored to work with those very good dogs. However, the send ahead and lie down exercise still requires improvement. Twenty times I had to give grade “insufficient” (for details please see the statistics attached).

Last but not least I would like to give thanks to my co-judge, Mr. Jari Kokkonen from Finland who will judge section B for obedience in Denmark next year. Special thanks go to my co-judge, Mr. Bart Miggelbrink, and to the head of examiners, Mr. Ros. Rodjik, and to the ladies and gentlemen of the team group who were always on time and complete.

Special thanks go to the spectators and visitors who offered enthusiastic applause and paid tribute to the handlers and to the teams.

Heinz Gerdes

Trial Judge Section B – Obedience

Report + evaluation of the protection phase at the WUSV 2017, Tilburg, Netherlands

Dear Teamcaptains:

The worldchampionship WUSV 2017, in Tiburg, Netherlands is over. With this evaluation I want to give you a short impression how this all was experienced by me.

I must say that it was a great honour for me to be invited to judge this event, it was without any doubt a highlight in my judging career. I want to thank once again very much the WUSV – board for the invitation and the opportunity to judge this worldchampionship.

My congratulations and deepest respect is going also to the organising club VDH , Netherlands. A big crowd of workers and co-workers worked very hard for a long time to make this happen. Every little detail that I was confronted with was perfect organised and went very smooth. So, not one negative mark on any detail from my side on the protectionphase organising wise.

I also want to thank the workingdog committee of VDH to get me involved and informed about the procedure and selection for the helpers that were chosen for this event. We started with a group of 9 helpers what was brought down around March to 4 helpers for the trial, and for each part 1 alternate. From day 1 of the championship we kept the group of helpers on 4 people. All helpers we're definitely tofit and in perfect condition, physical and mentally. All helpers were also technical of a high level. At the helperselection in the stadium wich was also attended with headjudge Josef Schallengruber we decided to go for the following helpers :

- Alternate helper part 1 : Toon Hop
- Alternate helper part 2 : Ruben Van de Woude
- Starting helper part 1 : Jan van Maren
- Starting helper part2 : Nicky Kuipers

Everybody witnessed that the helpers in this championship have put a lot of physical and mental pressure on the dogs and also the pressure of stickhits was clearly present. Although, I must say that almost none of the dogs is chased away on the stickhits itself. Most of the dogs that didn't made it had a problem with the combination pressure of body and voice even before they were even touched by the stick. In almost all cases where the dogs didn't made it in protectionwork were already signs of weakness to notice before. Especially in the bark and hold exercice. The confirmation of weakness or doubt followed than in the further development of the protectionphase. Also, that one of the helpers carried the sleeve at the right arm was a problem for many dogs, although this was also exposed in a video on the website of the championship long time before the start.

All together I judged 129 dogs in this championship with the following qualifications :

- 4 times – excellent (Vorzüglich)
- 24 times – very good (Sehr Gut)
- 54 times – good (Gut)
- 18 times – sufficient (Befriedigend)
- 1 time – insufficient (mangelhaft) TSB a)
- 16 times – determined (Abbruch)

- 15 times – TSB ng/ 1time TSB nicht vergeben)
- 12 times – Disqualified (disqualifiziert)

At the teamcaptains meeting I had said already that beside, grips, guarding phases and the learned things I would also judge for the natural talent, behaviour, drives and quality of the dogs. I think this was clearly discribed in the critiques and came also out clear in the scores. There was a certain number of dogs that didn't do it this time but in my opinion it was a championship of really high standard, with excellent working dogs till a very far ranking back. Dogs that really gave their best for their handlers and country. Which also made the battle for the topranking really tight and exciting till the last dog left the field. That on it's own was already worldclass and definitely an advertisement for the breed and sport.

I want to thank once more all teamcaptains for their profesionalism and commitment, all handlers for their good sportmanship, and offcourse all the gsd's for their great performance. They showed the world one more time that we work with the best, most stable and most versatile dog in the world and every owner can be proud to have a gsd on leash.

My special thanks go also out to Mr. Josef Schallengruber for his assistance,support and cooperation during this championship.

I wish Mr. Horst-Dieter Träger lots of succes and fun with his judging next year at the WUSV in Denmark.

See you all in Randers,

Rinus Bastiaansen, Belgium

WUSV World Championship – October 04, to October 08, 2017

Report of the Commissioner for Tracking Work, Wolfgang Rook

First of all, I would like to give thanks to the WUSV Board of Directors who entrusted me with this responsible task which I happily accepted.

The tracking fields were located on meadows with even terrain which turned out to be highly demanding grounds. The weather conditions with heavy rain and squalls made the tracking work a highly challenging task for the dogs – and yet – very good performances were shown throughout the event.

Ad van Yperen from the V.D.H. was in charge of the track laying, and he and his team did an excellent job on all days of the event and were thus of valuable support for me.

The objects for tracking were laid out in an even fashion in terms of both the length and the level of difficulty. Also, I would like to point out that the team worked in a very disciplined manner.

