

2024 GSDCA UNIVERSAL SIEGER AND SIEGERIN RULES

Entry Requirements:

1. Entry is restricted to German Shepherd Dogs.
2. Must enter and compete in the 2024 GSDCA IGP3 National Championship.
3. Must enter the 2024 GSDCA Universal Sieger Show in the Working Class.
4. Owner and handler of the dog must be a GSDCA member, and the trial handler of the entered dog must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States.
5. All dogs entered for the GSDCA Universal Sieger & Siegerin Championship must have the following:
 - a. A GSDCA recognized scorebook with proof of qualifying score;
 - b. Proof of identification (microchip or tattoo) must be on the pedigree and in the dog's scorebook.
 - c. A qualifying score of 250 points with at least 80 points in Phase C and a Pronounced rating. The qualifying score must be earned between April 24, 2023- April 1, 2024 at a GSDCA event.
 - d. Passing hip and elbow ratings from the SV, shown on the dog's pedigree.
 - e. A current SV or GSDCA National Breed Survey.
 - f. A show rating of at least "G"; in the working class
 - g. A current GSDCA membership; pending membership applications will not be accepted;
 - h. Proof of valid rabies vaccination and other vaccinations according to State rules.
6. Copies of the following documents must be submitted with entry:
 - a) A GSDCA recognized scorebook with proof of qualifying scores;
 - b) Proof of identification (tattoo or microchip) must be on the dog's pedigree and in the dog's scorebook;
 - c) SV Hip and Elbow certification noted on the dog's pedigree.
 - d) A current SV or GSDCA National Breed Survey
7. Scorebook and other supporting documents must be presented to the Trial Secretary at check-in.
8. Entries submitted without the above documents and entry fee will not be accepted.

Universal Sieger and Siegerin Scoring:

1. The Universal Sieger (male) and Siegerin (female) will be determined by the combination of their scores from the 2024 National Championship and Universal Sieger Show. The dog with the lowest combined score will win and become the 2024 Universal Sieger and Siegerin.
 - a. The dog will earn 1 point for every placement made in both the National Championship and the Universal Sieger Show. For example, 3rd place = 3 points, 10th place = 10 points, etc.

b. The combination of points earned will be the total points for the competitor; for example (4th place in National Championship = 4 points plus) + (9th place in the Universal Sieger Show = 9 points) will give the competitor a point total of 13 points (4+9=13).

c. The ideal score is 1+1=2.

2. In the event of a tie, placement will be determined by the following tiebreakers, in order of priority:

a. Highest overall IGP3 score;

b. Highest IGP3 phase C score;

c. Highest IGP3 phase B score.

3. The 2023 Universal Sieger and Siegerin will automatically qualify and be eligible to attend the 2024 WUSV Universal Sieger competition as the representatives of the GSDCA. The deadline for notification to GSDCA (by email) of anticipated attendance is May 01, 2024.

H.O.T. Award

To qualify for the H.O.T. (Handler-Owner-Trained) award, the following criteria must be met:

1. The handler-owner must be a member in good standing of the GSDCA;

2. The handler-owner must have owned the dog from at least the age of 15 months.

3. The handler-owner must provide either AKC registration or foreign registration, showing proof of ownership and date of ownership;

4. The handler-owner must have handled the dog for all its training and titling;

5. The dog may not have been leased out to anyone prior to all titles being earned;

6. Co-ownership is allowed, provided both parties' names have been on the registration from the beginning of ownership; only one of the owners can be the handler/ trainer of the dog.

B.H.O.T. Award

To qualify as a B.H.O.T. (Breeder-Handler-Owner-Trained) award, the following criteria must be met:

1. The breeder-owner must be a member in good standing of the GSDCA;

2. The dog must carry the breeder-owner's kennel name;

3. The breeder-owner must provide either AKC registration or foreign registration listing breeder, showing proof of ownership and date of ownership;

4. The dog must be AKC registered by 15 months of age;

5. The breeder-owner must have done all training and put all titles on the dog;

6. The dog may not have been leased out to anyone prior to all titles being earned;
7. Co-ownership is allowed, provided both parties' names have been on the registration from the beginning of ownership; only one of the owners can be the handler/ trainer of the dog.

