

Report WUSV World Championship IGP 2024.

First of all, I would like to thank the board of the WUSV and the coordinator Egon Gutknecht for the trust they have placed in me as head judge.

In this year for the first time a completely combined WUSV WC with IGP and Agility was held. I would like to thank the expert in the field of Agility, Björn Bröker, for the pleasant cooperation in the preparation and during this WC. Björn has been the driving force behind the Agility sport in Germany for years, he will write a separate report about his findings.

The organization in 2024 was in the hands of the German SV and in particular the province of Waterkant. Meppen was the place to be, a great accommodation for our dog sport, very popular with spectators because of the very suitable construction of this stadium.

The great initiator was Michael Gerdes, natural son of Heinz, just as driven, just as punctual, just as great as organizer. We owe him and his staff a great debt of gratitude for this excellent organization.

If we are looking for a small word of critic, then it is that the parking facilities, in the various sports about 300 participants were represented, in addition to the great public interest caused an overload of the parking facilities.

For the first time this year, there was a WUSV WC IGP without the possibility to train in the stadium. A good alternative was found in a nearby athletics stadium, which a big majority of participants used.

There is a chance that this will happen annually in the future. The overload of the stadium lawn, especially due searching the blinds, especially with rainy weather, is too much.

The IGP field of 133 participants came from 37 different WUSV countries.

After a sporting battle, the following result followed:

Individual

1. Erin O'Shea	USA	Joker von den Beizjagd	98-92-96=286 E
2. Jozef Nemeč	SVK	Idool Hanmark	96-90-98=284 VG
3. Peter Rhode	GER	Chapa of the Dragon Wolf	94-93-94=281 VG

Teams

1. Slovakia	284-276-275=835 VG
2. Germany	281-279-271=831 VG
3. Spain	277-276-270=823 VG

Attention to our officials is certainly in order. Evenly and concentrated work by the tracking team. A separate report of the tracking judge will come back to this in detail.

World-class helpers, more than 130 dogs spread over 5 days seems inhumane, but these two gentlemen proved otherwise.

First part Dirk Wernet, second part Christian Mieck: great work, thank you.

Then our judges:

Supervisor tracking	Rinus Bastiaansen	Belgium
Tracking	Jari Kokkonen	Finland
Obedience	Hans Graf	Suisse / Long down Wolfgang Meins Germany
Protection	Igor Lengvarsky	Slovakia

Even work in which the character of the dog was well taken into account, also a big word of thanks.

The rates awarded in Obedience, Protection and Total are:

Obedience

Dogs	E	VG	G	S	IS
124	2-1.6%	19-15.3%	68-54.8%	30-24.2%	5-4%

Protection

Dogs	E	VG	G	S	IS	DQ
130	4-3%	24-18.4%	62-47.9%	31-23.8%	3-2.3%	6-4.6%

Total

Dogs	E	VG	G	S	IS	DQ
133	1-0.8%	21-15.8%	63-47.4%	11-8.3%	25-18.8%	7-5.3%

Pulled during the trial: 5-3.8%

Head judge, Toine Jonkers

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Vorweg gebührt allen, die zu dieser tollen WUSV-WM beigetragen haben, ein dickes Lob und Anerkennung für die schönen Tage in Meppen. Michael Gerdes und seinem Team ist es mit viel Engagement und Herzblut gelungen, einen tollen Wettkampf zu organisieren, dafür herzlichen Dank!

Was wäre eine solche Veranstaltung jedoch ohne die engagierten Hundeführerinnen und Hundeführer? Alle qualifizierten Teilnehmer haben auch in diesem Wettkampf versucht, ihr Bestes zu geben und ihre über lange Zeit ausgebildeten Deutschen Schäferhunde sportlich und fair präsentiert. Deshalb gilt mein besonderer Dank diesen Teams und ihren Deutschen Schäferhunden.

Mein besonderer Dank gebührt dem Helferteam in der Unterordnung sowie meinem Beirichter, Wolfgang Mainz, der für das Melden der Teams und die Bewertung der Ablage zuständig war. Ebenso möchte ich mich auch beim anwesenden Publikum, welches die Vorführungen aufmerksam und interessiert verfolgt hat, bedanken. Es hat seinem Applaus für die gezeigten Leistungen die Teams für ihre vorgeführten Arbeiten gebührend belohnt.

