



Verein für
Deutsche Schäferhunde
(SV) e.V.

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JUDGING REGULATIONS

amended 2016

6.1.2.2 SV Judging Regulations (amended 2016) National Special Judge (Breed)

(Not to be amended by the GSDCA)

Clause 3 - Judges outside of the Country

3.1. General

As the founding association, Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V. is especially committed to the regulation, monitoring and promotion of the breeding and training of German Shepherds as working dogs.

The efforts to preserve, strengthen and consolidate the working dog characteristics of the

German Shepherd primarily rest, internationally, on two pillars:

1. In the area of breeding, on the correct implementation of the breed standard as stipulated by the mother country and filed with the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI).
2. In the area of breeding, on the correct implementation of the international FCI regulations (IPO) and the corresponding training titles.

The joint, goal-oriented and uniform activity of the associated Judges is an essential factor in these efforts. With respect to securing both the performance and the anatomic quality of the individual animals inspected, the greatest harmonisation of evaluation possible must be strived for in order to guarantee the positive development of the German Shepherd breed internationally.

In the effort to achieve the harmonisation described above, interested and committed foreign judges from the WUSV may acquire the additional qualifications 'Breeding' and/or 'Performance'. These qualifications are awarded for a limited time and automatically terminates after four years, calculated from the time of inclusion in the Judge Registry. The additional qualifications may be extended on request.

3.2. Minimum requirements

Applicants for each of the following careers must:

- be at least 25 years of age,
- submit a police check which may not be older than six months at the time of application,
- have been a member of his or her home association for at least five years and be a current member both there and at SV, (*- have been an active breeder and/or test participant in the last five years),
- be an active judge in his or her home association. Recognition as a national FCI Judge is desirable.

*(*evidence must be provided in the form of an official confirmation of the association)*

- Recognition of the disciplinary regulations / 4-year rule
- Individuals involved in pending disciplinary proceedings in their home association as well as dog and/or food retailers may not be proposed or appointed as applicants for a position as a national Special Breeding and/or Performance Judge. The same applies to individuals that are gainfully employed as cynological consultants and distributors. Judges may not engage in the abovementioned activities after their appointment.

3.3. National Special Judges for Breeding/Performance Evaluation

3.3.1. Right of nomination

The right to nominate individuals for the qualification of Special Breeding and/or Performance

Judges is held by the home association (WUSV member association) to which the applicant belongs as well as by the WUSV Board.

3.3.2. Requirements

The minimum requirements according to 3.2 must be met. If individuals already possess Judge status in an international, SV-/WUSV-recognised cynological association and wish to become Special Breeding and/or Performance Judges, the SV Board may, at the request of the home association, disregard the requirements subject to confirmation by the Main Association, if it can be assumed that this will not result in negative effects on the professional quality of the Judge. The applicant must in all cases have successfully participated in a foundation seminar offered by WUSV and have passed an equivalence exercise under a Judge assigned by the SV Board.

3.3.3. Appointment

If after formal review by the WUSV offices, the applicant meets the requirements according to 3.2.1 and 3.3.2 and if the SV Board gives its consent, the applicant may be appointed by his or her home association as a national Special Breeding/Performance Judge.

Once appointed, the national Special Breeding/Performance Judge is entitled to judge events for and with German Shepherds in the jurisdiction of his or her

home association. The evaluations and/or training titles awarded here are recognised by the corresponding national WUSV member association.

The responsible member association may extend the duration of the appointment before its expiration. The minimum requirement for the extension is that the Judge in question has been active in his or her home country at least once per year.

The member association is not obligated to extend the appointment. If the appointment is extended, the duration of each extension is 4 years. There is no right to appeal these decisions.

3.4. International Special Judges for Breeding/Performance Evaluation

3.4.1. Right of nomination

The right to nominate individuals for the qualification of International Special Breeding and/or Performance Judges is held by the home association (WUSV member association) to which the applicant belongs as well as by the WUSV Board.

3.4.2. Requirements

The minimum requirements according to 3.2 must be met.

