

Judges Committee Report
September 16, 2007

The Judges Committee makes the following recommendations as additions to our policy and procedures:

1. **Humane treatment** of the dogs is expected at all times.
2. Trial scenarios, particularly the Defense of Handler, need to be set up with the **safety of the handler** in mind.
3. **Coaching** of competitors from the trial sidelines is not allowed. Competitors will lose points from General Outlook.
4. **Electronic and prong collars.**
 - a. At the USMRA national championship no electronic or prong collars can be used by the competitors on the trial grounds.
 - b. At club events no electronic or prong collars may used when reporting to the Deputy Judge at the gate.
 - c. The Chien en Blanc may not wear an electronic or prong collar on the trial field.
5. **Infractions.**
 - a. Any infractions of the rules or policy and procedures on the trial field are under the jurisdiction of the judge.
 - b. Infractions outside the ring must be reported to the Trial Committee and entered in the Trial Report form provided by the USMRA Secretary as part of the trial packet of materials. The Trial Report is submitted to the USMRA Secretary along with the trial paperwork. The Trial Committee is responsible for addressing the complaint. The USMRA Board of Inquiry may become involved in repeated or serious infractions.
6. Level I is considered an entry level into mondioring. Generally there should be **one decoy** used during the Defense of Handler exercise.

Respectfully submitted,

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