

WUSV UNIVERSAL SIEGER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM DECLARATION

ELIGIBILITY

1. The handler must be a member in good standing of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America (USCA) and a member of a full member USCA club.
2. The handler is not required to be a citizen of the United States provided he or she is a permanent resident of the United States.
3. The handler and dog must remain the same throughout the qualification process and the championship.
4. The handler is not required to be the owner of the declared dog.
5. Competition is restricted to one dog per handler.
6. The scorebook of a declared dog must have been recorded by the USCA Office by January 1, 2016. (i.e. current year USCA GSD National))
7. Members representing USCA at the WUSV UNIVERSAL SIEGER Championship are restricted to German Shepherd Dogs.
8. Declared dogs must be registered with the USCA Breed Registry or USCA/SV Breed Registry no later than January 1, 2016. (current year USCA GSD National)
9. Declared dogs must have a SchH3 or IPO3 title to represent USCA on the WUSV Universal Sieger Team World Championship.
10. Any dog that has ever been disqualified by a judge in a trial due to temperament cannot be declared.
11. Candidates aspiring to be on the WUSV Universal Sieger Championship Team must submit the following to the USCA Office postmarked no later than February 1, 2016 (i.e. current year USCA Sieger Show) even though all of the qualifying events have not yet been held. This deadline will be strictly enforced.
 - A. Letter of declaration that includes the name of the dog being declared and the name of the person declaring.
 - B. Copy of the dog's registration papers showing ownership; and, if the owner is different from the handler, letter from the owner granting permission and naming the handler.
 - C. USCA/AWDF scorebook number. If you do not have an AWDF scorebook, one will be provided.
 - D. Letter signed by two club officers attesting the declarant is a full member of their full member club.
 - E. Completed WUSV Universal Sieger World Championship Team Candidate Information Form (included with this document and also available on the USCA website as an interactive form). This form is necessary for timely scheduling of details, including advance travel arrangements and team uniforms.
 - F. Failure to submit this form and the required information could result in rejection of the application.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

The USCA Office shall notify a candidate by email if the candidate does not meet the necessary requirements.

The notification shall contain the reasons for the decision. The candidate may appeal this decision to the World Championship Committee.

PREREQUISITES

Candidates who qualify to represent the United Schutzhund Clubs of America in the 2017 WUSV Universal Sieger World Championship must demonstrate the following:

1. Participation in the preceding year USCA GSD National Championship. The Working Dog Championship (WDC) will act as a qualifier/ filler for additional Team members
2. Conduct that exemplifies good sportsmanship and self discipline.
3. A strong desire to attend the WUSV Universal Sieger World Championship and represent the United Schutzhund Clubs of America in international competition.

QUALIFICATION PROCESS

1. The handler/dog team must have received a qualifying score of at least 'G' points at the preceding year's USCA GSD National Championship (i.e. 2016)
2. The handler/dog team must receive at least a 'G' conformation rating at the current year USCA Sieger Show (i.e. 2017)

The World Championship Committee will select the teams from those that have qualified based on the average of their two highest qualifying scores.

• Scores from the 2016 USCA GSD National Championship (the 2017 USCA Working Dog Championships will fill additional spots) and the 2017 USCA Sieger Show, will be used to determine selection.

2. The USCA World Championship Committee will conduct a final review to determine which team members will represent USCA based on the qualification requirements listed previously. If USCA cannot submit six (6) handler/dog teams to the WUSV Universal Sieger because they don't meet the previous requirements, the World Championship Committee may select additional teams so long as they have two (2) qualification scores.

- A. One (1) of those scores must be at least 'G' points at one of the two eligible qualifying trials to be considered (i.e. USCA GSD National, or Working Dog Championship)
- B. The Scores compiled after the qualifying trials/show will be used in the selection of those qualified to be submitted to the WUSV Universal Sieger Team Selection Committee.
- C. Announcement of the team members will be made as soon as practical to the team members and will be posted on the USCA website.

TEAM MEMBERS

1. All USCA members of the WUSV Universal Sieger World Championship Team are representatives of USCA, and shall strive to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner both on and off the field.
2. All team members, including the alternate, shall adhere to WUSV and FCI rules by wearing their team uniforms during competition and at all official events such as draw night, opening ceremonies, and closing ceremonies.
3. Any member of the team who conducts him or herself in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal from the team.
4. The decision to dismiss a team member shall lie solely with the team captain.
5. Any disciplinary action taken against USCA members for detrimental conduct shall be filed in an Exception Report with the World Championship Committee no later than 30 days after the WUSV World Championship.
6. The World Championship Committee shall decide if further action is to be taken by filing charges with the Board of Inquiry if necessary.

WUSV UNIVERSAL SIEGER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CANDIDATE FORM

SECTION 1.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name and USCA Member Number

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone: Home / Mobile

Email Address

Club Affiliation

SECTION 2.

DOG REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name of Dog

Titles

Reg # and USCA Score Book #

Date of Birth, Sex

Breed Surveyed: Yes No

Name of Sire

Titles and Reg #

Name of Dam

Titles and Reg #

SECTION 3. PRELIMINARY TRAVEL INFORMATION

Airport of Departure

Number in Party

Travel Class Desired: 1st Class, Business, Coach

Rental Vehicle Required: Car, Station Wagon, Mini Van

Hotel Accommodations:

Number in Party Single or Double beds

Dog Crate Dimensions: L ____ W ____ H ____

Weight of Crate Including Dog, Lbs.

SECTION 4. UNIFORM INFORMATION

(Please indicate women's clothing in both ladies and unisex sizes.)

Jacket, Sport Coat, Sweater

Shirt/Blouse Size and Sleeve Length

Slacks: Waist size and Length

Ladies Size

Please note: Although some of the information is preliminary, this form must be completed and submitted with your declaration of candidacy.