



German Shepherd Dog Club of America

Judges Regulations

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1. Preamble

1.1. The Judging Regulations utilized by the GSDCA SV Programs are patterned after the SV and WUSV Judging Regulations. Certain elements of the original SV and WUSV Regulations have been re-phrased, revised, or omitted, due to cultural/corporate/legal differences between The Federal Republic of Germany and The United States of America.

1.2. The reputation of our Association is significantly affected by the appearance, actions and behavior of every single Office Holder/Judge. Inappropriate behavior on the part of just one Office Holder/Judge and even on the part of a single member can cause significant damage to the Association. For this reason, every member, and in particular, the Office Holders/Judges are required to consider the Association's reputation and in the event of a violation by third parties, to inform them of the consequences or report them. This principle must guide the performance of tasks in all respects.

Office Holders/Judges must respect the personal dignity, privacy and personality rights of every individual.

In dealings with women and men of different nationality, culture, religion, skin color and/or social situation, no discrimination, sexual or other form of personal harassment or offence is tolerated.

Office Holders/Judges are bound to openness and honesty and must acknowledge their responsibility.

Gifts, except for those of negligible value (up to 30.00) or any advantage related to the exercise of the office of a Judge must be rejected or not accepted.

No member of the Association may use his or her position to demand, accept, create or accept guarantees of advantages.

These principles apply to both internal communication and behavior with respect to individuals, friends and partners outside of the Association.

1.3. All Apprenticeship must be conducted under an SV Judge at GSDCA event unless permission is granted for international event. .

2. Requirement, training and appointment principles

2.1. GSDCA SV Program Breed Show Judges

2.1.1. An applicant for breed show judge must meet the following criteria:

- Continuous membership of at least 5 years in GSDCA, maintaining membership throughout the application and certification process.
- The applicant must have been an active breeder and exhibitor, able to provide verification of the following minimum requirements:
 - Applicant must have bred at least 10 litters under his/her own kennel name. Co-bred litters do not count toward the 10 litters.
 - 10 dogs bred by the applicant from at least 5 different litters with successful completion of breed survey.
 - Successful participation in SV/GSDCA breed events.
 - Must have participated in local club, regional, and national conformation events.
 - The applicant must have trained three dogs to SchH, IPO, or IGP title.
 - Applicant is limited to breeding no more than a maximum of 15 litters per year to gain entry into the program and maintain status as a judge.
 - Provide permission to the GSDCA to conduct a background check.
 - Successful participation in an SV, WUSV, or GSDCA seminar including foundation seminar, main seminar and aptitude test conducted by the SV National Breed Warden or his/her designee.
 - The aptitude test may only be granted if all formal requirements have been met.

2.1.2 The application documentation must be submitted to the GSDCA SV Programs Conformation Chair to be reviewed by the SV committee who will provide written confirmation of its receipt to the applicant. A copy will be sent to the GSDCA SV Programs office. If all requirements are met and the applicant has successfully passed the aptitude test, the completed documents will be presented to the SV Committee of the GSDCA for final approval by majority vote. The applicant will then be allowed to proceed to the apprenticeship phase.

- Aptitude Test is to be carried out by GSDCA Conformation Chair, SV National Breed Warden, or his/her designee.
- Admission as an Apprentice Judge shall be published on the GSDCA.org website in the Members Only Section. The admission may be appealed within 30 days. The

appeal must be in writing and must be sent to the SV Committee Chair and Board of Directors

2.1.3. The apprentice candidate must participate in at least 3 apprenticeships, evaluating at least 80 dogs.

- It is the applicant's responsibility to gain permission to apprentice with the presiding conformation judge.
- Apprenticeship can be requested but the final decision is at the authority of the presiding judge whether to accept an apprentice judge.
- The SV Programs Chair/Judges program office must approve every apprenticeship event along with the presiding judge.
- Apprenticeships can take place at GSDCA conformation show or SV breed show in Germany. In either case, GSDCA SV Committee approval is required.
- Any exceptions require the approval of the SV Committee and the Board of Directors.
- The presiding judge must approve an applicant's apprenticeship results before he/she is able to proceed to the next apprenticeship.
- The applicant is responsible for confirming that the SV Conformation Chair has alerted Mr Salvamoser or other designee of the SV Office for foreign releases.
- The apprenticeship process starts after the approval of the GSDCA committee at which time a start date will be established in writing.
- The presiding judges will need to be a fully licensed SV judge.
- At least 2 of the 3 apprenticeships need to occur under two different licensed judges.

