

## **Guidelines for the 2012 WUSV Championship in Steyr**

### **1. Overview of the schedule and activities**

The 2012 WUSV Championship (WM2012) will be held from Oct.3-7, 2012 in Steyr, Austria in the SK-Vorwärts Steyr-Stadium, 4400 Steyr, Volksstrasse. The following schedule is anticipated:

#### **1.1 Team Arrival**

Teams are expected to arrive no later than Sunday Sept.30, 2012. Upon arrival teams must present their Scorebooks to the Information Office (9:00am-5:00pm). At that time they will receive the following:

- Start numbers
- Catalogs
- Schedule for training in the stadium, and
- other relevant information.

Every country must bring a national flag and national anthem on CD with them

#### **1.2 Training in the stadium**

1. Monday Oct. 1, 2012 from 7am to 6pm
2. Tuesday Oct.2, 2012 from 7am to noon.

An up-to-date version can be found on the WM Homepage [www.wusvwm2012.at](http://www.wusvwm2012.at)

#### **1.3 Gala Opening of the World Championship**

Monday, Oct. 1, 2012 at 7:00pm a candlelight parade from the stadium to the town square in Steyr for the gala opening ceremony. All participants must be present for the opening ceremony.

#### **1.4 Judges' seminar**

A special seminar for the judges of the 2012 and 2013 World Championships will be held from 9:00am-noon in the Seminar Room of the Hotel Minichmayr on Oct.1, 2012.

#### **1.5 Judges' meeting**

Tuesday Oct.2, 2012 at 1:00pm in the Stadtsaal Steyr (Steyr Hall) next to the stadium

#### **1.6 Sample protection routine**

Tuesday Oct. 2 at 2:00pm in the stadium

#### **1.7 Team Captains' meeting**

Tuesday Oct.2, 2012 at 3:00pm in the Stadtsaal Steyr (Steyr Hall) next to the stadium.

### **1.8 Draw for start position**

Tuesday Oct.2, 2012 at 6:00pm in the Stadtsaal Steyr, next to the stadium.

### **1.9 Start of the Competition, Phase A**

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012 in the tracking fields, in groups of 4 or 5. The first tracks will be laid at 7:00am and run at 8:00am.

There will be no spectator bus going to the tracking fields.

### **1.10 Start of the competition: Phases B and C.**

Wednesday Oct.3 beginning at 6:00am in the stadium

### **1.11 Reception for the tracking (Folkloric evening)**

Thursday Oct. 4, 2012: entertainment, including a traditional band and a folk dance troupe, in Grünburg. Departure at 5:00pm with the old Steyr valley train from the Steyr local train station (5 min. from the stadium). Reservations required. There is no entry fee

### **1.12 Reception "SVÖ Centennial"**

Friday, Oct.5, 2012 at 7:00pm, Altes Theater Steyr (Old Steyr Theater). For Invited Guests only.

### **1.13 Reception**

Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012 at 8:00pm, Stadtsaal Steyr next to the stadium. There is no entry fee.

### **1.14 Awards and Closing ceremony**

Sunday Oct. 7, 2012 at about 4:00pm in the stadium. The top 10 individual finishers and the top 3 teams will be honored.

### **1.15 Team Captains' Post-competition meeting**

Monday Oct.8, 2012 at 9am in the Stadtsaal Steyr next to the stadium.

## **2. Host/organization**

### **2.1 Host**

Österreichischer Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SVÖ) – (German Shepherd Dog Club of Austria)

### **2.2 Organizing Committee**

Trial Chairman: Franz Kampenhuber

Tracking Chairman: Ewald Kapeller

Obedience Chairman: Hans Peter Lewy

Protection Chairman: Rainer Adelsberger

Hospitality: Andrea Kampenhuber

### **2.3 Trial Chairman:**

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### **2.4 Contact address for information regarding WUSV-WM2012**

Only via internet : [www.wusvwm2012.at](http://www.wusvwm2012.at)

### **3. Judges for the 2012 WUSV World Championship**

Chief judge: Dr. Wolfgang Tauber (Austria)  
Tracking coordinator: Jürgen Ritzi (Germany)  
Judge Phase A: Pierre Wahlstroem (Sweden);  
Assoc. judge 2013: Peter Mayerl, (Austria)  
Judge Phase B: Günther Diegel (Germany); Long down: Josef Brunner (Austria)  
Assoc. Judge 2013: Haruo Masuda (Japan)  
Judge Phase C: Josef Vonarburg (Switzerland)  
Assoc. Judge 2013: Toine Jonkers (Netherlands)

The Judges will reside in the Hotel Minichmayr.

