

Southwestern Regional Breed Evaluation and Breed Survey Policy

(Adopted by Vote – 2025 SW Regional Meeting)

1. Host Club Bidding Process

- Full-member regional clubs within the Southwestern Region, in good standing, may submit bids to host the Regional Breed Evaluation and Breed Survey.
- Bids must be submitted for the following year at the annual regional meeting held in conjunction with the Regional IGP Championship.
- Bids should be presented in writing and include proposed dates, judge(s), location, and pertinent details.
- If multiple bids are submitted, a vote will be conducted at the regional meeting to determine the host club.
- If no bids are presented, the Regional Director may establish a time frame to recruit host clubs, after which a vote will be conducted via email or USPS.

2. Eligibility to Host

- Clubs that have never hosted a USCA conformation event, or have not hosted a Breed Evaluation and Breed Survey in the past eight years, must first conduct a practice conformation show.
- The practice show must mimic an actual event, include necessary paperwork, and have a minimum of 10 dog entries.
- The Regional Breed Warden, Regional Director, or a USCA Conformation Judge appointed by the Regional Director must officiate the practice show to assess readiness.

3. Conflicting Events

- No other USCA events (trials, conformation shows, breed surveys, etc.) may be scheduled in the region during the weekend of the Regional Breed Evaluation and Breed Survey.
- Exceptions may be granted for a trial or seminar held in conjunction with the Regional Breed Evaluation and Breed Survey.

4. Scheduling the Event

- The date of the Regional Breed Evaluation is to be selected by the host club in coordination with the Regional Breed Warden.

5. Judge Selection

- The host club will recommend the judge(s), subject to final approval by the Regional Breed Warden.

6. Helper Requirements for the Breed Survey

- Helpers must reside within the Southwestern Region and hold a minimum Club-Level Helper Classification or higher.
- The host club will recommend helpers, but their selection must be approved by the Regional Breed Warden.
- Helpers must be available for a practice session with all dogs participating in the Breed Survey and must demonstrate safety, skill, and intensity appropriate for the event.

7. Venue Requirements

- A stadium is recommended for the event. If unavailable, an adequately sized field may be used with approval from the Regional Breed Warden and support from the regional board.

8. Regional Financial Support

- The Southwestern Region will provide up to \$1,000 as seed money to assist the host club with upfront costs, such as venue rental, helper reimbursement, or judge fees.

9. Event Oversight and Approval

- All event materials, including flyers, entry forms, catalogs, grounds setup, helpers, judges, and equipment, must receive final approval from the Regional Breed Warden.
- The Regional Breed Warden will assist the host club and serve as Chairperson for the Regional Breed Evaluation and Breed Survey.