

Southwestern Universal Sieger Regulations

(Approved @ 2024 SWR Meeting)

Proposed Changes for 2025 Vote:

The following amendment is proposed for consideration and voting:

Addition of Section 6: Declaration Requirements

This new section formalizes existing regional policies within the Southwestern Universal Sieger Regulations. It defines the criteria and procedures for submitting declarations of intent to participate in the SW Universal Sieger and Siegerin program, ensuring clarity and consistency in the process.

Section 1: Title Recognition

The SWR will recognize and award a “Southwestern Universal Sieger” or “Southwestern Universal Siegerin (year)” title for German Shepherd Dogs.

Section 2: Eligibility Criteria

All German Shepherd Dogs owned by Southwestern Region residents who are USCA members in good standing are eligible for this title under the following conditions:

- The dog must have a WUSV-recognized pedigree.
- The dog must be breed surveyed.
- The dog must participate in both the Southwestern Regional Championship (IGP3) and the Southwestern Regional Breed Evaluation (Working Class) within the same calendar year.
- The dog must receive at least a 'G' rating in both the breed evaluation and protection phase of the Regional Championship (with a minimum of 80 points in protection).

Section 3: Title Awarding

The dog achieving the highest combined points across both events will be declared the “Southwestern Universal Sieger” or “Southwestern Universal Siegerin (year).”

Section 4: Point System

The following points will be awarded for Health, Southwestern Regional Breed Evaluation, and Southwestern Regional Championship (Sections A-G):

- The maximum obtainable points are 600 (100 for health, 200 for breed evaluation, and 300 for championship performance).
- Only dogs scoring a minimum of 70 points in Sections A, B, D, E, and F, and 80 points in Section C are eligible for the breed ranking.

A. Regional Championship Performance IGP3 – Tracking Phase

Points earned range between 70-100.

B. Regional Championship Performance IGP3 – Obedience Phase

Points earned range between 70-100.

C. Regional Championship Performance IGP3 – Protection Phase

Points earned range between 80-100. A minimum of 80 points is required.

D. Health

HD and ED diagnostic results (from SV-recognized evaluation offices) contribute to the score:

- 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

Dogs with lower results are not permitted.

Section 5: Tie Breaker Process

If a tie occurs, the following priority order will be used:

1. Points from the Southwestern Regional Championship performance.
2. Points from Section C (Protection Phase).
3. Points from Section B (Obedience Phase).
4. Points from Section A (Tracking Phase).
5. Points from Section D (Health).
6. Points from Section F (Conformation Rating/Show Rating).

Section 6: Declaration Requirements

This section is added to the Southwestern Universal Sieger Regulations to incorporate existing regional policies.

- All Southwestern (SW) Universal Sieger and Siegerin declarations (an intent of participation) must be received by the SW Regional Breed Warden at least 30 days before the beginning of the SW Regional Breed Evaluation.
- The SW Regional Breed Warden will record all timely submitted declarations, and the hosting club will clearly mark all dogs registered to compete for the SW Universal Sieger and Siegerin title in their event catalog.

Section 7: Title Recognition

The titles “Southwestern Universal Sieger” and “Southwestern Universal Siegerin” hold significant value in the breeding community. Winners will be recognized in the March/April issue of the USCA magazine in the year following their award. The Regional Breed Warden is responsible for creating a one-page ad for the winner(s). The titleholders will receive their trophy at either the Southwestern Regional Championships or the Southwestern Regional Breed Evaluation, depending on which event concludes last within the calendar year.