### **4. General information**

#### **4.1 Trial rules**

The 2012 WUSV trial rules for IPO-3 will apply. All participating dogs must already have a SchH-3, IPO-3 or equivalent title earned in 2012 with a total score of at least 250 points and at least 80 points in each phase. Proof of qualifying trial is to be submitted at time of entry.

#### **4.2 Deadline for entries**

The deadline for entries is Sept.3, 2012. The original entry form on the Homepage must be completed with the following information:

- Name of the handler (passport copy, proof of citizenship must be included)
- If the handler is not a citizen of the country for which he/she is being entered, proof of residency must be included.
- Passport photo of the handler
- Name and sex of the dog
- Registration number of the dog
- Tattoo or microchip number
- Date of whelping
- Names and registration number of the sire and dam
- Qualification score in A, B, C, and the total score (must be in the current year)
- Name and address of the club being represented

- Certification of the WUSV club entering the dog
- Team Captain: Name, address, tel. number, fax number, e-mail address, passport photo
- Assistant Team Captain: Name, address, tel. number, fax number, e-mail address, passport photo

#### **4.3 Address for entries**

The final entry will be via the Homepage: [www.schaeferhund.at](http://www.schaeferhund.at) or by postal mail to:

Österr. Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SVÖ)  
Verwaltung  
Sonnweg 7, A-5071 Wals  
Austria

#### **4.4 Start numbers**

The start numbers (bibs) that are handed out become the property of the handlers participating in WM2012. The start numbers must be worn in a clearly visible fashion during the Draw, as well as from reporting for phases A, B, and C up to the end of the group and at the Closing Ceremony.

#### **4.5 Team accommodations and hotel reservations**

Hotel reservations can be made through the Tourist Bureau in Steyr and the links on the Official Website will enable this to be done without problems.

Special questions should be addressed to the Trial Organizers

#### **4.6 The following paperwork must be presented for each participating dog**

- Pedigree
- Scorebook (with proof of SchH-3)
- Valid international vaccination certificate (see veterinarian regulations)
- Health certificate
- Liability insurance certificate
- Rabies vaccination certificate

Please determine any special requirements for the return of dogs to the country from which they came before departing for Austria.

#### **4.7 Requirements for individual entry into Austria**

A valid passport is required. Individual from within the European Union may enter with either a passport or identify papers. Further information may be obtained from Austrian Consulates in different countries. All individuals must be able to provide identification in Austria.

#### **4.8 Animal protection laws**

Because of animal protection laws in Austria as well as the regulations of the WUSV, the following are forbidden for all trainers of dogs, either during or outside of the competition:

- Use of any kind of force or aggression
- Importation, possession, or use of electric shock devices
- Importation, possession, or use of prong collars
- Use of doping materials

Failure to follow these rules will result in Disqualification from the WUSV-WM-2012 and to civil penalties at the hands of Austrian authorities. If a dog is left in an automobile or trailer, the handler is responsible for insuring that the dog has sufficient fresh air and water available.

#### **4.9 Veterinarian regulations**

The event will be monitored by a government veterinarian

In order to be allowed to start the trial, each participating dog must be examined by the veterinarian no later than 6:00pm on Monday, Oct.1, 2012. A schedule for the examinations will be handed out at registration office at the stadium. The veterinarian will perform examinations on Monday, Oct.1 from 8:00am-6:00pm.

Bitches entered as being "in heat" will be checked by the veterinarian to determine if this is actually the case.

The veterinarian will be on duty during the entire trial

The organizers have the right to insist on an examination by a veterinarian if a dog shows sign of injury or sickness. The veterinarian's decision shall be final.

Precise rules for inoculations are to be found on the organizer's Homepage

#### **4.10 Medical/dental treatment**

Some foreign medical/dental insurance cards will be accepted. It is recommended that a short term, private insurance policy be obtained for the duration of the stay in Austria. The Trial Office can provide information about nearby medical and dental practices, emergency clinics, as well as veterinarians' offices and clinics.

