

Deutsch-Langhaar Association (e.V.)

Regulations for Breed Judges

The Deutsch-Langhaar Association (**DLV**) Regulations for Breed Judges govern the **DLV** system for breed judging.

The breeding of the Deutsch-Langhaar is inseparably connected to performance. To that end, the **VDH** (German Kennel Club) revised and supplemented its Regulations for Breed Judges. The principle of sustaining and cultivating the usefulness of the Deutsch-Langhaar as a versatile hunting dog is now granted paramount consideration by the amended **VDH** Regulations. Hence, the **DLV** Regulations for Breed Judges are challenged to meet this task.

The general rules of the **VDH** Regulations for Breed Judges shall apply wherever the **DLV** Regulations for Breed Judges do not stipulate otherwise.

§ 1

The *DLV* System for Breed Judges

1. The Director of Breed Judgeship (*ZRO*)

The Director of Breed Judgeship (**ZRO**) shall be the official representative of **DLV** Breed Judges in internal and external matters.

The **ZRO** must be a Breed Judge for the breed Deutsch-Langhaar and qualified to train Breed Judge apprentices. The incumbent shall be appointed upon nomination by the Executive Board.

The principal responsibilities of the **ZRO** are the following:

- Organize Breed Judge seminars;
- Review applications for Breed Judge positions; ensure their compliance with requirements;
- Direct and monitor the training program for Breed Judges.

2. The Breed Judge Commission

The **DLV** Breed Judge Commission (**ZRA**) shall consist of three (3) Specialized Breed Judges with training qualifications who are appointed to the position by the Executive Board following the candidates' nominations by the **ZRO**.

The **ZRO** shall be the chairperson of the **ZRA**.

Members of the Executive Board or persons designated by the Board may attend the **ZRA** meetings as guests.

The **ZRA** shall be synonymous with the Testing Commission, as described herein.

§ 2

Responsibilities of Breed Judges

There are two types of Breed Judges within **DLV**:

1. Specialized Breed Judge (Breed Judge A)

Specialized Breed Judges, known by the breed clubs as Breed Judges A, have a greater area of judging engagement than Conformation Judges in that they may judge DL dogs at

DLV and non-**DLV** events, at **VDH** events and where necessary, at **FCI** organized international events as long as they meet the requirements of § 15 (2) of the **VDH** Regulations for Breed Judges.

Specialized Breed Judges must be accredited by the **VDH** and registered with the **VDH** as a Breed Judge. Judging engagements in foreign countries must be expressly approved by the **DLV** and the **VDH**. For details on judging in foreign countries, see § 4(6) below and the **VDH** Regulations for Breed Judges.

2. Conformation Judge (Breed Judge B)

Conformation Judges are authorized to conduct litter inspections, determine any disqualifying breeding defects, and judge type, conformation and coat at **DLV** breed shows and hunting tests in accordance with the Breeding Regulations for Deutsch-Langhaar.

Conformation Judges are not Specialized Breed Judges and not authorized to engage in judging activities or award titles or points at approved **VDH / FCI** shows.

The Conformation Judges are registered as Conformation Judges with **VDH**.

Conformation Judges are qualified to apply for training in specialized breed judging.

§ 3

Becoming a Conformation Judge (Breed Judge B)

1. Requirement

The Conformation Judge Apprentice for the breed Deutsch-Langhaar must meet the following requirements. These requirements shall continue to apply to Conformation Judges for any judging engagement of a Deutsch-Langhaar dog.

- a) He/she must be a member of a **DLV** member club;
- b) He/she must be an accredited **JGHV** Association Judge.

2. Application

The application to become a Conformation Judge Apprentice, including proof of the above requirements, is processed by the respective **DLV** member club.

The **DLV** Breed Judge Commission shall decide in coordination with the applicant's member club on the acceptance of an apprentice application.

The **DLV** Director of Breed Judging shall maintain a list of applicants and enters the name of each applicant. The apprentice shall receive a Conformation Judge Apprentice ID card which will be used to record the judging engagements in training and the attendance of continued education seminars.

3. Apprentice Judging Engagements and Applicant's Continued Education

Engagements in conformation apprentice judging must be documented; at a minimum, these must include:

1. Four apprentice judging engagements at 4 different breed shows organized by at least 2 different member clubs, under the supervision of at least 2 different senior conformation judges.