2.1.4. A written critique of all dogs evaluated at the event by the apprentice judge must be provided to the presiding judge.

- The presiding judge will send a written evaluation of the apprentice's judging, detailing the apprenticeship judge's performance and addressing any recommendations or concerns.
- Three passing performance evaluations and successful recommendations with a minimum of 80 dogs under two different training judges is required to pass the apprenticeship.
- All critiques by the apprentice judge and training judge's performance evaluations are to be presented at the time of their completion and no later than 14 days after the Apprenticeship event.

- Critiques are to be submitted to the GSDCA SV Programs Chair(s) for evaluation and presentation to SV committee for final approval of completion of the apprenticeship requirements.
- An apprentice judge has 3 years to complete their apprenticeship. Extensions may be granted with written approval from the committee chair or GSDCA Board if no violations are reported.
- In the event that a failed performance (including lack of submission of proper documentation) is reported by the presiding judge, the apprentice may repeat one additional apprenticeship as directed by the SV Committee.
- Any exceptions must be approved by the SV conformation chair and the Board of Directors.

2.1.5. After passing the apprenticeship judges program the candidate is then recommend to the GSDCA Board for final approval from the program committee. After final review of the candidate and the recommendation of the committee the majority board vote is required to appointment as judge. The appointment is posted to the website under listed judges

2.1.6. After the term of year the appointment of Breed Show judge can be granted. The decision on this matter is made by the SV Programs Chairperson(s), and SV Program Judges office.

2.1.7. The approval of a Breed Show Judge to officiate national show events are eligible after approval by SV committee chair.

2.1.8. Breed Show Judges appointments are granted for the period of 4 years. They automatically end after 4 years and may be extended for every next 4 years by GSDCA. An extension may generally be granted if none of the items listed under section 6 of these Judging Regulations have been violated.

2.1.9. If an individual already possesses a breed show judge license with a minimum of five years' experience in a recognized K9 association or their affiliations; such as the SV, WUSV, AKC, CKC, FCI, USCA or the GSDCA breed parent club and would like to become a breed show judge; disregard to any requirements are subject to the confirmation by the GSDCA Board. An aptitude test and breed show seminar must be completed before appointment of Breed Show Judge.

2.1.10. Once appointed, Breed Show Judges are entitled to judge events for and with German Shepherd Dogs in the jurisdiction of GSDCA. The possibility exists to officiate in other associations with the approval of the GSDCA SV Committee.

2.1.11. Assignments outside of the country are only permitted after appointment as a final Judge and approval of the SV program committee. The Breed Show Judge expressly waives the option to file an appeal in the case that no approval is granted. In the case of dismissal by the GSDCA Board and/ SV Committee Chair(s) for an important reason, the Breed Show Judge expressly waives the option to file an appeal against the dismissal.

2.2. Breed Survey Master

2.2.1. Experienced Breeding Judges may be appointed as GSDCA Breed Survey Masters. The appointment requires:

- At least three years' activity as a breed show judge,
- Sufficient activity with this period.
- The recommendation of the Judges program office, SV Committee and/or board
- Successful experience training and titling of minimum three dogs to IGP title
- Successful experience handling at least three dogs in breed surveys events
- Performance of at least three breed survey apprenticeships under Breed Survey Masters (SV) with approval of the committee. Two of the three apprenticeships must be by different breed survey masters. A minimum of eight dogs total must be evaluated. Successful completion and final appointment by the GSDCA board is required.
- End of activity as a Judge also means end of activity as a Breed Survey Master.