Es war mir eine große Ehre, die verantwortungsvolle Aufgabe zu übernehmen, und die Unterordnungsleistungen an dieser doch hochbeachteten Leistungsveranstaltung zu bewerten. Die Vorführungen wurden meinerseits auf Grundlage der Prüfungsordnung und dem Niveau eines internationalen Wettkampfes gerichtet und die Bewertungen müssen diesem Umstand Rechnung tragen.

Die Vorgaben für ein Bewertungsprädikat „Vorzüglich“ in der Unterordnung, ist eine von hoher Arbeitsbereitschaft geprägten, positiven und harmonischen Zusammenarbeit zwischen Mensch und Hund. Dazu gehört neben einer sportlichen, exakten Vorführung durch den Hundeführer, ein freudig und ständig hochkonzentriert arbeitender Hund, der aus exakten Positionen heraus eine technisch saubere, direkte Ausführung der Übungen zeigt.

Lobenswert sind die groß mehrheitliche Triebbeständigkeit und Motivation der Hunde in der Unterordnung.

Was jedoch speziell beachtet werden muss und maßgebend ein Beurteilungskriterium war, ist, dass die Hunde in der Freifolge und Entwicklungen natürliche Gangart zeigen müssen, die Kommandos ohne Körperhilfen ausgeführt werden sowie die Anfangs- sowie Endgrundstellungen vom Hund gerade und vom Hundeführer gemäß PO korrekt und ohne Körperhilfen eingenommen werden.

124 Hunde wurden mir in der Unterordnung vorgeführt und folgende Unterordnungsbewertungen konnten von mir vergeben werden:

- 2 x vorzüglich
- 19 x sehr gut
- 68 x gut
- 30 x befriedigend
- 5 x mangelhaft

Ich gratuliere den Siegern und allen Platzierten und wünsche allen Startern das nötige Glück und viel Erfolg für die kommenden Wettkämpfe mit ihrem Deutschen Schäferhund.

Leistungsrichter
Hans Graf, Schweiz



Judge report WUSV 2024 A-tracking, Jari Kokkonen

Tracking areas

Tracking areas were located 11-28 kilometers from Meppen Stadion (Hänsch Arena) to north. Soil of tracking areas were dirt with more or less short green (rapeseed and grain).

Smallest tracking area was for 4 tracks, but most tracks were areas where all the tracks of one day were in the same area. There were fields where the tracks were in a row and fields where there was a corridor in the middle with tracks on both sides.

Almost all the tracks were visible in all the areas. There were quite a lot of deer and tractor tracks in the fields. Each crossing of the tractor track was made at a 90-degree angle.

Summa summarum: tracking fields were quite equal, even there were areas with greener and with not so much green.





Tracklaying

Tracks were 600 steps long and there were laid with normal steps. In the starting point tracklayer stayed 30+ seconds. Articles were inserted into step (3 steps side by side and article inputted into step in middle). Corners were made with 3 normal steps.

Tracks have different forms: P (right, right, right and left or mirror), Schnecke (right, right, right and right or mirror) or Chair (right, right, left and right or mirror, right, left, right and right or mirror).

There were normally in one group 5 tracks per hour (track groups started 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, break, 13:00, 14:00, 15:00 and 16:00).

Tracks were laid very good, and tracklayers knew where tracks went and where articles were.

Tracking organization

Tracking organization works mostly very smoothly. On Wednesday we needed one reserve track because one tracking layer removed starting flag from the unperformed track.

There were 6 tracklayers (Klaus Tammern, Marcus Roll, Jörg Hietsemann, Michael Benje, Markus Berginski and Sebastian Hinzer), who worked as 3 different teams. In other words 2 tracklayers laid all the tracks of one track group (up to 5 competitors).

Tracking supervisor Rinus B astiaansen managed tracklaying.

Raino Fluegge as WUSV2025 tracking judge was practicing judging and he worked with me.

There were also 5 other people for the organization, one was responsible of leash measurements/controls, Sven Heitland was responsible to running issues/selecting the tracking areas, Hans-Joachim Boll was responsible for judging papers, Katrin Rinklake

was responsible for army connections (part of the tracks were in army areas), and one was responsible of cantina.

There were travel toilets in tracking area by organization.

From my perspective co-operation Rinus, Raino and all the tracking team worked very well and gave me the possibility to focus to judging and judging only. Also, every feedback of tracking areas and team I heard from competitors and team captains were positive.

Tracking procedure

There was a WhatsApp-group for all team captains. Organization used this WhatsApp-group to deliver team captains coordinates of the meeting points. Team captains liked that way of working.

