

## **NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL IGP/IFH CHAMPIONSHIP POLICIES**

The region of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America (USCA) that includes the states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Maine, Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire or as may be amended by the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, shall be known as the “New England Region”.

The Region shall hold a Regional IGP & IFH (IFH optional) Championship annually in the months of September or October, care should be taken that there is at least a six (6) week window before the USCA National Championship.

1. Host Bid Process. Full member regional clubs in good standing may bid to host the Regional IGP and IFH Championship for the following year at the Annual Regional Meeting held in conjunction with the Regional IGP and IFH Championship. Bids shall be in writing and shall include the proposed dates, judges and location for each phase, as well as any other pertinent information that will assist member clubs in determining which bid to accept. In the event there is more than one bid to the host the Regional IGP and IFH Championship, there will be a vote to determine the winning bid at the Regional Meeting or thereafter a through a vote ballot.
2. Venue – The Championship need not be held in a stadium, although a neutral venue other than the hosting club’s training field is preferred.
3. Conflicting Events. No other trial or seminar may be scheduled for the weekend of the Regional IGP and IFH Championship. It is preferred that the hosting club is not to hold a club trial in conjunction with the New England Regional IGP and IFH Championship.
4. Helper Selection. The helpers for the New England Regional IGP Championship will be chosen at the New England Regional Helpers’ Seminar by the Regional Director, the New England Regional Teaching Helper and an outside the region Teaching Helper. The placement of the helpers chosen will be determined by the judge at the try-outs at the IGP Regionals.
5. The Regional IGP 3 Champion. The New England Regional IGP 3 Champion Cup is to be awarded to the highest scoring IGP dog/handler team residing in the New England Region. The handler must be in good standing with the USCA. The original cup is to remain with the Regional IGP Champion until the next Regional Championship where it will be replaced by a similar cup. The original New England Regional IGP 3 Champion Cup is NOT to leave the New England Region and must be turned in to the Regional Director prior to moving to another Region. There will be a Regional IGP 1 Champion and a Regional IGP 2 Champion. To be deemed a champion, a passing score must be achieved. If no dog achieves a passing score, no Regional Champion will be declared. Dogs shown at a Regional IGP Championship may enter for a new title or compete for the title currently held, but may not compete for a lower title.
6. Suggested list of trophies.
  - IGP 1 -2 – first place, second place and third place
  - IGP 3 – first place through to fifth place

- The following trophies will be awarded only to those competing at the IGP 3 level
    - High Tracking
    - High Obedience
    - High Protection
    - High H.O.T.
    - Helper's Favorite
    - High Double X (Female handler, Female dog)
    - High Auslander
    - Sportsman of the Year
  - The Sportsman of the Year is awarded to the person that the organizing club believes is the most deserving.
  - Competitors from outside the New England Region will **only** be eligible for the Auslander trophy. This should be stated on all forms of communication regarding entries.
7. Bibs – bibs will be provided by the Region together with custom numbers. The hosting club has the option to either use the bibs or numbers. The numbers will be given to the competitors as a keepsake.

**Regional IFH Champion.** Dogs shown at a Regional IFH Championship may enter for a new title, compete for the title currently held, or compete for a lower title. Dogs must reside in New England to obtain New England Regional IFH Champion.

**Regional Universal Champion.** Dogs must be IGP 3 and have a breed survey in order to obtain the Regional Universal Champion title. In addition, they must be presented in the working class at the Regional Conformation Show and must enter the IGP 3 category at the Regional IGP Championship. Only dogs residing in the Region are eligible to obtain New England Regional Universal Champion. The Regional Breed Warden is to be contacted by the handler to declare his/her dog for the Universal competition before the first event.