2.2.2. Required proof of the above is subject to be provided to the SV Judges program office, SV committee and or board

2.3 IGP Trial Judges

2.3.1 Apprentice Judges Program for IGP.

The GSDCA SV Programs (hereafter SVP) Apprentice Judging Program was developed to properly educate and train individuals that have the desire and skill sets necessary to be a Judge in the IGP dog sport. These program entry and apprenticeship requirements are consistent with other WUSV and FCI IGP dog sport clubs throughout the world. In our dog sport, the judge's primary responsibility is to evaluate the performance of handlers and dogs during Trials and Seminars, and secondarily to educate dog sport handlers, club members and guests in all aspects of the sport. Further, the Judge is expected to assist

participants to achieve level of proficiency that the dog/handler team needs in order to receive their basic through advanced titles at all levels of competition.

2.3.2 Types of Judges: The GSDCA has three classifications of Judges:

1. Apprentice IGP Judge: (Please refer to the Apprentice Judge Section.)
2. Probationary IGP Judge: (Allowed to judge club trials. The Probationary judge may not mentor Apprentice Judges and may not Judge a National Event.)
3. GSDCA IGP Judge: May judge club through national Events. The GSDCA IGP Judge may mentor Apprentice IGP Judges.

2.3.2 Requirements for entering the GSDCA SVP Apprentice Judge Program.

1. Must be a member of the GSDCA in good standing. (Continuous membership of at least 5 years in GSDCA, maintaining membership throughout the application and process.)
2. Must have been primarily responsible with the majority of training and titled a minimum of the following German Shepherd Dogs:
 - One dog to a IGP3, IPO3 or SCH3. (The judge candidate must be primarily responsible for the training from BH to IGP3 without prior titles).
 - A second dog to a IGP1, IPO1 or SCH1. (The judge candidate must be primarily responsible for the training from BH to IGP1 without prior titles).
 - One dog to an FHV or FH1. (The judge candidate must be primarily responsible for the training from BH to FH without prior titles).
3. Must have successfully trialed at a WUSV/FCI recognized National Championship with a German Shepherd Dog, obtaining a minimum score of 70/70/70.
4. Provide permission to the GSDCA to conduct a background check.
5. Applicants are responsible for, and are not reimbursed for, any expenses they will incur while participating in the Apprentice Judge program. ALL expenses incurred are the sole responsibility of the Apprentice Judge.
6. Must not train IGP dogs not owned or co-owned by Judging apprentice applicants or offer paid coaching to IGP competitors. (If said applicant is offering paid coaching, they will be limited to judging club trials only.)
7. Admission as an Apprentice Judge shall be published in the members only section of the GSDCA.org website. In the event of a grievance, the admission must be appealed within 30 days. The said appeal must be submitted in writing to the SV Chair(s) and the Board of Directors.

2.3.3 The Apprentice Judge must successfully complete the following for advancement to Probationary Judge:

1. Five (5) successful Trial Apprenticeships done under WUSV, SV, FCI or GSDCA SVP Judges at Trials that qualify as WUSV, SV, or FCI events. (Successful trial is defined as the presiding judge signing off with a passing grade on Applicant's score sheets.)
2. The last Apprenticeship must be done under the Director of Judges for the GSDCA SVP or if that judge is not available then another GSDCA SVP Senior Judge that is approved by either the GSDCA SVP Director of Judges or the GSDCA SVP Programs Chair, or by the GSDCA SVP committee or by the president of the GSDCA.

2.3.4 Apprentice Judge: Additional Requirements:

The Apprentice Judge must submit the following:

1. The Apprentice IGP Judge must complete a Trial report for each trial they apprentice.
2. The report must contain complete club, handler and dog information including a score and written critique for each competitor.
3. The Apprentice Judge must submit a copy to the Presiding Judge they apprenticed under for the event within two weeks of the end of the event.
4. The Presiding Judge will submit a report to both the Director of Judges and Apprentice Judge which will include a pass or fail rating within ten days of receiving the report from the Apprentice Judge.

Note: The Apprentice Judge may not apprentice at another trial until the results of the last trial apprenticed have been completed and the rating of pass or fail has been determined.

