



2018 GSDCA National IPO3/FH Championship Trial Rules and Regulations

Entry Requirements

1. Entry into the GSDCA National IPO3/FH Championship Trial is limited to German Shepherd Dogs.
2. All dogs entered for the GSDCA National IPO3 Championship Award must have the following:
 - a. IPO3, SchH3 or VPG3 Title
 - b. A qualifying score of 250 with at least 80 points Pronounced in Protection
 - i. There is no time frame on when the dog earned the qualifying score
 - ii. It does not matter who the Handler was at the time the qualifying score was earned
 - c. AKC Registration
 - d. AKC Certified Four-Generation Pedigree if born in the United States
 - e. If foreign-born, FCI, WUSV or SV recognized pedigree from the dog's country of birth
 - f. GSDCA scorebook
 - g. SV recognized Hip Elbow ratings must be indicated on the pedigree
 - h. Must be in sufficient physical condition to compete in this demanding competition
 - i. If the dog has multiple owners, at least one owner must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and a member or pending member of the GSDCA.
3. The Handler must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and a member or pending member of the GSDCA.
4. Copies of the following documents must be submitted with entry. **Original** documents must be presented to the event secretary at check-in;
 - a. Pedigree and Registration papers
 - b. GSDCA, USCA, or other FCI recognized organization's scorebook with proof of qualifying scores for the event
 - c. Must be IPO3, SchH3 or VPG3 to enter IPO3
 - d. Proof of tattoo or microchip certification if not noted on the registration/pedigree papers.
5. Entries submitted without the above documents and entry fee will not be accepted.

IPO1 and IPO2 Requirements

1. Does not require GSDCA membership to enter. However, to qualify for IPO1 or IPO2 Champion, GSDCA membership is required.
2. The dog must be AKC registered if born in the United States. If foreign-born the dog must be registered with the dog's country of birth.
3. The handler is not required to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

FH1 Requirements

1. Does not require GSDCA membership to enter. However, to qualify for FH1 Champion, GSDCA membership is required.
2. The dog must be AKC registered if born in the United States. If foreign-born the dog must be registered with the dog's country of birth.
3. The handler is not required to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
4. Dog must have earned at least a BH.
5. Dog must be a minimum of 18 months of age.

Please Note:

- **Electronic and Pinch Collars are not allowed anywhere on the trial grounds, parking lot areas, or on the host hotel grounds**
- **Unsportsmanlike conduct or abuse will result in the competitor being dismissed from the event**
- **The Judges' decisions are final**

GSDCA H.O.T. Award Qualification

To qualify as a H.O.T. (Handler-Owner-Trained) dog the following criteria must be met:

1. The handler-owner must be a member in good standing of the GSDCA.
2. The handler-owner must have owned the dog from the age of 12 months.
3. The handler-owner must provide either AKC registration or foreign registration showing proof of ownership and date of ownership.
4. The handler-owner must have handled the dog for all training and titling of the dog.
5. Dog may not have been leased out to anyone prior to all titles being earned.
6. Co-ownership is allowed but both parties must have their names on the registration from the beginning of ownership. Only one of the owners can be the handler/trainer of the dog.

GSDCA B.H.O.T. Award Qualification

To qualify as a B.H.O.T. (Breeder-Handler-Owner-Trained) dog the following criteria must be met:

1. The breeder-owner must be a member in good standing of the GSDCA.
2. The dog must carry the breeder-owner's kennel name.
3. The breeder-owner must provide either AKC registration or foreign registration listing breeder, showing proof of ownership and date of ownership.
4. The dog must be AKC registered by 12 months of age.
5. You as breeder-owner must have done all training and put all titles on the dog.
6. Dog may not have been leased out to anyone prior to all titles being earned.
7. Co-ownership is allowed but both parties must have their names on the registration from the beginning of ownership, and only one of those parties can be the handler/trainer of the dog.

