

# **I. USCA UNIVERSAL SIEGER AND SIEGERIN REGULATIONS**

This program has been designed to promote the German Shepherd Dog breeding in the United States of America, addressing both physical qualities as well as character attributes as the foundation of the true German Shepherd Dog. These regulations have been submitted by the Breed Advisory Committee and have been approved by the Executive Board at the meeting in Bangor, Maine.

1. The United Schutzhund Clubs of America will recognize and award a “USCA Universal Sieger and Universal Siegerin (year)” as a title for German Shepherd Dogs.

2. All German Shepherd Dogs owned by a resident of the United States of America who are members in good standing of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America are eligible to receive this title under the following conditions:

- The Dog must have a WUSV recognized pedigree
- The Dog must be breed surveyed
- The dog must be shown in the USCA GSD National Championship and at the USCA Universal Working Class Conformation Show to be held in conjunction with the USCA GSD National Championships in the same calendar year.
- USCA Universal Working Class Conformation Show to be judged by a USCA Conformation Judge
- ~~• The dog must be shown in the USCA Sieger Show in odd years or USCA National Show in even years and USCA GSD National Championship in the same calendar year.~~
- The dog must be pronounced and at least G at the USCA Universal Working Class Conformation Show ~~USCA Sieger Show or USCA National Show~~
- The dog must be pronounced with a minimum of 80 points in protection and at least G score overall at the USCA GSD National Championship

3. The dog receiving the highest lowest number of points combined in both events will be declared as the USCA Universal Sieger and Siegerin (year).

4. The following points will be awarded for Health, USCA Universal Working Class Conformation Show, USCA GSD National Championship (sections A-G):

Maximum points to be obtained are 600 (100 for health, 200 for conformation, 300 for nationals performance).

Only dogs can take part in the show ranking who made at least 70 points in sections A, B, D, & E and 80 points in section C.

## **A. Nationals Performance**

- Tracking Phase
  - Points earned between 70-100

## **B. Nationals Performance**

- Obedience Phase
  - Points earned between 70-100

## **C. Nationals Performance**

- Protection Phase
  - Points earned between 80-100
  - Must earn minimum 80 pts in protection

#### **D. Health**

- The results of the HD and ED diagnostics (only accepted from SV recognized evaluation offices) shall be included in the rating list.
  - HD: A / ED: A = 100 Points
  - HD: A / ED: B or HD: B / ED: A = 95 Points
  - HD: B / ED: B = 90 Points
  - HD: A / ED: C or HD: C / ED: A = 80 Points
  - HD: B / ED: C or HD: C / ED: B = 75 Points
  - HD: C / ED: C = 70 Points
- a-normal = A, fast-normal = B, Noch Zugelassen = C
- Dogs who obtained worse results are not permitted.

#### **E. Conformation Rating**

- The show section shall be rated according to the classes and be divided by MALES and FEMALES. Both hair varieties are presented and rated in their respective classes. The breed show is held according to the requirements of the GHKL working dog classes (WUSV Breeding Program).
- The class winner shall be awarded 100 Points, the second winner 98 Points, etc. (with a downgrading of two points for each of the next following ranking).

#### **F. Conformation Rating**

- In addition, breed valuations are offered. The ranking is carried out as follows:
  - Excellent/ Vorzüglich = 100 Points
  - Very good/ Sehr gut = 90 Points
  - Good/ Gut = 80 Points
  - Sufficient/ Genügend = 70 Points
  - Insufficient/ Ungenügend = 60 Points
  - Unsatisfactory = 50 Points Disqualification
- Only dogs can take part in the show ranking who made at least 70 points in sections A to E and 80 points in section C.

#### **G. American Bred Dogs**

- Those dogs bred in America will have 5 points added to their total earned in sections A-F

#### **~~Points Sieger Show and GSD National Championship~~**

##### ~~Sieger Show or National Show~~

~~Dogs are awarded points depending on their placing in the adult working classes. The first-place dog receives one (1) point. The dog in second place receives two (2) points, and so on until the last dog in the group of dogs declared for Universal Sieger.~~

##### ~~GSD Nationals~~

~~Dogs are awarded points depending on their placing at the GSD Nationals. The first-place dog receives one (1) point. The dog in second place receives two (2) points, and so on until the last dog in the group of dogs declared for Universal Sieger or Siegerin.~~

~~The highest possible score is two (2).~~

~~5. In the event of several dogs achieving identical points (tie), the dog bred in the USA under United Schutzhund Clubs of America regulations will be favored over any other dog. If there is~~

still a tiebreaker necessary, then the points received from the performance in the GSD National Championship will dominate the other points.

If there is a tie breaker necessary, the points received from the performance in the GSD National Championship will dominate the other points. If an additional tie breaker is necessary, the points received from C. Nationals Performance (protection phase) will dominate. If an additional tie breaker is necessary, the points received from B. Nationals Performance (obedience phase) will dominate. If an additional tie breaker is necessary, the points received from A. Nationals (tracking phase) will dominate. If an additional tie breaker is necessary, the points received from D. Health will dominate. If an additional tie breaker is necessary, the points received from F. Conformation Rating, show rating will dominate.

