

**Rules for Conformation Judges (Formwertrichter)
(CanAm, CDKA, DKGNA, NADKC)
recognized by the Deutsch-Kurzhaar-Verband e.V. (DKV)**
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The following rules for non-FCI recognized conformation judges (Formwertrichter, FR) were developed in agreement with the Deutsch-Kurzhaar-Verband e.V. Germany.

FR are allowed to judge at Club internal shows (Zuchtschau) and to award conformation gradings relevant for breeding and testing purposes. They are not allowed to award FCI titles or expectancies (CAC, CACIB).

Breeding of the Deutsch-Kurzhaar is closely connected with performance and use of the dogs for versatile hunting. Therefore, conformation judges must meet special demands and fulfil special qualifications.

§ 1 Organisation of conformation judge concerns

1. Conformation judge chair

Every Club must appoint a conformation judge chair. This person must be a conformation judge (FR or SZR) and communicates FR-judge issues with the DKV. He is responsible to check if a person applying as apprentice fulfils all prerequisites for future work as a conformation judge. He directs and controls the education of the apprentices.

2. Senior Conformation judges, entitled to educate apprentices

Only Spezialzuchtrichter/Formwertrichter after at least 2 years practice as conformation judge are allowed to supervise apprentices.

§ 2 Tasks of the Conformation judge

FR are entitled to determine faults at shows (Zuchtschau) and tests which exclude dogs from breeding according to the FCI standard No. 119 and the DKV breeding and show regulations and to award gradings relevant for breeding permission.

§ 3 Requirements and Education to become a conformation judge (FR)

1. Prerequisites for registration as apprentice and work as conformation judge are:

- a) membership in a DKV-associated Club since a minimum of 5 years,
- b) the approval as JGHV-judge (Verbandsrichter, VR).

2. The application for apprenticeship must be addressed to the responsible Club president and forwarded to the conformation judge chair. The board of the Club decides about the application acceptance.

3. Practice and Education of the apprentice

An apprentice must provide evidence of at least:

a) 6 apprenticeships at 6 different shows (Zuchtschau) of at least 2 different Clubs and under at least 2 different senior judges. Altogether 50 DK must be described.

b) After the first two apprenticeships a written report must be provided to the senior judge. He must assess the performance of the apprentice in the ring and the quality of the written report. This assessment must be forwarded to the responsible chair.

c) At the 5th and 6th apprenticeship at least 3 different DK must be described and graded in writing and this paperwork is handed over to the senior judge before the judges group announces their grading. Both papers, the description of the apprentice and the description of these dogs by the judges group must be sent to the responsible chair.

d) During his education, the apprentice should participate in suitable seminars to extend his knowledge about dogs and especially DK.

§ 4 Appointment as conformation judge (FR)

After all requirements have been met, all reports and written assessments of the candidate judge must be sent in original by the head judge of the association to the association breeding officer, who will confirm admission to the final examination.

There are two parts:

a) Practical examination (this must be taken at a Dr. Kleemann-Zuchtausleseprüfung or an IKP) The candidates must act as candidates during the conformation assessment. Here, 4 males and 4 females must be assessed and described to a head judge appointed by the DK association)

b) Written examination (40 DK breed specific questions must be answered) following the conformation assessment at a Dr. Kleemann-Zuchtausleseprüfung or an IKP. Questions will cover the following fields: Color genetics, anatomy, breed standard, breeding regulations, show regulations of the DKV. 75% of the answers must be correct.

After the apprentice has passed these tests, he will be appointed receiving a certificate and will be listed in the conformation judge list of the Club. This list must be provided to the DKV together with the yearly Club report. If the apprentice did not pass the practical or written examination, he can repeat it once.

§ 5 Practice as conformation judge (FR)

1. FR must adhere to the collegiality principle and especially must not criticize the practice or grading of another FR or SZR in public.

2. A FR cannot enter or handle a dog at an event where he is practicing as FR. The same applies to apprentices.

3. A FR cannot assess a dog owned by himself (fully or in part) or owned by first grade relatives or partners living in the same household as himself.

§ 6 Loss of the conformation judge license

The conformation judge appointment can be withdrawn temporarily or permanently by the responsible Club if the judge

- a) Is no longer member of a DK Club
- b) Has lost his JGHV VR judge license or it is resting
- c) Has violated rules or regulations of a Club or the DKV
- d) Has violated rules of good practice as conformation judge, especially if he made comments on the grading of another conformation judge in public.

The DKV must be informed immediately, if a person lost his license.