

The New England Region Universal Sieger and Siegerin Regulations

This program has been designed to promote the German Shepherd Dog breeding in the United States of America and our Region addressing both physical qualities as well as character attributes as the foundation of the true German Shepherd Dog.

I. Participation Requirements

- a. All German Shepherd Dogs owned by a resident of the New England Region of USCA who are members in good standing of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America and are members of a New England Regional affiliated USCA club are eligible to receive this title under the following conditions:
- b. The dog must be breed surveyed.
- c. The dog must be shown in the Regional Conformation Show and Regional IPO Championship in the same calendar year.
- d. Dogs owned outside of the region and handled by a New England regional member, must be in possession of a New England member and resident at least 6 months before the first closing date of the first event in order to participate.
- e. Dogs that have been sterilized after receiving a KKL rating are not eligible.
- f. Dogs must have a SchH 3/IPO3 and KKL rating to obtain the title of Universal Sieger/in (year)
 - i. In the event a participating dog is entered in the Regional IPO3 Championship, without a KKL rating (breed survey) the dog must obtain a KKL rating (breed survey) before or at the Regional Conformation Show. Breed ratings cannot be held over for a KKL rating (breed survey) at a later date or time. Dogs must be shown in the working class of the Regional Conformation Show.
 - ii. In the event a dog is SchH2/IPO2 at the time of registration for the Universal Sieger title, the dog must obtain the IPO3 title at or before the Regional IPO3 competition. Dogs must be shown in the IPO3 competition.

II. Registration Procedure

- a. A pre-registration of participating dogs is required before the first regional event.
- b. A Universal Sieger participation card is to be obtained from the Regional Breed Warden. A copy of the dogs registration papers, breed survey report (KKL), score book, USA membership card and name of a New England USCA Club affiliation is to be send in to the regional breed warden for recording purposes.
- c. Owner/handler must note on entry form of hosting club of the interest to participate. The participation card is be brought to both the IPO3 Championship and Conformation Show the score /rating is to be recorded and signed after each event by the attending judge. The participation card cannot be issued at or during an event. Any altering or changes of entries on the participation card must be done by the judge and witnessed by either the Regional Director or Regional Breed Warden, if neither is not present, a Breed Warden of the region can be called upon. Any alternations or corrections done by the handler or owner will result in a disqualification.

- d. Hosting clubs are to note those dogs that are participating for the Universal Sieger Title in their event catalogs. Entry forms of hosting clubs must have an additional space for the Universal Sieger entry.
- e. No entries are allowed after the giving closing date of first event.

III. Point System

- a. The dog receiving the lowest number of points combined in both events will be declared as the New England Region Universal Sieger and Siegerin (year).
- b. The following points will be awarded:
 - i. Regional Conformation Show
 - 1. Dogs are awarded points depending on their placing in the adult working classes.
 - 2. The first place dog receives one (1) point. The dog in second place receives two (2) points, and so on until the last dog in the group of dogs declared for Universal Sieger/Siegerin.
 - 3. In case both long stock coat and stock coat varieties are declaring for Universal Sieger/Siegerin they will be presented to the judge after the end of adult working classes and the conformation judge will decide on placing.
 - ii. Regional IPO Championship
 - 1. Dogs are awarded points depending on their placing at the Regional IPO Championship. The first place dog receives one (1) point. The dog in second place receives two (2) points, and so on until the last dog in the group of dogs declared for Universal Sieger/Siegerin.
- c. The highest possible score is two (2).
- d. In the event of several dogs achieving identical points (tie), the dog bred in the Region under United Schutzhund Clubs of America regulations will be favored over any other dog. If there is still a tiebreaker necessary, then the points received from the performance in the Regional IPO Championship will dominate the other points.

IV. Recognition

- a. The Regional Universal Sieger and Regional Universal Siegerin will receive a trophy award immediately following the declaration.
- b. The Universal Sieger/Siegerin is to be noted on Regional website with a picture, pedigree owner and/or breeder, to no charge of the owner/breeder. It is the responsibility of the owner/breeder to submit the information to the editor of the website.
- c. The trophy cost for the Universal Sieger/Siegerin is to be shared by the 2 clubs hosting the events for the giving year. No additional entry fees are to be charged by hosting clubs for participation of the Universal Sieger/Siegerin title.
- d. An award certificate is to be giving to the handler/owner and breeder of the winning dog and to be sign by attending Judge and Regional Breed Warden.

Revision History:

9/29/2012 – Point system has changed to correspond with USCA/international Universal Sieger rules and regulations. This change was voted on at 2012 Regional meeting.