

Summary of Changes: 2024 Policy vs. 2018 Policy

Updated Terminology

The term 'IPO' has been replaced with 'IGP' throughout the document to align with the updated nomenclature for the sport.

Expanded Conflicting Events

The list of conflicting events that cannot be scheduled during the Regional IGP Championship was clarified and expanded to include 'classification'.

Original (2018): 'No trial, conformation show, breed survey, or seminar may be scheduled...'

Updated (2024): 'No trial, conformation show, breed survey, classification, or seminar may be scheduled...'

Clarified Venue Approval Process

Venue approval now specifies approval by the 'Regional Training Director' and support from the 'regional board', replacing the term 'Regional Executive Board.'

Helper Application Process Enhanced

Details regarding helper applications were expanded to include clearer requirements for submitting materials, such as:

- An unedited video of an IGP3 routine (front and back halves),
- A helper bio,
- The last five trial pages from the helper's trial book.

Helpers who worked certain major events (e.g., USCA Nationals) in the past five years are exempt from submitting videos, similar to the 2018 policy but more clearly stated.

Emphasis on Helper Rotation

Added specific recommendations to rotate helper assignments annually to allow other regional helpers to gain experience and skill.

Original (2018): '...the same helpers should not repeat working the event in the same position...'

Updated (2024): Stronger emphasis on rotation as part of regional development goals.

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Flight Schedule

Flight schedule requirements were restated and clarified for fairness:

Original (2018): 'Competitors that go earliest for A (tracking), go latest for B/C (obedience/protection) and vice versa.'

Updated (2024): 'Competitors tracking early should perform obedience and protection later in the day, and vice versa, to ensure fairness given the Southwest's varying weather conditions.'

Formatting and Layout Improvements

The policy was reformatted for improved readability, with section headers and bullet points for easier navigation and reference.

Regional Financial Support

Maintained the \$1,000 seed money for event support, emphasizing flexibility in its use for various upfront costs like venue rental, helper reimbursement, or judge fees.