



# United Schutzhund Clubs of America

*"For the German Shepherd Dog"*

## Universal Sieger Regulations

Revision 2016

### 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 (year)" and a Universal Siegerin 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 be breed surveyed
- The dog must be shown in the USCA Sieger Show and USCA GSD National Championship. The USCA GSD National Championship will be the Championship that immediately precedes the USCA Sieger Show.
- The dog must be pronounced and at least G at the USCA Sieger Show.
- The dog must be pronounced and at least G at the USCA-GSD National Championship.

3. The dog receiving the 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:

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

##### Sieger 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 that took place immediately prior to the Sieger 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 Universal Sieger.

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.

6. The Universal Sieger (year) is an important title 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 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 in the USCA Sieger Show 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 at the following Sieger Show an award certificate.
10. To transition to the new timetable the following adjustments are made to the schedule:
  - The 2011 Universal Sieger selection process has no changes made.
  - The 2012 Universal Sieger and Siegerin will use the combined scores from the 2012 WDC and the 2012 Sieger show to select the Sieger and Siegerin.
  - The 2013 Universal Sieger and Siegerin will use the combined scores from the 2012 USCA Nationals and the 2013 Sieger show.

## 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 that one organization does not send its allotted quota of team members the other organization may make up the difference to make a full team.

The Universal Sieger and Siegerin are automatic qualifiers for the WUSV Universal Sieger Team. The additional Team members and alternates will be selected using the following process:

The dog and handler team must participate in either the previous calendar year Nationals or the current calendar year WDC. 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.

The dog and handler team must also participate in the current year's Sieger 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.

Additional tie breakers will be the same as in selecting the Universal Sieger and Siegerin.

Example:

Six teams declare at the Sieger 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. The Sieger 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.

In the event that 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 Beginning with the year 2006, dogs bred in the U.S. competing for the Universal Sieger title will receive an additional five points. (USCA-bred dogs were previously awarded five points for each event.) delete

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.

12/2011 –scoring was updated to be in compliance with WUSV universal sieger rules

06/2016 – Minimum show rating requirement changed from SG to G