Breed Survey

Guidelines

- Breed surveys are performed by SV Kormeister or GSDCA Breed Warden and is limited to German Shepherd Dogs.
- Dogs with AKC Limited Registration are not eligible to enter.
- Dogs must be no less than two years of age at the date of the Survey.
- Dogs must be either tattoo or microchipped.
- Dogs must have DNA (AKC DNA acceptable)
- Dogs must be in good condition.
- Females in heat must be reported to the Breed Survey Master for placement in the order of participation.

Required Documentation

1. The Character Test is required for dogs born after July 1, 2020
2. Proof an AD awarded by an SV Judge, GSDCA Judge, WUSV Judge or FCI Judge.

Dogs over the age of six years are exempt from the AD requirement

3. One of the following:
 - Proof of a BH awarded by an SV Judge, GSDCA Judge, WUSV Judge or FCI Judge. Proof of an IGP awarded by an SV Judge, GSDCA Judge, WUSV Judge or FCI Judge;
 - Proof of HGH under an SV Judge, GSDCA Judge, WUSV Judge or FCI Judge;
 - Proof of RH2 Phase B under an SV Judge, GSDCA Judge, WUSV Judge or FCI Judge.
 - Proof of SV BDT (ZAP) under SV or WUSV Judge.
4. Hip and Elbows certified by the SV(normal, fast normal, noch zugelassen) or OFA* (excellent, good, fair).
5. Breed show evaluation of Good or better by an SV Judge, GSDCA Judge, WUSV Judge or FCI Judge.
6. Dogs must be healthy and in good condition.
7. Females that are 42 days pregnant cannot participate for the Breed Survey
8. Females after 42 days of whelping a litter can do the Breed Survey

9. Females in heat must be reported to the Breed Survey Master for placement at the end of the Breed Survey.

Dogs with GSDCA National Breed survey are not allowed to whelp litters in Germany and cannot be owned by German citizens.

***Dog with hips and elbows certified by OFA are allowed to compete only in USA. SV hips and elbows certification is required for all events in Germany. Please verify requirements when competing in other countries.**

GSDCA WUSV TEAM DECLARATION

QUALIFICATION PROCESS

The following process will be used to select the 10 dog/handler teams to compete for the GSDCA at the 2023 GSDCA-USCA WUSV Qualification Trial.

1. The top ten (10) eligible dog/handler teams at the GSDCA IGP3 National Championship, who receive at least 250 points and at least 80 points in protection (pronounced), will earn an automatic bid to compete in the Qualification Trial.
2. Dogs declared must have a scorebook issued by the GSDCA.
3. The deadline to declare for the WUSV World Championship Team is May 1 of the same year the WUSV World Championship is held.
4. Competition is restricted to one dog per handler.
5. The handler must be a current member in good standing of the GSDCA.
6. The handler must be a United States citizen OR a permanent resident of the United States.
7. The handler/dog team must remain the same throughout the qualification process and the WUSV championship.
8. The handler is not required to be the owner of the declared dog.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING BY THE DECLARATION DEADLINE WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE APPLICATION.

Candidates aspiring to be on the WUSV World Championship Team must submit their declaration by email to the GSDCA SV Office, no later than the declaration deadline even though all of the qualifying

events may not have yet been held. This deadline will be strictly enforced. Documents to be submitted include:

1. A declaration of consideration;
2. A copy of the dog's registration papers;
3. A declaration fee of \$250 must be submitted online (GSDCA Store) with the declaration email. The fee will be returned if the candidate does not make the team. The fee will be refunded after the declarant completes participation in the WUSV World Championship. The fee will be forfeited if the candidate makes the WUSV team and chooses not to participate as a team member in the WUSV World Championship.

TEAM MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

1. All GSDCA members of the WUSV World Championship Team are representatives of GSDCA and shall strive to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner both on and off the field.
2. The GSDCA team members will be required to arrive at their event destination at least three (3) days prior to competition.
3. All team members, including the alternate, shall wear their team uniforms during competition and at all official events such as draw night, opening ceremonies, and closing ceremonies.
4. Any member of the team who conducts himself or herself in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be subject to disciplinary action, including potential dismissal from the team. The decision to dismiss a team member shall lie solely with the team captain.