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First at all it is not our intention to teach you how to judge tests, trials for rescue dogs but to simply redefine together what we mean by « judging ». We need your opinions and considerations to achieve this goal together!

In our discipline the main goal of a judgment is above all educational to allow the dog handlers to improve and evolve.

Given the growing success of rescue dog tests/trials , we tend to forget our major objective :

« The Rescue dog tests are designed to qualify the individual dogs for further training in the rescue dog area according to their intend use .Successful completion of a test is proof of proper training on the path to being a rescue dog in that particular discipline »

In this objective we must differentiate the evaluation of tests and trials or championships.

We also tend to forget it!

Qualities of good judgment:

- **Take into account the nature and level of the test or trial.**
- **Take into consideration the weather and topographical conditions.**
- **Do not only take into account the mistakes made but also the correct way in which the exercises are performed.**
- **Allocate the points according to the qualifer attributed according to the execution of the various exercises but not only by withdrawing points for commissary faults.**
- **Be able to explain the evaluation by detailing the strengths but also the deficiencies observed.**

**Quality of judgment = respect for a line of conduct
(red line)**

What are the elements involved?

- **The dog**
- **The dog handler**
- **Compliance with the rules**

The dog

What should be taken into account?

A: the positive and essential points

- ❖ **Positive dog behavior**
- ❖ **Self- confidence**
- ❖ **Attentive and focused , harmony between dog and handler**
- ❖ **Joy at work**
- ❖ **Spontaneity and independence, tempo**
- ❖ **Will to do well**
- ❖ **Wish to do well**
- ❖ **Potential to perform the requested exercices**
- ❖ **Physical condition and fitness**

The dog handler

What should be taken into account?

A: what we want to see:

- ❖ **Positive and sporty attitude**
- ❖ **Good knowledge of the rules, goals and compliance with them**
- ❖ **Balance, harmony between dog and handler**
- ❖ **Technical quality**
- ❖ **Energy**

Why all this?

Quite simply to be able to adapt the judgment in relation to the category judged and the nature of the test or trial. It's obvious we will not judge an IPO-R level V like an IPO –R level B during a World Championship !

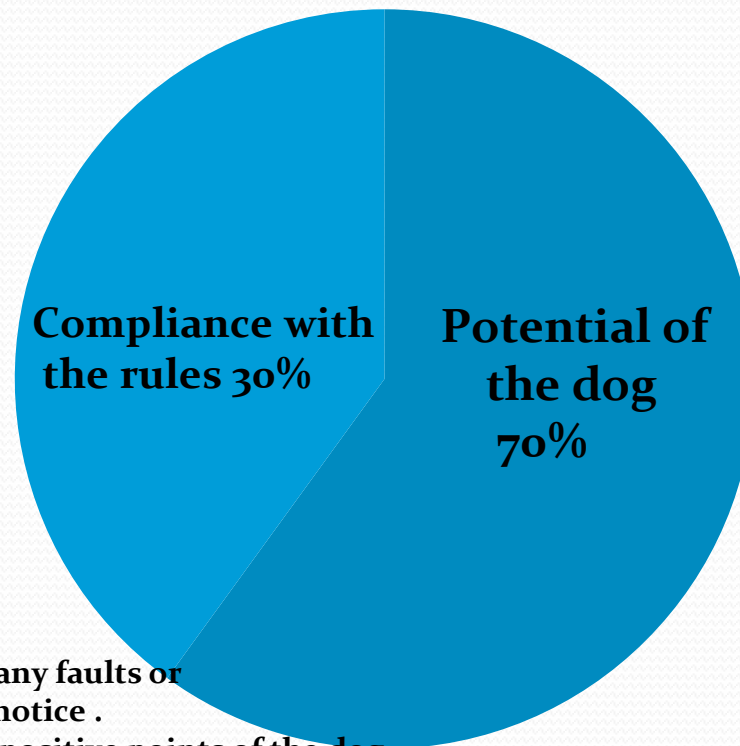
Before any judgment you must establish a line of conduct, a red line, proportionate to the level of the event and not to derogate from it in any case.

This is how for an IPO-R/ V, you will give more importance to the natural qualities and the potential of the dog than anything else...But you must keep in mind that the dog must absolutely remain in control of its handler!

That's why all faults or breaches committed must absolutely be pointed out but in context.

So in the following slides you will see a part « compliance with the rules » and another part of « potential of the dog » This just as an example...because each has his own opinion and vision.