2.3.5 Apprentice Judges may remain in the program with the following exceptions:

1. An Apprentice Judge fails two (2) consecutive apprenticeships, at which time the Apprentice Judge shall be informed of an official dismissal from the Apprentice Judge program. The person may re-apply for entrance into the Apprentice Judge program at a future date, pending SV Committee approval.
2. An Apprentice Judge fails a total of three (3) apprenticeships before completing the program, at which time the Apprentice Judge shall be informed of an official dismissal from the Apprentice Judge program. The person may re-apply for entrance into the Apprentice Judge program at a future date, pending SV Committee approval.
3. If Apprentice Judge cannot complete the apprenticeship program within three (3) years from the date they were accepted into the program. The person may re-apply for entrance into the Apprentice Judge program at a future date, pending SV committee approval.
4. Is no longer a member of the GSDCA.

5. If the Apprentice Judge is removed from the program due to a failure to follow the program requirements (i.e., consistently untimely trial summary reports or the failure to properly follow directions or to properly represent the GSDCA) . The person may re-apply for entrance into the Apprentice Judge program at a future date, pending SV committee approval.

2.3.6 PROBATIONARY JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

2.3.7 Probationary Judge

1. This is an appointment in which a person becomes authorized to function as an IGP Judge for a period of two years but is subject to a probationary status, meaning that appropriate performance is anticipated, yet the probation is subject to administrative review and this status may be revoked if inappropriate performance is reasonably adjudged.
2. Once the Apprentice Judge has successfully completed the requirements for advancement, his/her performance will be reviewed and, if deemed appropriate, s/ he will be appointed to be a Probationary Judge. The Director of Judges will be the authority who will submit to the SV Programs committee a request for a vote to approve the Probationary Judge.
3. When approved, the SV Programs committee chair will submit to the GSDCA Executive Board a request to approve the Probationary Judge.

2.3.8 A Probationary Judge must complete the following for advancement to a GSDCA SVP Full IGP Judge.

1. Judge 10 trials as a Probationary Judge.
2. Be a Probationary Judge for at least two (2) years.
3. Upon successful completion of the requirements listed above the Probationary Judge may be advanced to a Full GSDCA SVP IGP Judge.
4. The Probationary Judge is responsible for, and is not reimbursed for, any expenses they will incur while participating in their last Apprenticeship at the Nationals. ALL expenses incurred are the sole responsibility of the Probationary Judge.

2.4. Herding Working Dogs Judges

2.4.1. An applicant for appointment as an Apprentice Herding Working Dogs Judge shall exhibit the following qualifications.

- provide evidence of having been a GSDCA member for at least 3 years and maintain GSDCA membership in good standing.
- have been an active trainer and Herding working dogs events participant and provide evidence of the following minimum requirements.
- successful training and presentation of different dogs in Herding working dogs performance events (only dogs trained by the applicant count),
- the applicant should have been active in training in a local Club
- similar activities performed by the applicant in the area of service dogs [police, military, etc.] are considered but alone do not meet the requirements. Active participation in GSDCA activities must be demonstrated.
- Successful participation in a SV, WUSV, or GSDCA seminar including foundation seminar, main seminar and aptitude test.
- The aptitude test may only be granted if all formal requirements according to minimum requirements outlined above are met.
- provide permission for GSDCA to perform a background check

2.4.2. The application documents must be submitted to the GSDCA SV Programs Chair to be reviewed by the Judges program Office and will confirm their receipt to the applicant in writing and a copy will be sent to the GSDCA SV Programs office. If all requirements are met and the applicant has successfully passed the aptitude test the completed documents will be presented to the entire program committee of the GSDCA for final approval by majority vote to proceed to the apprenticeship process. Aptitude Test is carried out by the SV Programs Chair(s), members of Judges program office.

2.4.3. Admission as an Apprentice Judge shall be published in the GSDCA Magazine. The admission may be appealed against within a period of two weeks. The appeal must be justified in writing.