6. The Universal Sieger and Siegerin (year) are important titles for our breeding goals and will therefore be recognized within the first two generations in the pedigrees of any progeny bred under the breeding rules of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

7. The Universal Sieger and Universal Siegerin will be recognized on the front cover of the USCA magazine within the following year of winning the award.

8. The Universal Sieger and Universal Siegerin will receive a trophy award immediately following the declaration.

9. The breeder and or the owner of the Universal Sieger and Universal Siegerin will receive an award certificate immediately following the declaration.

## **II. WUSV Universal Sieger Team Selection**

The USCA will have a combined team with GSDCA. USCA and GSDCA will alternate Team Captains yearly. If there is a WUSV team of five members, the organization that has the Team Captain will send two members and an alternate, the organization without the team captain will send three members. One of the dogs must be a bitch on the combined team. If the WUSV has six members then each organization will send three members and the captain will be alternated year to year. In the event one organization does not send its allotted quota of team members the other organization may make up the difference to make a full team.

### **First Qualifier**

The Universal Sieger and Siegerin are automatic qualifiers for the WUSV Universal Sieger Team. A female dog must represent the Team if possible. If for any reason, the Universal Siegerin cannot represent the Team, the next available female must be selected ~~along with the additional Team members and alternates, using the following process:~~

### **Second Qualifier**

Any additional Team members and alternates will be selected using the following process. The dog and handler team must participate in the current year's USCA GSD Nationals and USCA Universal Working Class Conformation Show (held in conjunction with the current year's Nationals). The dog and handler teams will be ranked according to the above method in section I., items A-G.

~~The dog and handler team must participate in the current calendar year's Sieger Show or National Show. The first place dog receives one (1) point. The dog in second place receives two (2) points, and so on until the last dog in the group of dogs declared for the Universal Sieger Team. American bred dogs will have 5 points deducted from their combined total.~~

### **Final Qualifier**

If there are no additional Team members and alternate selections available after First and Second Qualifiers, the remaining Team members and alternates will be selected using the following process, Team members and alternates will be chosen in the following numerical order until Team is filled.

1. The dog and handler team must participate in the current year's USCA Working Dog Championship (WDC) and the USCA Sieger Show or USCA National Show. Any additional dog and handler teams will be ranked according to the above method in section I., items A-G.
2. The dog and handler team must participate in the current year's USCA Working Dog Championship (WDC) and a USCA Regional Conformation Show. Any additional dog and handler teams will be ranked according to the above method in section I., items A-G.
3. The dog and handler team must participate in the current year's USCA Working Dog Championship (WDC) and a USCA Club level Conformation Show. Any additional dog and handler teams will be ranked according to the above method in section I., items A-G.

~~The dog and handler team must then participate in either the current calendar year's Nationals. The following calendar year's Working Dog Championship (WDC) will act as a qualifier/filler for additional team members. The scores from each dog for either of these events will be sorted from highest to lowest, same criteria for a tie as in a trial will be used and points will be awarded from lowest to highest scoring dogs. The first place dog receives one (1) point. The dog in second place receives two (2) points, and so on until the last dog in the group.~~

Example:

~~Six teams declare at the Sieger show or National Show for the Universal Sieger Team. Two teams trialed at the GSD Nationals and four teams trialed at the Working Dog Championship. The scores range from 245 to 287. The highest score gets 1 point and the lowest gets 6 points. The six teams receive points from 1 to 6 for their placing at the Sieger show or National Show. The Sieger show or National Show and trial results are combined. The team with the lowest points total is first, the team with the second lowest points total is second, and so on until six place is awarded. Now the first and second place dogs have identical points, the first tie breaker is American Bred, the second tie breaker is the GSD Nationals, and the third tie breaker is the Working dog championship.~~

All Team Members must meet the minimum qualifications as established by the WUSV for entry into the World Universal Sieger competition. i.e. the dog must be Pronounced with a minimum of 80 points in protection at the USCA GSD National, receive minimum show rating of a G with

Pronounced Performance rating at the Sieger Show. All dogs declaring for the WUSV Universal Sieger Team must have SV recognized hip and elbow certification for entry, OFA hips are no longer accepted by the WUSV for entry. A list of accepted hip and elbow certifications is on the USCA website and on file with the USCA office.

In the event the WUSV allows long stock coats into the WUSV Universal Sieger Championship and USCA has long stock coat entries for the Universal Sieger team, USCA will combine the stock coat and long stock coat dogs into one show class for the selection process.

**REVISION HISTORY:**

05/06/98 Universal Sieger Regulations approved.

11/03/05 The dog must be pronounced and at least SG at the Sieger Show.

11/03/05 The dog must be pronounced and at least G at the GSD National Championship.

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