Competitors must be in meeting point at least one hour before the first track of the tracking group. At the meeting point the organization team measured and checked the length of the tracking leashes. Measured leashes were market after having checked the length of the leashes. After the last track of the group was started to be laid, the organization team drew the tracks within tracking group.

Competitors were allowed to take team captain with them to the tracking field. Team captains were also allowed to come to hear the critics (and interpret it, if needed). I judged in English and Raino Fluegge translated it into German if needed. The Competitors received the flag and articles of their tracks as souvenirs.

Weather

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Number of tracks	25	39	37	28
Temperature	10-13 °C	6-15 °C	3-15 °C	3-15 °C
Wind	5-6 m/s	3-6 m/s	1-3 m/s	2-3 m/s
Description	Light rain during first group, cloudy	Sun or cloudy	Sun or cloudy	Sun or cloudy

Wednesday morning 2 groups were maybe the easiest by the weather (light rain and no wind), but also other mornings were easier than the later groups because in the morning there was almost no any and night dew makes tracks easily visible. In the afternoons the weather was dryer and more windy, especially on Wednesday and Thursday.

However, the weather conditions were quite equal, and I tried to make things even more equal by judging little bit lighter after the wind started.

Results

There were 129 competitors in tracking. 25 on Wednesday, 39 on Thursday, 37 on Friday and 28 on Saturday (all 5 females in heat were placed into last group).

17 (13 %) competitors got Excellent (“V”), 42 (33 %) competitors got Very Good (“SG”), 37 (29 %) competitors got Good (“G”), 10 (8 %) got Satisfactory (“B”) and 23 (18 %) competitors got insufficient (“M”).

My judging level was rather close to softer than harder in terms of world champion level. I raised all the competitors between 66-69 to B70.

The following are the daily rates:

	V	SG	G	B	M	Total
Mi	1	10	6	2	6	25
Do	6	12	12	1	8	39
Fr	3	11	12	6	5	37
Sa	7	9	7	1	4	28
Total	17	42	37	10	23	129

	V	SG	G	B	M	Total
Mi	4 %	40 %	24 %	8 %	24 %	100 %
Do	15 %	31 %	31 %	3 %	21 %	100 %
Fr	8 %	30 %	32 %	16 %	14 %	100 %
Sa	25 %	32 %	25 %	4 %	14 %	100 %
Total	13 %	33 %	29 %	8 %	18 %	100 %

Here are rates by time (groups)

	V	SG	G	B	M	Total
8:30	4	6	6	2	1	19
9:30	2	6	6	3	1	18
10:30	2	6	6	2	4	20
11:30	3	5	2	0	4	14
13:00	2	9	3	1	3	18
14:00	1	5	6	1	7	20
15:00	0	3	4	1	2	10
16:00	3	2	4	0	1	10
Total	17	42	37	10	23	129

	V	SG	G	B	M	Total
8:30	21 %	32 %	32 %	11 %	5 %	100 %
9:30	11 %	33 %	33 %	17 %	6 %	100 %
10:30	10 %	30 %	30 %	10 %	20 %	100 %
11:30	21 %	36 %	14 %	0 %	29 %	100 %
13:00	11 %	50 %	17 %	6 %	17 %	100 %
14:00	5 %	25 %	30 %	5 %	35 %	100 %
15:00	0 %	30 %	40 %	10 %	20 %	100 %
16:00	30 %	20 %	40 %	0 %	10 %	100 %
Total	13 %	33 %	29 %	8 %	18 %	100 %

In summary can be said that the environment was easy enough to have lot of excellent track results, but on the other hand so difficult that most dog, who had problems were rather failed than having “B” (especially when notice that I lifted 5 dogs to low-B 70 which were mathematically 66-69 points level).

Night dew made the environment easiemtoworkon. It can be seen that in 2 first daily groups failed only 5 % dogs, when fail-percentage were average 23 % in six later daily groups. Many of the failed dogs in later groups “ran out of gas”, they were not able to work effective enough to manage track successfully into end or in same level than they started.

Summary: tracks and environment where selective enough at championship level, they were as equal as they can during 4 days and tracks are between 07:30-17:00.

It was my pleasure to judge at the WUSV World Championships 2024 in Meppen, Germany. I want to thank the WUSV Board of Directors for this opportunity. It was very easy to judge, when the team was working like it did and co-operation was so easy and the spirit within the tracking team and with competitors and team captains was so good. Thank you!