

2026 GSDCA IGP National Rules

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Entry into the 2026 GSDCA IGP National Championship is limited to German Shepherd Dogs only. Entries will be open for IGP1 and IGP2 for trial scores only. For IGP3, Entries can be for Trial score only or declare intent to qualify for the WUSV World Championship by checking the box on the Registration Form.
2. GSDCA membership is required for all entries. Pending membership applications will be accepted. Please remember that the membership approval process can take up to 3 months and plan accordingly.
3. All Handler/Dog teams entering the 2026 GSDCA IGP National Championship must have the following:

IGP1

- a. To enter the IGP1 level, the dog/handler must have earned a BH title or IGP 1 title earned at a FCI recognized trial.
- b. Must have a WUSV Approved Scorebook

IGP2

- a. To enter the IGP2 level, the dog/handler must have earned an IGP1 or IGP2 title, earned at a FCI recognized trial.
- b. Must have a WUSV Approved Scorebook

IGP3

- a. To enter the IGP3 level, the dog/handler must have earned a passing IGP3 title with at least 250 points, earned at a GSDCA sanctioned trial held between the closing date for entries from the previous years GSDCA nationals to the closing date of entries of the current years GSDCA Nationals.
- b. The previous year's GSDCA National Champion will automatically qualify to enter the current year GSDCA National.
- c. Attendance at the previous year's combined WUSV Qualifier by the same dog/handler team will automatically qualify to enter the current year GSDCA National.
- d. Attendance at previous year's WUSV Universal Sieger World Championship by the same dog/handler team will automatically qualify to enter the current year GSDCA National.
- e. Must have a WUSV Approved Scorebook.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN JOINT WUSV QUALIFIER EVENT

FILLING THE 10 JOINT QUALIFIER EVENT TEAMS:

- a. Up to 10 teams will be eligible for the Joint Qualifier Event so long as the team has checked the box for declaration on their national's entry.
- b. The top 10 teams with a minimum score of 250 and at least an 80 in phase C will be eligible for the Joint Qualifier Event.

PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

The top 10 eligible Dog/Handler teams understand there is a 10-day deadline that starts on the Monday after the weekend of GSDCA Nationals to submit all the necessary paperwork to the Trial Secretary of the Joint Qualifier Event. Qualifying teams must have paperwork proving eligibility to represent the United States at the WUSV in accordance with WUSV regulations.

Copies of the following documents **MUST** be submitted within 10 days of the completion of the GSDCA National Championship in accordance with WUSV regulations:

- a. WUSV Approved scorebook with proof of qualifying score.
- b. Proof of identification (microchip or tattoo) must be on the pedigree and in the dog's scorebook.
- c. Proof of valid rabies vaccination and other vaccinations according to State rules.
- d. Proof of Hips and Elbows(WUSV Approved) certification with the following exceptions:
Dogs born before January 1, 2018, are exempt.
- f. Show rating (minimum G) with the following exception:
Show rating of G or higher required, except for dogs born before January 1, 2020
- g. WUSV recognized 4 generation pedigree
- h. The trial handler of the entered dog must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States.

GENERAL RULES AND POLICIES

- 1.** This is a GSDCA National event under GSDCA rules. Trial rules are available on the GSDCA.ORG website. As stated in the rules any specific rule that is not addressed individually, we will automatically default to FCI regulations.
- 2.** It is the responsibility of every competitor to review and understand the rules of the organization, including disciplinary rules. Also, the rules of this event, and the rules of progressing events (ie: Combined Qualifier, World, etc.)
- 3.** Use of the event grounds (obedience, protection and tracking) by competitors 4 weeks prior to the event is prohibited until the start of the practice. Violating this rule will result in expulsion from the event.
- 4.** Practice times will be scheduled. All trial equipment (obedience and protection) will be in place.
- 5.** Each person will be given 5 minutes for obedience and 5 minutes for protection sessions.

6. Only those entered in the trial will be able to sign up for practice.
7. Draw night attendance is mandatory.
8. You must provide your own practice helper, and they must have their own equipment.
9. All electric devices, including E-collars, and pinch/prong collars and abusive corrections are strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disqualification.
10. Please practice good sportsmanship.

Included: New IGP regulations effective 1/16/2026

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