#### **4.11 Restaurants**

In general, it is advisable for large parties to make advance reservations in restaurants.

In many restaurants menus and wine lists will only be in German.

Prices (for food and drink), including breakfast at the hotel, always include tax. It is common to leave a small tip, depending upon the quality of service, of ~5%-10% of the bill.

Most hotels and restaurants will accept common credit cards.

#### **4.12 Traffic**

In Austria drivers should keep to the right.

#### **4.13 Gasoline prices**

The current price for gasoline is the same at all gas stations:

- About 1.45 Euro/liter for unleaded Eurosuper
- About 1.35 Euro/liter for diesel

#### **4.14 Payment in Austria**

The currency in Austria is the Euro.

Foreign currency exchange into Euros is possible during business hours in all banks as well as at currency exchange counters at the airport. It is not recommended to exchange currency at hotels.

The safest procedure is to use traveler's checks or standard credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, ...). A credit card is mandatory for automobile rental. ATM's will allow the withdrawal of money as long as a pin code is provided.

### **5. General information**

#### **5.1 Judges' meeting**

Tuesday Oct.2, 2012 at 1:00pm in the Stadtsaal Steyr next to the stadium. The following individuals are invited:

- Trial chairman
- Tracking coordinator
- Chief judge
- Judges in A, B, C, and for the "long down" (Assoc. Judge, phase B)
- Chairmen for A, B, C
- Office manager for the WM

Judges' score sheets (in the appropriate native languages of the judges) will be prepared by the organizers.

#### **5.2 Team Captains' meeting**

The meeting will take place at 3:00pm on Wednesday, Oct.2, 2012 in the Stadtsaal Steyr next to the stadium. The room has space for about 100 people. The following people are to attend:

- Those individuals listed in 5.1

- Team Captains and Assistant Captains

Items for discussion:

- Information about the event
- Organizational directions from the organizers
- Information from the Tracking Coordinator about the tracking fields
- Introduction of the Judges
- Guidelines from the Chief Judge about the scoring
- Guidelines from the judges for the individual phases
- Roll call and indications of participation of alternates and of any bitches in heat
- Draw for order of the team draw

If any handler is sick or absent, the relevant start numbers must be returned during the Team Captains' meeting.

### **5.3 Training possibilities in the stadium**

Training in the stadium will be on Monday Oct.1, 2012 and Tuesday Oct.2, 2012 beginning at 7:00am and proceeding according to the training schedule. The time allotted will be determined by the number of team members entered for each team. Only handlers and their Helpers will be allowed in the stadium. Blinds, the jump and scaling wall as well as the dumbbells will be in the stadium.

The allotted training time will be 5 min. for each participating dog with a minimum of 10 min. per team. The order in the schedule will be determined alphabetically by the international abbreviation for automobile stickers. The organizers will oversee training. If a team does not appear at the allotted time, it may be appended at the end of the schedule. Bitches in heat may not take part in the training in the stadium. They will have the opportunity to train in the stadium shortly before beginning phase "B".

Additional training and preparation will be possible on an area adjacent to the stadium (preparation for competition in the stadium) with four training centers. Only handlers, Team Captains, and team trainers will be admitted. Jumps, scaling walls, dumbbells, and blinds will be provided.

### **5.4 Demonstration of the protection routine**

A demonstration of the protection routine will take place in the stadium at 2:00pm on Tuesday, Oct.2, 2012. The Chief Judge, the Judge in phase "C", the Trial Chairman as well as the Chairman for phase "C" and the Helpers. At least 4 dogs will be worked.

### **5.5 Opening Ceremony**

The Opening Ceremony will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, Oct.1, 2012. There will be a candlelight parade from the stadium to the town square. The gala opening will take place there, officiated by the WUSV President

### **5.6 The Draw for Start position**

The participants will draw for start positions on Tuesday, Oct.2, 2012 at 6:00pm in the Stadtsaal Steyr next to the stadium.

Seats will be reserved for the Teams and Captains. Ample seating will be available for other attendees.

It will be possible to purchase food and drink prior to the draw.

### **5.7 Team support**

All questions should be directed to the Organizers'-Information Center. The Organizers will attempt to supply one individual per team for team support.