2.4.4. After admission as an Apprentice Judge, the Candidate shall complete at least five Apprenticeships at the Herding Working dogs events. For the inspection of the five Apprenticeships, the Director of Judges determines the veteran Judge(s) who will oversee the Apprenticeships.

2.4.5. It is the applicant's responsibility to gain permission to apprentice with a training judge, recommendations can be requested but the final decision is at the authority of the training judge to accept an apprentice judge. The SV Programs Chair/Judges program office must approve every apprenticeship event and the training judge. The apprenticeship process starts after the approval of the GSDCA committee at which time a start date will be established in writing. The training judges will need to be a fully licensed SV judge of at least 5 years, at least 2 of the 3 apprenticeships need to occur under two different licensed judges.

2.4.6. After completion of the Apprenticeship, the Candidate must send a written report on the event to the officiating Judge within a period of 14 days. The report must contain a detailed description of all dogs presented at the event and the usual formal reporting information. All critiques by the apprentice judge and training judge's performance evaluations are to be presented at the time of their completion but no later than 14 days after Apprenticeship event and then submitted to the GSDCA SV Programs Chair/ Judges Program Office to be evaluated and presented to SV committee for final approval of completion of the apprenticeship requirements

2.4.7. Repeating a failed exercise is only permitted once in the entire course of training.

2.4.8. After passing the five Apprenticeships, the Candidate must submit the final Trial documents.

2.4.9 An apprenticeship judge has 3 years to complete their apprenticeship, extensions may be granted with the approval in writing from the committee chair or GSDCA Board if no violations prevent otherwise.

2.4.10 . After passing the apprenticeship judges program the candidate is then recommend to the GSDCA Board for final approval from the program committee. After final review of the candidate and the recommendation of the committee the majority board vote is required to appointment as a provisional judge status. The appointment is posted to the website.

2.4.11. After the term of years provisional judge's status is met and the appointment of Herding Working Dogs Judge is granted if recommendation is made by SV Committee Chair. The decision on this matter is made by the President of GSDCA after consultation with the Board of Directors, SV Programs Chairperson(s), and Judges Program office. The Judges appointments are granted for the period of 4 years. They automatically end after 4 years and may be extended for every next 4 years by GSDCA. An extension may generally be granted if none of the items listed under section 6 of these Judging Regulations have been violated.

2.4.12. Assignments outside of the country are only permitted after appointment as a final Judge and approval of the SV program committee and/or board. The Herding Working Judge expressly waives the option to file an appeal in the case that no approval is granted. In the case of dismissal by the GSDCA Board and/ SV Committee Chair(s) for an important reason, the Herding Working Judge expressly waives the option to file an appeal against the dismissal.

2.5 Character Evaluators

2.5.1. Right of nomination.

Applicants for a career as a Character Evaluator must:

- successful training and presentation of two different dogs (at least one of them being a German Shepherd) at the test levels BH, IGP-1 to IGP-3 (only dogs trained by the applicant count), and successful completion of Breed survey.
- be active as a trainer/exhibitor.
- demonstrate evidence of successful participation in an SV judging seminar for Character Evaluators,

2.5.2. It is the responsibility of GSDCA SV Committee chair(s) and Judges Program office to check the requirements.

2.5.3. Once the requirements (2.5.1. And 2.5.2.) are met, the SV Committee decides on admission to perform three equivalence exercises for character evaluation.

2.5.4. The equivalence exercises are performed for the Observer during the regular appointments for character evaluation. The events are assigned to the Candidate for Character Evaluation by SV Committee Chair(s) and Judges Program Office.

2.5.5 Candidates for Character Evaluation must evaluate at least 20 dogs in the area of character in three equivalence exercises.

2.5.6 After completing the exercise, the Candidate must give his or her evaluation sheet to the Trainee Observer. After checking the documents, the Trainee Observer informs GSDCA SV Committee Chair(s) and Judges Program Office of whether the equivalence exercise was passed/ not passed. Repeating a failed exercise is only permitted once in the entire course of training.

2.5.7 The training period until completion of the final exercise must be completed within 2 years at the latest.

2.5.8. Appointment as a Character Evaluator is made for a term of four years each. They automatically end after this period and may be extended. An extension may generally be granted if none of the items listed under section IV of these Judging Regulations have been violated.

