

Southwestern Universal Sieger Regulations

(Adopted at 2025 SWR Meeting – incorporating changes approved from 2024 proposal)

Introduction

This program is designed to promote German Shepherd Dog breeding in the Southwestern Region of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America (USCA), emphasizing both physical qualities and character attributes as the foundation of the true German Shepherd Dog. The program closely follows the USCA (national) and WUSV (international) Universal Sieger rules and regulations.

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 the 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):

Maximum obtainable points: 600 (100 for health, 200 for breed evaluation, and 300 for championship performance).

Minimum scores: 70 points in Sections A, B, D, E, and F, and 80 points in Section C.

A. Regional Championship Performance IGP3 – Tracking Phase

Points: 70–100

B. Regional Championship Performance IGP3 – Obedience Phase

Points: 70–100

C. Regional Championship Performance IGP3 – Protection Phase

Points: 80–100 (minimum of 80 points 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
- a-normal = A, fast-normal = B, Noch Zugelassen = C
- Dogs with lower results are not permitted.

E. Breed Evaluation Rating (Working Class)

The breed evaluation is divided by males and females, with each hair variety rated separately.

The class winner earns 100 points; the second place earns 98 points, with a two-point reduction for each subsequent placement.

F. Breed Valuation Rating (Working Class)

- 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)

G. American-Bred Dogs

Dogs bred in America receive an additional 5 points added to their total score from Sections A–F.

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 (Amendment adopted 2025)

All Southwestern Universal Sieger and Siegerin declarations (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 Championship or the Southwestern Regional Breed Evaluation, depending on which event concludes last within the calendar year.