Handlers will receive parking stickers at the Team Captains meeting and are required to mark their license plate numbers and cell phone numbers on the parking stickers.

### **5.8 Emergency medical help for people and dogs**

First aid for people and dogs will be available in the stadium throughout the Championship.

### **5.9 Identity check**

The identity of the dog will be checked at the exit after the dog has completed each discipline in the stadium as well as in the tracking fields. The control will be carried out by a schutzhund judge/coordinator from the Organization. Each of these individuals will have an ISO recognized microchip reader. If a chip with a different norm has been implanted, the Team Captain of the country from which the dog comes must bring an suitable microchip reader.

### **5.10 Food/drink in the stadium**

The availability of food in the stadium and in the tracking fields will be substantial. Water will also be made available for the dogs.

### **5.11 Stadium**

The stadium is the SV Vorwärts Stadium in Steyr. Directions to the stadium are marked at all Autobahn exits that lead to Steyr. In Steyr there will be directions for parking for participants and spectators.

The stadium is a soccer stadium without a track, i.e. the lower spectator stands are directly at the field. There are two sets of spectator stands. The main spectator stands are along the length of the field and the secondary stands are

perpendicular to that direction. There are about 8,000 covered seats. Within the stadium there is an ample supply of rooms for the Trial Organizers. The stadium has floodlights of TV quality.

Obedience and protection will alternate in the main stadium. In case of continuous rain, it may be necessary to shift the positions of the blinds and the jumps and scaling wall slightly.

There will be reserved parking for the participants and Team Captains about 350m. from the stadium. There will be adequate parking.

### **5.12 Schedule**

The schedule is arranged so that each dog participates in only a single discipline on any given day. There will be regular exchanges between phase "B" and "C" in the stadium (groups of 6). Handlers who do not report at least 15 min. before they are due to begin their routine will be disqualified. The schedule will be distributed to all handlers.

### **5.13 Disqualification**

A dog that is disqualified in one phase may not participate in the other phases.

## **6. Tracking**

### **6.1 Tracking terrain**

The tracking terrain consists entirely of grassy fields. At the time of the Championship the grass should be relatively uniform in height ~ 5-10cm. Any change in terrain will be largely avoided. All participants will have similar terrain. Each field will be used only once.

Austria is a mountainous country and we will be in the foothills of the Alps. In the valleys the terrain is relatively flat, and in other areas there could be quite substantial inclines. On clear mornings there may be substantial dew with frost on the hillsides

### **6.2 Tracklaying**

Tracklayers will walk in a normal fashion. Turns will not be marked. There will not be substantial scent pads. Replacement tracks will be laid. The articles will **not** be dropped in a particular order.

### **6.3 Tracking articles**

Tracking articles will consist of

- Leather
- Wood
- Synthetic

Images of the tracking articles are shown on the Website of the Organizers. Tracking articles will be from the Schweikert Co. Tracking stakes and tracking articles have already been ordered by the Organizers. All articles will be clearly marked.

Articles will not be sent to the Teams.

#### **6.4 Form and length of the tracks**

The tracks will have the length specified by the trial rules, i.e. 600 paces. Any shortening of the tracks is not expected. The tracklayers will be directed by the Tracking Coordinator. As specified by the trial rules, the tracks will be laid in different shapes. The most common shapes will be in the form of an "R", laid either to the left or to the right. If the length of the first leg permits it, the 1<sup>st</sup> article will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> leg. If the tracking terrain does not permit this, the 1<sup>st</sup> article will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg.

#### **6.5 Transportation to the tracking fields**

The tracking fields are in the vicinity of Grünburg, about 30 km from the stadium.

Participants are to use their own cars. Team Captains will receive directions to a central meeting point in the tracking fields. At that point there will be the opportunity to let the dogs loose and for the handlers to refresh themselves. There will be a short transport from there to the individual tracks.

There will be regular TV reports to the stadium from this central meeting point.

There will be no busses to transport spectators from the stadium to the tracking fields. There will be no signs directing drivers to the tracking fields from the stadium. There will be a shuttle bus in the tracking fields to the tracks.

The tracking terrain will NOT be available for training purposes. Violations will lead to disqualification. The Organizers will provide similar fields for training.