2.5.9 The appointment must be published in the GSDCA Magazine.

2.5.10 Assignments outside of the country are only permitted with the approval of the SV Committee Chair(s). The Character Evaluator expressly waives the option to file an appeal in the case that no approval is granted.

2.5.11 In the case of dismissal by the GSDCA Board and/ SV Committee Chair(s) for an important reason, the Character Evaluator expressly waives the option to file an appeal against the dismissal.

2.6 Rescue Dogs Judge

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- provide evidence of having been a GSDCA member for at least 3 years and maintain GSDCA membership in good standing.
- have been an active trainer and rescue events participant and provide evidence of the following minimum requirements.
- successful training and presentation of two different dogs in two area of the RD2 Test, Level B (only dogs trained by the applicant count),
- successful participation in at least one Regional Trial with a dog trained by the applicant.
- the applicant should have been active in training in a local Club
- similar activities performed by the applicant in the area of service dogs [police, military, etc.] and other rescue organizations are considered but alone do not meet the requirements. Active participation in GSDCA activities must be demonstrated,
- Successful participation in a SV, WUSV, or GSDCA seminar including foundation seminar, main seminar and aptitude test.
- The aptitude test may only be granted if all formal requirements according to minimum requirements outlined above are met.
- provide permission for GSDCA to perform a background check

2.6.2. The application documents must be submitted to the GSDCA SV Programs Chair to be reviewed by the Judges program Office and will confirm their receipt to the applicant in writing and a copy will be sent to the GSDCA SV Programs office. If all requirements are met and the applicant has successfully passed the aptitude test the completed documents will be presented to the entire program committee of the GSDCA for final approval by majority vote to proceed to the apprenticeship process. Aptitude Test is carried out by the President of GSDCA, SV Programs Chair, members of Judges program office.

2.6.3. Admission as an Apprentice Judge shall be published in the GSDCA Magazine. The admission may be appealed against within a period of two weeks. The appeal must be justified in writing.

2.6.4. After admission as an Apprentice Judge, the Candidate shall complete at least three Apprenticeships dogs in RD1 and 10 dogs in RD2 in different areas.

2.6.5. It is the applicant's responsibility to gain permission to apprentice with a training judge, recommendations can be requested but the final decision is at the authority of the training judge to accept an apprentice judge. The SV Programs Chair/Judges program office must approve every apprenticeship event and the training judge. The apprenticeship process starts after the approval of the GSDCA committee at which time a start date will be established in writing. The training judges will need to be a fully licensed SV judge of at least 5 years, at least 2 of the 3 apprenticeships need to occur under two different licensed judges.

2.6.6. After completion of the Apprenticeship, the Candidate must send a written report on the event to the officiating Judge within a period of 14 days. The report must contain a detailed description of all dogs presented at the event and the usual formal reporting information. All critiques by the apprentice judge and training judge's performance evaluations are to be presented at the time of their completion but no later than 14 days from the Apprenticeship event and then submitted to the GSDCA SV Programs Chair/ Judges Program Office to be evaluated and presented to SV committee for final approval of completion of the apprenticeship requirements

2.6.7. A subsequent Trial may only be approved if the evaluation report of the previous Apprenticeship is received by the SV Judges program office of SV program committee well enough in advance for it to be received by the officiating Trial Judge with reasonable notice, at the latest 3 days before the next Trial.

2.6.8. Repeating a failed exercise is only permitted once in the entire course of training.

2.6.9. After passing the three Apprenticeships, the Candidate must submit the final documents.

2.6.10. An apprenticeship judge has 3 years to complete their apprenticeship, extensions may be granted with the approval in writing from the committee chair or GSDCA Board if no violations prevent otherwise.

2.6.11. After passing the apprenticeship judges program the candidate is then recommended to the GSDCA Board for final approval from the program committee. After final review of the candidate and the recommendation of the committee the majority board vote is required to appointment as a provisional judge status. The appointment is documented in the Review and posted to the website under listed judges as a provisional judge.

