

Test Regulations and General Guidelines for the 3rd International Lönssuche

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Foreword

For a breed club, a knowledge of the quality of its breeding program in general and of its performance in particular is of great importance.

In order to obtain a meaningful statement about this, future *Bundesprüfungen* should therefore be held as Breed Tests, in which, to the extent possible, all of the year's top dogs are brought together, in order to attract the attention of the dog-owning public as an opportunity to showcase the breed. For this, a convincing presentation of the KIM is extremely important.

(Dietrich Berning in his justification of motion 11G regarding the organization of future international Bundesprüfungen, KIM Magazine 01/2019).

The following test regulations take into account the concept for future international tests approved at the Annual General Meeting on March 23, 2019.

In accordance with the decision of the Annual General Meeting of June 19, 2022, the international *Bundesprüfung* bears the following name in memory of Edmund Löns:

Lönssuche

The present version of the test regulations shall apply to the test in 2025 following the successful organization of the first and second international Lönssuche in 2023 and 2024 by the Landesgruppen Rheinland and GNA and the subsequent evaluations for the test in 2025.

The 3rd international Lönssuche 2025 will be organized by the Landesgruppe Osnabrück. For the organization of the 3rd International Lönssuche in 2025, the regulations adopted in 2019 - also with regard to the IMP - apply in modified form.

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Regulations for the organization of an International Lönssuche

International Lönssuche

The aim of the International Lönssuche is to showcase high-performance and temperamentally sound dogs from the breeding year of the Kleiner Münsterländer and to identify the dogs with the most important qualities for the hunter, i.e.

1. a calm and well-balanced temperament,
2. appropriate sharpness on game as well as
3. the necessary degree of hardness and
4. a general strong passion for hunting, and
5. a high level of proficiency for hunting in a variety of contexts and as a breeding dog.

The impact of the dogs successfully presented at the Lönssuche on future breeding activities must be given special consideration.

Scoring at the International Lönssuche

The final score of the International Lönssuche is made up of the points from the Association Fall Breeding Test (HZP) with live duck and the evaluation from an International Breed Show.

The temperament shown by the dog at the Breed Show and at the HZP is evaluated separately and included in the overall result (see Chapter 1.3).

The HZP with the live duck is organized and evaluated according to the Regulations for Association Breed Tests (VZPO) of the JGHV.

The Breed Show is conducted in accordance with the rules of the VDH and the KIM Association.

1.1. Entries to the Lönssuche (Breed Show and HZP)

Within the framework of the Lönssuche, a registered International Breed Show will take place. Participation in the Breed Show is obligatory for all participants.

Entries are to be made solely through the respective Landesgruppen. All handlers submit entries to the Lönssuche via the Landesgruppen using the current JGHV Formblatt 1 - Entry to an Association test. The entry form with handwritten signature and attachments must be submitted digitally as scanned copies. The original Formblatt 1 with a valid signature must be submitted with the entry form.

The entry form must be accompanied by

- A copy of the pedigree and
- Copies of the scoresheets of all tests previously completed
- A current picture of the dog as a jpg file for publication in the test and breed show catalog.

Please note the following for the photo! Please take the photo of the dog from the side, all 4 legs should be on the ground. The head should be carried upright, looking forward, the tail should be visible at the level of the topline.

When registering, a duck logbook, if available, must be handed in; state legal requirements apply.

Dogs from abroad are cordially welcome at the Lönssuche with Breed Show (ZS). However, to be judged in the utility dog class at the ZS, a utility dog certificate from the national kennel club is required. The handler must apply for this in good time at the national kennel club, enclosing a copy of the pedigree and the test certificates.

If the Lönssuche and the IMP A/B are held at the same time, the handler may only run one (1) dog in one (1) of the aforementioned tests; parallel participation in, for example, the Lönssuche and the IMP B is not possible.

1.2. Requirements for admission

All owners and handlers must be members of a KIM-Landesgruppe or a member club of KIM-International.

All handlers resident in the Federal Republic of Germany must present a hunting license valid in Germany⁽¹⁾. The regulations of the VZPO apply. Foreign handlers must present a hunting license valid in their home country.

¹ Exceptions to this are only possible in accordance with the JGHV regulations "Handling without a hunting license".

The organizer specifies in the event announcement whether handlers and/or persons appointed by the organizer will shoot in the field and/or at the water. In accordance with the rules of the JGHV for "Handlers without a hunting license", all shots required in the course of the test can be fired by a person appointed by the organizer to shoot.