#### **6.6 Identity check, test of impartiality, and draw for tracking in the tracking fields**

When handlers report for tracking, there will be a test of impartiality and a draw for tracking position. If a handler does not appear in the tracking fields at the appointed time, someone will draw for them. That track will be reserved for the handler to track at a later time. If the handler does not appear before the tracking group has finished, the handler will be disqualified.

The identity check will take place after the track is completed.

## **6.7 Check of the tracking leash**

Following the draw for track order, the length of the tracking leash will be checked by a trial official. The leash will then be marked, and only leashes that have been marked may be used.

## **7. Obedience**

### **7.1 General**

Obedience will alternate with protection work in the stadium. The field is grass. When viewed from the main spectator stands, the heeling will proceed from left to right. There will be no demonstration of the obedience routine.

During the entire obedience routine, the handlers must wear simple, sporting garb (uniform) and no special training vests are allowed.

### **7.2 Entry check**

The Team Captain (Assistant Captain) must report handler readiness 15 min. before the schedule start time at the Entry Checkpoint (handler entrance). The collar will then be checked.

If a handler is not present at least 15 min. prior to the start time, the handler will be disqualified.

Following completion of obedience the tattoo/microchip will be checked at the handler exit.

### **7.3 Jump, scaling wall, dumbbells, pistol**

As per the trial rules, the jump will be rigid.

The scaling wall will have cleats and a non-slippery covering. All dimensions will be according to the trial rules. During the protection phase, all obedience equipment will be removed from the field, but the locations will be marked on the field. The relative positions of the equipment are marked on the accompanying sketch.

A jump and scaling wall will also be erected on the practice field.

Two sets of dumbbells (the sets are identical) will be on hand. The weights and measurements will be according to the trial rules. Additional weights may not be added.

Weight of the dumbbell for the "retrieve on the flat": 2000 grams

Weight of the dumbbell for the "jump" and "scaling wall": 650 grams

All participants must use the dumbbells provided by the organizers. Dumbbells belonging to individual participants are not allowed.

All retrieve exercises must be performed in the same direction as the initial part of the heeling pattern.

Two 6mm caliber pistols will be kept in readiness by the organizers. The gun test will take place on the first heeling leg.

#### **7.4 Position for the “down under distraction”**

Males and bitches will be placed at different spots for the “down under distraction”. The two locations will be marked accordingly.

### **8. Phase C - Protection**

#### **8.1 General**

Protection will alternate in the stadium with obedience. From the perspective of the main spectator stands, the protection routine will proceed from left to right. The first blind for the blind search will be to the handler’s left side. The initial positions of the handler and the Helper will be marked on the field. Helper instruction and the sample protection routine will take place according to the schedule.

During the Protection phase handlers must wear simple, sporting garb (uniform) and no special training vests are allowed.

According to the new trial rules, the dog is to be heeled off-leash after “reporting out” to the position for the Judge’s critique. The dog may be put on leash before the Judge’s critique begins.

#### **8.2 Entry check**

The Team Captain (Assistant Captain) must report handler readiness 15 min. before the scheduled start time at the Entry Checkpoint (handler entrance). The collar will then be checked.

If a handler is not present at least 15 min. prior to the start time, the handler will be disqualified.

Following completion of the protection phase the tattoo/microchip will be checked at the handler exit.

#### **8.3 Helpers in the protection phase**

A final determination of the Helpers in the protection phase, along with the alternates, will be made by the Chief Judge and the Protection Judge during the protection demonstration on Tuesday.

The Helper routine is described on the official website. All Helpers wear a left arm sleeve.

The Championship Trial Helpers are not allowed to train with any of the participating dogs. If this rule is violated, the offending Helper will be replaced. However, this restriction does not apply to the host country.

#### **8.4 Protective clothing**

The Helpers will wear protective clothing consisting of a jacket, pants, sleeve, and shoes with cleats. The Helpers will use a "soft-stick". The brand is not yet determined.