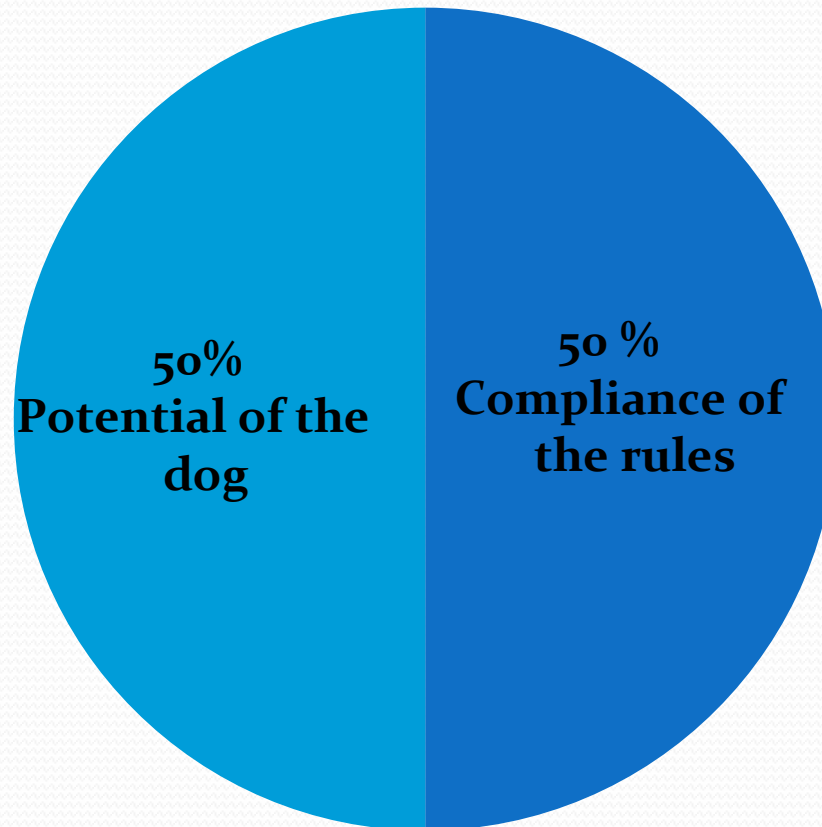
IPO-R V for example



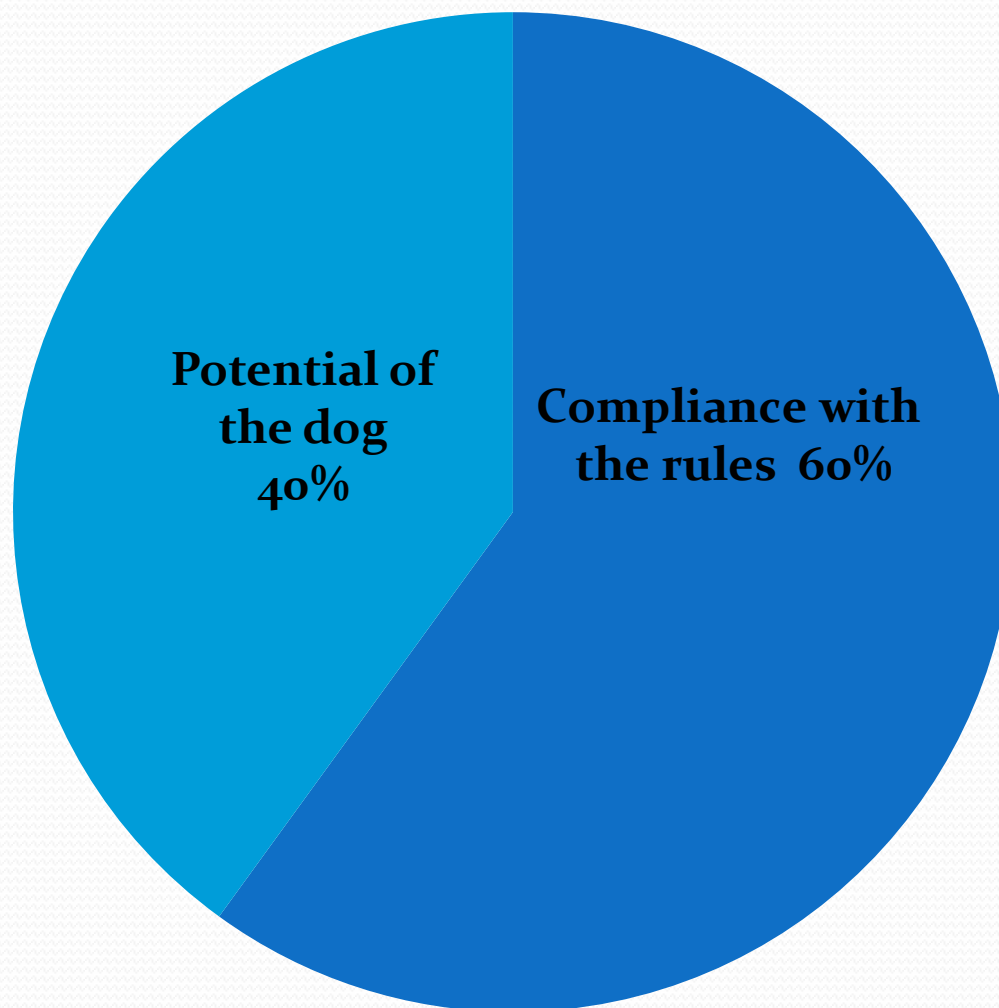
Compliance with the rules: any faults or shortcomings that you will notice .