All dogs from the Verband für Kleine Münsterländer e.V. and the member countries of KIM-International with an FCI pedigree are eligible for the Lönssuche:

- With a passed VJP with a minimum score of “Good (6-8 points)” or higher in all natural ability subjects.
- With a passed HZP with a minimum score of “Good (6-8 points)” or better in all natural ability subjects. Proof that the dog has passed an HZP must be submitted when registering for the test.
- Dogs from abroad should provide proof of passing comparable tests in their country of origin; in case of doubt, the Test Director will decide.
- Proof of a valid rabies vaccination, confirmed by a veterinarian through an entry in the PET passport (international vaccination card), must be submitted for each dog when registering. Dogs without this documentation will be excluded from the event.
- Only dogs in which no breed-excluding faults have been detected or registered by the first day of the test (October 9) will be admitted. Dogs that are found to have breed-excluding faults at the Lönssuche Breed Show may only participate in a substitute HZP.
- Only dogs that have not been found or registered as having any breed-excluding faults by the first day of the test (October 9) will be admitted. Dogs that are found to have breed-excluding faults at the Lönssuche Breed Show may only participate in a substitute HZP.

The regulations of the VZPO regarding the age of dogs allowed to participate in the Lönssuche apply.

German is the official language at the test.

All dogs must be properly housed, cared for, and looked after by the handler during the multi-day event.

1.3 Evaluation of temperament

Evaluation at the HZP

For the evaluation of temperament according to the JGHV criteria at an HZP, the following additional points are awarded as part of the evaluation of the Lönssuche:

Evaluation of temperament - HZP	Bonus or penalty points
Impassive/phlegmatic	-5 points
Calm, even-tempered	+2 points
Lively, spirited (Standard)	+1 point
Restless, nervous, over-passionate	-5 points

Table 1: Additional points for the assessment of temperament - HZP

Note: The test result of the HZP and the HZP score sheet are not changed by this additional evaluation!

Evaluation at the Breed Show

At the Breed Show, the dogs remain in the ring for measurements and physical inspection. The individual evaluation of movement is then carried out.

Up to 4 additional points are awarded for temperament shown inside and outside the ring at the Breed Show (see Appendix 4 of the ZschO). These are rounded up or down.

Evaluation of temperament Breed Show	Points ZS	Score Temperament	Bonus points Lönssuche
Excellent	12	V	+4
Very good	9-11	SG	+3
Good	6-8	G	+2
Sufficient	3-5	Ggd	+1
Disqualified	0	Disq	0

Table 2: Additional points for the assessment of temperament - Breed Show

For an “Excellent” the dog must show a harmonious, balanced temperament. Dogs that clearly show non-standard behavior or are aggressive are scored “Disqualified”.

1.4 Calculation of the total number of points in the Lönssuche

The following formula is used to calculate the total number of points earned at an HZP and Breed Show, including the assessment of temperament:

Standard weighting of HZP, half weighting for conformation and coat, 1/3 weighting for temperament					
Sample calculation Lönssuche					
			Dog 1		Dog 2
HZP overall result			Result		Result
HZP total score			186		182
Additional scores as part of the Lönssuche			Result		Result
Evaluation of temperament – HZP (VZPO)					
Impassive/phlegmatic		-5			
Calm, even-tempered		+2			2
Lively, spirited (Standard)		+1	1		
Restless, nervous, over-passionate		-5			
Evaluation of temperament at Breed Show (ZschO)					
Excellent (V)	12	4	4		4
Very good (SG)	11-9	3			
Good (G)	8-6	2			
Sufficient (ggd)	5-3	1			
Subtotal additional evaluation temperament			5		6
Evaluation of conformation and coat (ZschO)			Result		Result
Conformation					
V	12	12			6
SG	11-9	10	5		
G	8-6	7			

Coat					
V	12	12			6
SG	11-9	10	5		
G	8-6	7			
Subtotal additional evaluation Breed Show			10		12
Total score Lönssuche			201		200

Table 3: Example calculation combining HZP and evaluation of temperament

The results of the conformation and coat values are evaluated separately, and half of the points achieved are included in the overall score.

This means that a maximum of 12 additional points are possible with a V/V evaluation,

The evaluation of temperament in the ZS is scored separately with one third of the total points awarded. The evaluation of temperament results in a maximum of 6 additional points.

1.5 Best dog (*Lönssieger*)

The winner of the Lönssuche is the dog that receives the highest total number of points in the Lönssuche. If several dogs receive the same total number of points, JGHV rules apply (hardness before Laut – determined during the test - before age).

Dogs that do not pass the international HZP or are not awarded at least a “good” or better in conformation or coat at the Breed Show cannot pass the Lönssuche as a whole.

Likewise, the Lönssuche cannot be passed if the dog displays behaviour that is not in line with the breed standard or shows signs of aggression.

1.6 Scoresheets and Certificates

Handlers will receive the following for the dog they handled:

- A scoresheet from the Breed Show,
- A test certificate (scoresheet) with the HZP result, and
- A certificate (*Urkunde*) with the combined result of the Lönssuche, which also includes an assessment of the dog's temperament.
- If the requirements have been met, the certificate also includes the initials JKN.

In addition, dogs will be recognized for the best water work and the best field work, and the most beautiful dogs presented at the Breed Show will be highlighted.

1.7 Awards and Honorary Prizes for Handlers

Bronze pin for handlers

All handlers who have successfully participated once in a Bundesprüfung will be awarded a bronze pin for handlers.