And it was due to the high quality of work provided that we were **not faced by objections, no tracks needed to be renewed, and no tracks were trampled by the participants.**

I would like to personally give thanks to all volunteers within the section A for tracking work and for their excellent performance.

THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU!!!

The good preparatory work prior to the event, the concentrated service on all days of the competition and the fact that we worked so well as a team guaranteed the success in section A of the WUSV World Championship.

With sporty greetings,

Wolfgang Rook

WUSV World Championship Netherlands/ Tilburg.

On the occasion of the year of its 100th club anniversary the WUSV member club Vereniging van Fokkers en Liefhebbers van Duitse Herdeshonden (V.D.H.) celebrated the WUSV World Championship from October 04, to October 08, 2017 in Tilburg.

The modern and up-to-date stadium Willem II was perfectly suitable for an IPO World Championship and the representative and centrally located premises respectively adjoining rooms served for the drawing of the lots, the welcome party and for all meetings. The tracking fields were only 20 to 30 minutes away by car. Thus, the event was the *championship of short distances* which was very much appreciated by everybody involved.

It proved to be very advantageous that we were given the chance to visit the entire venue and stipulate the conditions in terms of the organization of the event immediately after the World Championship in Meppen/ Germany in the year before. The trial judge for section C, Mr. Rinus Bastiaansen, vetted the helpers for defense work twice.

Together with his 160 team members Mr. Toine Jonkers provided the perfect environment and framework conditions for the 129 teams from 35 nations, and thus a trouble-free performance was guaranteed.

I would like to give special thanks to the trial judges. Mr. Peter Mayerl from Austria was in charge of section A and was supported by the tracking commissioner, Mr. Wolfgang Rook, who ensured that the tracks were correctly laid out. Mr. Heinz Gerdes from Germany was responsible for section B and was supported by Mr. Bart Miggelbrink from the Netherlands who served as the lay down judge. Mr. Rinus Bastiaansen from Belgium was in charge of section C, and he was supported by the helpers, Jan van Maren und Nicky Kuipers, whose performance was consistent, precise and fair on all days of the competition.

And it was particularly pleasing that the future trial judges for all three sections who have been nominated for the WUSV World Championship in Denmark in 2018, served as co-judges in the Netherlands in preparation for their office next year.

Thank you to the gentlemen Dr. Clemente Grosso from Italy, Mr. Jari Kokkonen from Finland, and Mr. Horst-Dieter Träger from Germany. Thus, continuity will be guaranteed in terms of judging in the years to come.

Prior to the competition a health certificate had to be provided for all participating German Shepherd Dogs. Furthermore, a table jump exercise and a veterinary examination were mandatory, and both were successfully passed by all dogs registered for the event.

The competition schedule was met on all days despite the partly stormy and rainy weather conditions. My thanks go to all teams who worked in a timely fashion and who presented their German Shepherd Dogs in the spirit of good and fair sportsmanship.

The competition was exiting right up to the very end. Four female dogs in their heat were registered, and it was indeed one of these dogs – **Debby vom Eisernen Kreuz from Germany with Reiner Naschke as handler**, who was awarded the grading “excellent” in all disciplines. The grading „very

good“ was awarded to 23 dogs, a „good“ was given to 45 dogs, and 6 animals obtained the grading satisfactory.

The team winner was Germany with a total of 834 points, followed by the Czech Republic with 821 points, and Switzerland with 820 points on place three.

Nevertheless, all 129 teams can be considered winners and all participants enjoyed the excellent service provided by our Dutch friends which made the event a great experience for everybody who was lucky enough to be there.

Once again, my compliments and congratulations to the V.D.H. Netherlands, the president, Mr. Marc Dhooge and his entire team, and all the best for their 100th anniversary and the years to come. Thank you and good bye in Randers – Denmark – in 2018.

Josef Schallegruber, Head Judge

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Abt. B.: Unterordnungsergebnisse

Gesamt ↓

	V	SG	G	B	M	Ges.
Mittwoch	2	16	15	2	1	36
Donnerstag	—	6	9	3	—	18
Freitag	3	9	13	3	—	28
Samstag	—	9	10	3	—	22
Sonntag	2	3	* 7	—	1	13
Gesamt:	7	43	54	11	2	117

~~Donnerstag~~ ✓

	V	SG	G	B	M	Ges.
1. Freifolgen	18	56	34	7	2	117
2. Sitz aus der Bewegung	22	68	15	1	11	117
3. Ablegen in Verbindg. mit Herankom.	19	65	27	5	1	117
4. Stehen aus dem Laufschrift	30	50	31	4	2	117
5. Bringen auf ebener Erde	4	67	43	10	4	117
6. Bringen über die Hürde	4	64	33	12	4	117
7. Bringen über eine Schrägwand	7	70	25	7	8	117
8. Voraussenden mit Hinlegen	19	46	19	13	20	117
9. Ablegen unter Ablenkung	44	52	14	2	5	117

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