If individuals already possess Judge status in an international, SV-/WUSV-recognised cynological association and wish to become international Special Breeding and/or Performance Judges, the SV Board may, at the request of the home association, disregard the requirements subject to confirmation by the Main Association, if it can be assumed that this will not result in negative effects on the professional quality of the Judge. In all cases, three equivalence exercises must be completed. For these exercises, an experienced Judge will be assigned by the SV Board.

3.4.3. Appointment

If after formal review by the WUSV offices, the applicant meets the requirements according to 3.2. and 3.4.2. and if the SV Board gives its consent, the applicant may be appointed by his or her home association as an international Special Breeding/Performance Judge.

Once appointed, the international Special Breeding/ Performance Judge is entitled to judge events for and with German Shepherds in the jurisdiction of his or her home association. Moreover, the possibility exists, if the WUSV offices grant their approval, to judge events in other WUSV member associations as well (see 3.5. Tasks and duties). An exception to this is represented by events in the mother country of the breed. The evaluations and/or training titles awarded here are recognised by the corresponding national WUSV member association.

The responsible member association may extend the duration of the appointment before its expiration. The minimum requirement for the extension is that the Judge in question has been active in his or her home country in at least three events per year.

The member association is not obligated to extend the appointment. If the appointment is extended, the duration of each extension is 4 years. There is no right to appeal these decisions.

3.5. Tasks and duties

National or international Special Judges for Breeding/Performance Evaluation must always act correctly in accordance with the regulations of SV and WUSV. 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 criticise the activity of another Judge in public. Such actions represent a gross violation of these Regulations.

They may not evaluate dogs

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

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 SV and/or WUSV upon request at any time.

Non-disclosure will, in all cases, lead to an immediate ban and a disciplinary proceeding according to Item 3.6. of the Judging Regulations. Judges are active on a volunteer basis. As reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses, the event organiser must provide remuneration in the form of per diem, travel and accommodation expenses. Judges are not permitted to offer their services to an event organiser or to partly or completely forgo the compensation for expenses to which they are entitled. Judges are obligated to comply with deadlines and to inform SV/WUSV of any deadlines. If the Judge is impeded, the WUSV offices and the event organiser must be informed in a timely manner.

International Special Judges must submit a report on judging activities outside of their home country to the offices of WUSV in the stipulated form. Every international Special Judge may not judge more than three times per year in a country outside of his or her home country (champions' shows/champions' tests do not belong to this contingent).

International Special Judges are obligated to participate in continued training. They must pass the continued training events offered by SV/WUSV for this purpose and demonstrate corresponding evidence.

3.6. Disciplinary regulations

To guarantee and maintain its external and internal order, SV/WUSV takes measures with respect to national or international Special Judges who are found guilty of acting in violation of the provisions of the Judging Regulations and the Statutes of WUSV.

3.6.1. Legal organs

The legal organ responsible for national/international Special Judges is the Disciplinary Senate. It is comprised of three individuals as well as two replacement individuals that are appointed by the SV/WUSV Board for a period of three years.

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If a member of the Disciplinary Senate is personally involved, the SV/WUSV 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.

The decision of the Disciplinary Senate must be recorded, justified and sent to the party involved in writing. The Disciplinary Senate determines deadlines for the performance and hearing, which must be complied with.

3.6.3. Disciplinary measures

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.

1. Warning
2. Retraining
3. Temporary abeyance of the office of the Judge
4. Withdrawal of the office of the Judge.

These measures may also be imposed concurrently.

3.6.4. Procedural costs

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

3.6.5. Place of jurisdiction.

The place of jurisdiction is Augsburg. German law applies.

3.7. Termination of employment as a Judge

Office as a national / international Special Judge expires:

- automatically after expiry of the term of appointment;
- in the case of written declaration of resignation by the office holder to the offices of SV/WUSV;
- in the event of deletion from the Judge List at the request of the home association.
- in the event of a decision of the Disciplinary Senate according to Item 3.6.3. (5).