Silver pin for handlers

All dog handlers who have successfully participated in a Bundesprüfung 5 times will be awarded a silver pin for handlers.

Golden pin for handlers

All dog handlers who have successfully participated in a Bundesprüfung 10 times will be awarded a golden pin for handlers.

1.8 Honorary titles for the dogs

Appendix 1 on the performance records of the Verband für Kleine Münsterländer e.V. applies.

The Verband für Kleine Münsterländer e.V. awards performance certificates retroactively from the year 2012 for dogs registered in the studbook to highlight their special value for breeding, hunting and practical utility:

JKI (Jungklaussuche International) for special achievements at international tests of the international association KIM-I.

Requirements for obtaining the performance certificate **JKI**:

A passed International Münsterländer Test (IMP) with scores of at least Good in all test subjects.

JKN (Jungklaussuche Bundesprüfung) for special achievements at International Bundesprüfungen (Lönssuchen) of the Verband für Kleine Münsterländer e.V. Deutschlands.

Requirements for obtaining the performance certificate **JKN**:

A passed International Bundes-HZP (Lönssuche) with scores of at least Very Good in the natural ability subjects and scores of at least Good in the trained subjects.

Or:

A passed International Bundes- VGP/ -VPS with scores of at least Good in the subjects of the groups forest, water, field, and obedience.

Or:

A dog that passed an international blood tracking test with at least prize II.

The performance certificates JKI and JKN are awarded only once and are placed as an abbreviation in front of the dog's name. If both performance certificates are obtained, the abbreviation changes to: **JKI / N**

Appendix 1 was approved at the Annual General Meeting 2014 and is valid from the date of publication.

Lönssuche 2025

2. Organization of the Lönssuche

2.1 General provisions

The Lönssuche is organized annually as an international test. The organizer determines where the test will be held.

Limits on participation

There is no participant limit for the Lönssuche organized by the Landesgruppe Osnabrück in 2025.

Organizers

The organizer of a Lönssuche is a KIM-Landesgruppe, which organizes the Lönssuche in the name of the Verband für Kleine Münsterländer e.V.

The test can be organized by one or more KIM-Landesgruppen. If several KIM-Landesgruppen are involved, one KIM-Landesgruppe is to be designated as the lead KIM-Landesgruppe.

The test shall be carried out in suitable fields with plenty of game.

The organizer will announce in the invitation whether the test will be conducted with or without a hare track.

The organizer registers the HZP test with the JGHV in good time, stating its EDV number. The test is to be registered for two days.

Organizing team

Responsible for the execution and organization of the Lönssuche is an organizational team. It consists of the Board of Directors and volunteers of the KIM-Landesgruppe in whose territory the test is organized and held. The organization team is responsible for the timely registration of the HZP with the JGHV.

The Association supports the organizer in the preparation and organization of the test, as needed.

Test Director

The Test Director is generally the Chairperson of the Landesgruppe, or a person appointed by him/her (VZPO §5 (2)).

Breed Show Director

The Director of the Breed Show is the Director of Breed Show Judges of the Association, or a person appointed by him/her.

Test date

The tests should be held preferably around the 2nd weekend in October (October 09 to 11, 2025).

Event Schedule

The international Breed Show is to be held before the HZP.

Program booklet

To mark the occasion, each dog should be published with a photo or photos in the test program or in the Breed Show catalogue and on the Association's website.

List of the "Lönssieger"

A list of the winners of the "Lönsuche" including the best dog (Suchensieger) at the B-HZP will be published on the website of the Verband für Kleine Münsterländer e.V.

2.2 Income and expenses

Costs of hosting a Lönssuche

All income and expenses of the Lönssuche are borne by the organizing KIM-Landesgruppe.

Each KIM-Landesgruppe must send Association Judges to the Lönssuche at its own expense according to the number of dogs entered or must bear the costs of an Association Judge appointed by the organizer (100,- €).

For the first two dogs entered, an Association Judge must be provided by the KIM-Landesgruppe. For every second additional dog entered, an additional Association Judge must be provided (1-2 dogs entered = 1 judge, 3-4 dogs entered = 2 judges, 5-6 dogs entered = 3 judges, ...) or the above-mentioned costs of Association Judges appointed by the organizer must be paid for.

Each KIM-Landesgruppe must support the financing of the Lönssuche with a fee of 1,- € per member. The fee is collected by the Association together with the contribution to the Association (Verband für Kleine Münsterländer e.V.) from the KIM-Landesgruppen and transferred to the organizing Landesgruppe.

The Verband für Kleine Münsterländer e.V. provides a subsidy depending on the number of participants. In 2025, the subsidy for an event is € 150 per registered dog, up to a maximum of € 7,000 for the Löns and IMP.

KIM-I will cover the costs of the judges on a proportional basis, as well as any costs for the hunting grounds and venue, etc. according to the number of dogs entered in the IMP.

Additional income is to be generated through advertisements and sponsoring.

The Landesgruppen are responsible for arranging support for the participating dog/handler teams regarding travel costs.