2.6.12. After the term of years provisional judge's status is met and the appointment of Rescue Dogs Judge is granted. The decision on this matter is made by the President of GSDCA after consultation with the Board of Directors, SV Programs Chairperson(s), and Judges Program office. The Judges appointments are granted for the period of 4 years. They automatically end after 4 years and may be extended for every next 4 years by GSDCA. An extension may generally be granted if none of the items listed under section 6 of these Judging Regulations have been violated.

2.6.13. Assignments outside of the country are only permitted after appointment as a final Judge and approval of the SV program committee . The Rescue Dog Judge expressly waives the option to file an appeal in the case that no approval is granted. In the case of dismissal by the GSDCA Board and/ SV Committee Chair(s for an important reason, the Rescue Dog Judge expressly waives the option to file an appeal against the dismissal.

3. Tasks and duties

3.1.1. Judges for Breeding/Performance Evaluation must always act correctly in accordance with the regulations of the GSDCA SV Programs. They are obliged to ensure that to the best of their knowledge and in good conscience, no grounds exist for an apprehension of bias. They will be deemed to have acted in a highly unsportsmanlike manner if they improperly discuss or criticize the activity of another Judge in public. Such actions represent a gross violation of these Regulations.

3.1.2. They may not evaluate dogs under the following conditions.

- owned or co-owned by them within the last two years
- belonging to their spouses, children, parents or siblings.

- belonging to a person living within their household

3.1.3. Moreover, Judges are prohibited from training and/or presenting dogs that they do not own or co- own. Judges must disclose all ownership or co-ownership of dogs to the GSDCA and/or SV/WUSV upon request at any time.

3.1.4. Non-disclosure will, in every case, lead to an immediate block from judging until a resolution is determined and an appropriate disciplinary proceeding is enacted according to Item 4 of the Judging Regulations.

3.1.5. Judges are active on a volunteer basis. As reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses, the event organizer must provide remuneration in the form of per diem, travel and accommodation expenses. Judges are discouraged from partly or completely forgoing the compensation for expenses to which they are entitled.

3.1.6. Judges are obligated to comply with deadlines and to inform GSDCA of any deadlines placed upon them. If the Judge is impeded, the GSDCA offices and the event organizer must be informed in a timely manner.

3.1.7 Judges are obligated to participate in continued training once every 2 years. They must pass the continued training events offered by GSDCA for this purpose and evidence. When necessary due to changes in official regulations or as the Director of Judges deems necessary a aptitude test may be required with successful completion. In the event the aptitude test is not passed successfully a judge may reapply to take the exam no sooner than two weeks from the first attempt. ne reattempt is allowed.

4. Disciplinary regulations

4.1.1. To guarantee and maintain its external and internal order, GSDCA takes measures with respect to Judges who are found guilty of acting in violation of the provisions of the Judging Regulations and the GSDCA Statutes.

4.2.1. Disciplinary Senate

The GSDCA Board and/or SV Committee program chair (s) are authorized to act in accordance to respond to disciplinary regulations and act as the Disciplinary Senate.

4.3.1. Responsibility: The Disciplinary Senate is responsible for all matters and activities concerning Judges. The Disciplinary Senate generally meets on the request of the Senate members and must observe the rule of law.

4.3.2. If a member of the Disciplinary Senate is personally involved, the GSDCA Board must appoint a replacement member. The Disciplinary Senate decides, depending on the matter at hand, whether a written or oral procedure is to take place. In the case of oral proceedings, minutes must be kept.

4.3.3. The decision of the Disciplinary Senate must be recorded, and sent to the party involved in writing.

4.3.5. The Disciplinary Senate is final and the judge waives option to file an appeal.

4.4.1. Disciplinary Measures

4.4.2. The Disciplinary Senate decides at the beginning of the proceedings on a provisional abeyance of the office of the Judge for the duration of the proceedings. It may decide to impose the following disciplinary measures.

- Warning.
- Retraining.
- Temporary abeyance of the office of the Judge.
- Withdrawal of the office of the Judge
- These measures may also be imposed concurrently.

