



2017 National IPO/FH Championship Trial

Rules and Regulations

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Entry Requirements

1. Entry into the GSDCA National IPO/FH Championship Trial is limited to German Shepherd Dogs.
2. All dogs entered for the GSDCA National IPO Championship Award and to qualify for the **Combined Qualification Trial** must have the following:
 - a. IPO3, SchH3 or VPG3 title;
 - b. A qualifying score of 250 with at least 80 points Pronounced in Protection;
 - c. AKC Registration;
 - d. AKC Four-Generation Pedigree if born in the United States;
 - e. If foreign-born, FCI, WUSV or SV recognized pedigree from the dog's country of birth;
 - f. GSDCA scorebook;
 - g. Hip & Elbow verifications must be shown on the pedigree;
 - h. Must be in sufficient physical condition to compete in this demanding competition; and
 - i. If the dog has multiple owners, at least one owner must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and a member or pending member of the GSDCA.
3. The Handler must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and a member or pending member of the GSDCA.
4. Effective March 28, 2017, the GSDCA Executive Committee voted that "an entered dog that qualified at the prior year's GSDCA National IPO3 Championship, and that made that year's team to represent the United States at the WUSV World Trial, will be automatically included as one of the 10 qualifiers to compete at following year's Combined Qualification Trial.
5. Copies of the following documents must be submitted with entry. **Original** documents must be presented to the event secretary at check-in:
 - a. Pedigree and Registration papers;
 - b. GSDCA, USCA, or other FCI recognized organization's scorebook with proof of qualifying scores for this event;
 - c. Must be IPO3, SchH3 or VPG3 to enter IPO3; and
 - d. Proof of tattoo or microchip certification if not noted on the registration/pedigree papers

6. Entries submitted without the above documents and entry fee will not be accepted.

IPO1 and IPO2 Requirements

1. Does not require GSDCA membership to enter. However, to qualify for IPO1 or IPO2 Champion, GSDCA membership is required.
2. The dog must be AKC registered if born in the United States. If foreign-born the dog must be registered with the dog's country of birth.
3. The handler is not required to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

Please Note:

- Electronic and Pinch Collars are not allowed anywhere on the trial grounds or defined area.
- The Judges' decisions are final.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct or abuse will result in the competitor being dismissed from the event.

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