Potential of the dog: all the positive points of the dog which must be highlighted during the judgment.

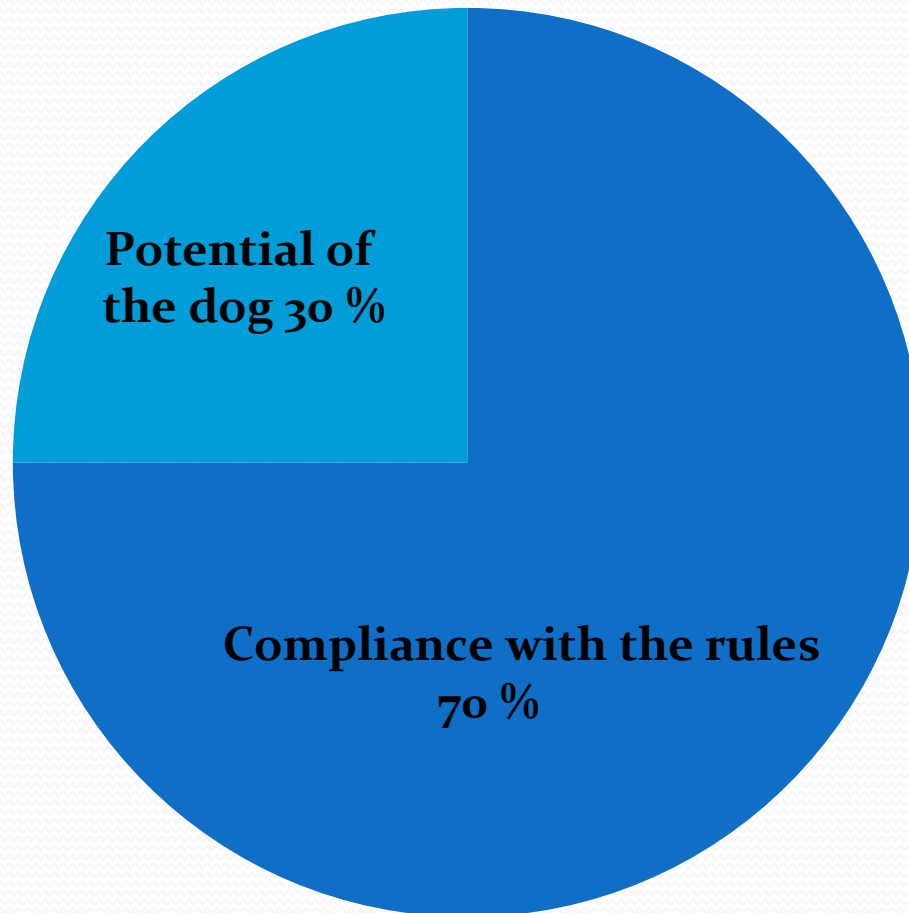
IPO-R A



IPO-R B



IPO-R CACIT-World Championship



To judge is:

- ❖ Follow a pre-established red line
- ❖ Respect of the dog handler
- ❖ Know how to explain mistakes
- ❖ Judge what we see and not what we would like to see
- ❖ Do not have preconceptions
- ❖ Always question yourself to improve