4.5.1. Procedural Costs

4.5.2. The costs for the proceedings must be borne by the perpetrator in the case of a conviction.

4.6.1. Place of Jurisdiction

4.6.2. Place of jurisdiction is in same accordance with the GSDCA parent club and the same state of law as outlined by the GSDCA.

4.7.1. Termination of Appointment as a Judge

4.7.2. Office of a Judge expires as follows:

- Automatically after expiry of the term of appointment.
- in the case of written declaration of resignation by the office holder to the offices of the GSDCA.
- in the event of deletion from the Judge List at the request of the GSDCA SV Committee Judges Office.
- in the event of a decision of the Disciplinary Senate according to Item 4.4.1.

5. Service as a Judge

5.1.1. Service as an GSDCA Judge (IGP Trial Judge, Herding Working Dogs Judge, Rescue Dog Judge or Breed Show Judge) is an essential pillar of the SV Programs' work, as only in this way can the further development of the breed be guaranteed both in terms of anatomy and performance (character).

5.1.2. Service as a Judge must thus only be performed in observance of the GSDCA/SV Programs' regulations.

5.1.3. The necessity to continuously update knowledge requires the willingness to engage in continuous further training.

5.1.4. For this reason, the SV Programs holds Judges' Seminars.

5.1.5. Participation in the Judge Seminars is mandatory, excusable only by the most direct of circumstances.

5.1.6. Employment as a Judge outside of the country requires the consent of the GSDCA SV Committee Chair(s). Judges have no legal entitlement to be approved for judging Trials outside of the country.

5.1.7. If a Judge judges without the consent of the GSDCA SV committee program chair(s), the appointment as a judge outside of the country will not be approved for the duration of one year.

5.1.8. It is not permitted to judge dogs at exhibitions or breeding shows that are owned or possessed by one of the Judges officiating at the event in question. Utmost restraint should be exercised when evaluation dogs possessed or owned by close relatives. These are on the same level as domestic partnerships, breeding communities, owners' communities, household communities etc. This also applies to dogs that they have bred or ones owned, co-owned or possessed by close relatives (first or second degree). Domestic partnerships, breeding communities and household communities are considered equal to relatives.

5.1.9. GSDCA Judges function on a volunteer basis. As compensation for expenses, the event organizer must provide remuneration as follows.

5.1.10. Per diem expenses to the determined amount. Reimbursement of travel expenses.

- Fee per mile at the current IRS rate or travel ticket (whichever is less)

- If applicable, costs for overnight accommodation with receipt, not including breakfast

5.1.11 At the recommendation of the GSDCA Board, deserving Judges may be appointed as GSDCA Honorary Judges by the GSDCA Board after the completion of their career.

- This appointment entitles them, among other things, to a free catalog at all GSDCA events

5.1.12. The office of the Judge expires as follows.

- Through resignation of the office of the Judge by its holder.
- No attendance of required completion of mandatory education.
- Inactivity as a Judge for a period of three years leads to withdrawal of the office of the Judge.
- If a police background check contains criminal entries or if it is not submitted with respect to the extension of the office of the Judge.
- Violation of professional conduct shown in behavior in a non-collegial manner towards GSDCA members or GSDCA a organization, including but not limited to personal, public, media and social media publications.

6. Duties of Judges

6.1.1. GSDCA Judges are discouraged to partly or completely forgo the compensation for expenses to which s/he is entitled.

6.1.2. GSDCA Judges must act in strict accordance with the GSDCA SV regulations (including Breed Standard, Breeding Show Regulations, Test Regulations, and Character Regulations).

- GSDCA Judges are obligated to conduct themselves in a collegial manner and maintain an impeccable appearance within and outside of the GSDCA.
- GSDCA Judges are obligated to comply with deadlines .
- The event organizer must be notified in the event that a Judge is justifiably impeded.
- Judges officiating at the National Championships are obligated to accept appointment as a Judge for a Regional , and, if applicable, to withdraw acceptance for Club s within 4 weeks of the announcement of the obligation to participate in the National event.