#### **8.5 Blinds**

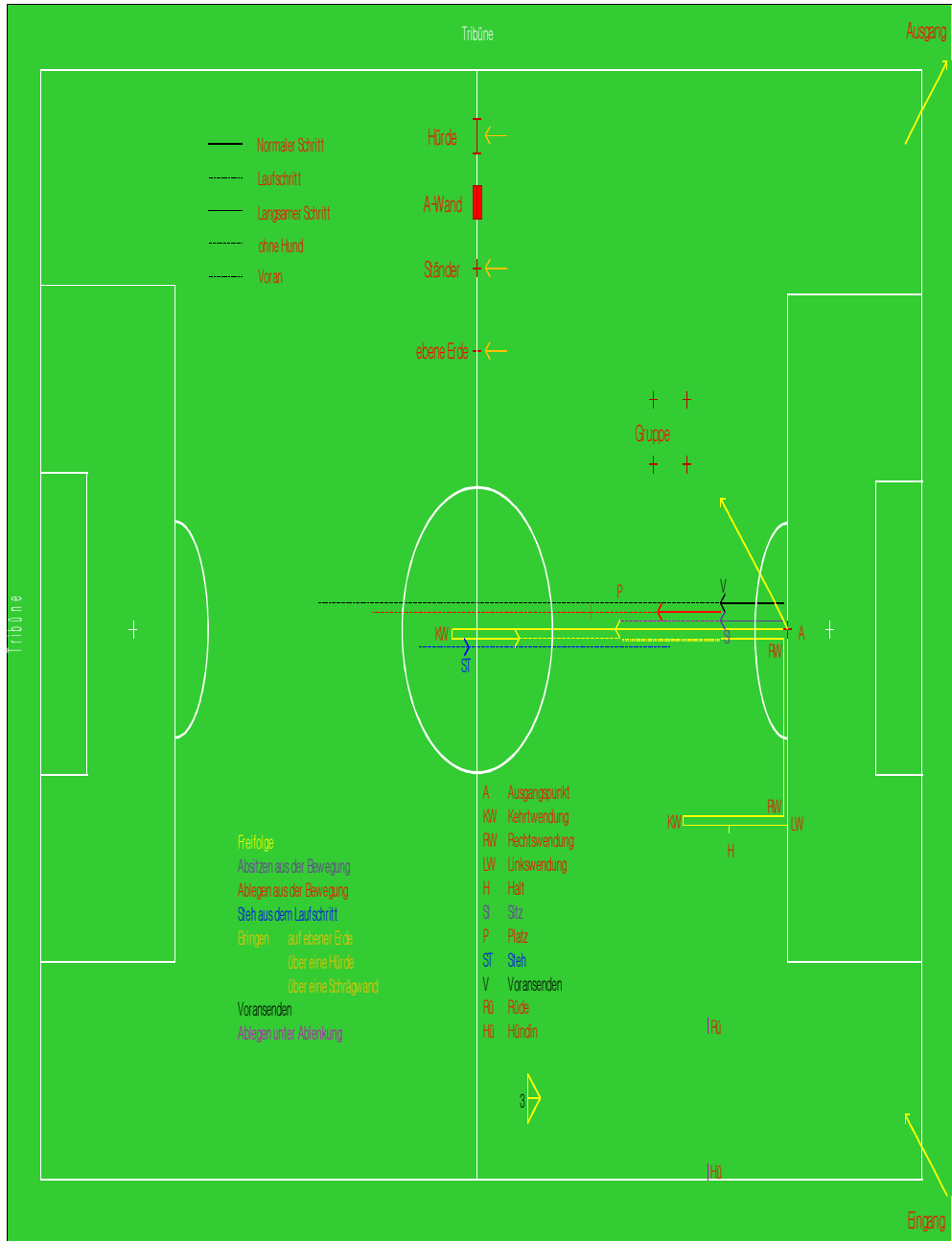
The blinds used in the protection phase will be normal, commercial blinds that are yellow in color. In order to insure consistency, the place to "down" the dog near the "hold and bark" blind as well as the spot for the Helper to begin the "escape" will be marked on the field. The blinds will be removed for the obedience phase but their location will be marked on the field.

#### **Distribution list:**

WUSV President  
WUSV Member Clubs  
Tracking coordinator and judges for the WUSV-WM 2012  
WUSV General Secretary Office  
Trial Organizers

Dr. W. Tauber, Chief Judge WUSV-WM 2012  
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# Stadium Layout: Obedience



# Stadium layout: Protection