At each of the above breed shows, the apprentice shall judge unassisted at least 5 dogs and for each announce the evaluation. He shall write a report on at least 5 dogs at each of the above breed shows and submit the report to the respective senior judge within 14 days following the show. The senior judge must review the reports within 14 days and forward them with his comments to the **DLV** Director of Breed Judging (*ZRO*).

2. The Apprentice is to attend cynology classes as part of his training. As a minimum, the **VDH** basic course for Breed Judge Apprentices must be completed.

4. Conformation Judge Appointment (Breed Judge B)

1. The **ZRA** may appoint an applicant as Conformation Judge after he has successfully completed the training requirements and after successfully passing a written and oral test. The written test shall address these areas of expertise:
 - a) Breed Standard and Breeding Regulations of the Deutsch-Langhaar;
 - b) Canine anatomy and genetics
 - c) Raising and husbandry of dogs
 - d) Applicable paragraphs of animal protection laws

§ 4

Becoming a Specialized Breed Judge for the Breed Deutsch-Langhaar (Breed Judge A)

1. Application:

After several years of successful engagements in conformation judging, a judge may apply with the **DLV** Breed Judge Commission for the continued training in specialized breed judging for the breed Deutsch-Langhaar. The judge shall not have a right to be accepted into this training program.

At the time of his application, the judge must meet these requirements:

- a) At least 25 years of age with a minimum membership of 5 years in one of the **DLV** member clubs;
- b) Must have handled at least 3 dogs at breed or performance tests (*VJP, HZP, Schorlemer, VGP, VSwP*). Two of the dogs must have been raised and trained by the applicant himself;
- c) Documentation of at least five engagements within at least one year as a show ring secretary, show ring orderly or show superintendent at pre-qualifying breed shows;
- d) Must have attended at least two **DLV** conferences for show superintendent or two equivalent seminars;
- e) The required activities above may be completed in whole or in parts either prior to or during the applicant's appointment as Conformation Judge.

2. Preliminary Test

The Preliminary Test for Specialized Breed Judge Apprentices which is mandatory under the **VDH** Regulations for Breed Judges, may be waived if the applicant has judged in the capacity as an Association Judge for more than 3 years at Natural Ability Tests and Performance Tests for the breed Deutsch-Langhaar.

3. Apprenticeship

Specialized Breed Judge training shall be in compliance with the **VDH** Regulations for Training Programs.

4. Test

After an applicant has completed all training requirements, he may apply to the **DLV** Breed Judge Commission to be accepted for the final test and subsequently to be accredited as a Specialized Breed Judge for the breed Deutsch-Langhaar. The test shall be held in accordance with the **VDH** Regulations for Breed Judges and include a written (theory) and an oral (practical) portion. The test shall be conducted under the current "**VDH** – General Procedure for Testing the Specialized Breed Judge Apprentice".

The **ZRA** shall decide on the acceptance of applicants to the test. The applicant shall not have a right to be accepted to the test.

5. Specialized Breed Judge Appointment

After the Specialized Breed Judge Apprentice has successfully completed the written and oral test portions, he shall be appointed as Specialized Breed Judge by the **DLV** Executive Board upon nomination by the **ZRA**.

The appointment shall be effective after it has been approved, and the appointee registered in the **VDH** Judges' List by the **VDH**.

The Specialized Breed Judge shall receive a **VDH** Judge ID after registration in the **VDH** Judges' List.

§ 5

Continued Education for Breed Judges A and B

The Specialized Breed Judge (Breed Judge A) and every Conformation Judge (Breed Judge B) must attend one continued education seminar within a 4-year period. The seminar must be **DLV** approved and qualify as continued education.

The seminar can be organized by the **DLV** or one of its member clubs. Lecturers will be designated by the Breeding Commission.

If the Breed Judge fails to attend the seminar within the 4-year period, the breed-judging privilege will be suspended until such time that the attendance of the required seminar has been documented.

The Breeding Commission maintains a list of all **DLV** accredited Specialized Breed Judges and Conformation Judges. The Commission is also responsible for verifying that Breed Judges attend continued education seminars in regular intervals.

§ 6

Breed Judge Engagements in Other Countries

A Breed Judge may not judge at international breed shows (CACIB) in foreign countries until he has completed at least two years of breed judging with at least five judging engagements in-country. Only specialized judging engagements and at least two breed judge engagements at international shows (CACIB) shall qualify towards the required number of judging engagements. After the above requirements have been met in full, the name of the Specialized Breed Judge may be submitted to the **FCI** for registration in the **FCI** Judges' List.

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