



GUIDE to updated Policy manual changes.

Grammar and proper wording changes done throughout the document where possible. i.e Nationals to Canadian German Shepherd Dog Championships and Sieger Show.

PURPLE- On December 19, 2016 the GSSCC Board of Directors approved the following changes to sections 6 (b,c), 10(e,f), 12, 14(c,d), 14(d)(vi), 14(e,f), 14(f)(vi), 17.1, 17.2, 17.3, 43.1(b), 43.2(a), 44, 45(a), 59(c), 62(e).

RED- On March 6, 2017 the GSSCC membership voted by E Ballot to approve the following changes to sections 2(c), 27(a), 43(d), 43.1(c), 43.1(e), 43.2(b), 43.2(c), 43.2 (d)

6(b) While the manual is being developed and during periodic updates of the manual, a bulletin will be published in Shepherd Sports and/or on the GSSCC website as an interim means of **REMOVE** communicating new or revised information prior to official GSSCC publication in the manual.

6(c) Bulletin should be filed for easy reference. Once the printed text of the subject concerned is received, the bulletin can be destroyed or kept on file for future reference. **REMOVE**

10(e) There will be a \$5.00 surcharge for non-members of the GSSCC for young dog class and below. **REMOVE**

10(e) Entrants for all the classes for the Sieger Show Working Class must be members of the GSSCC or a WUSV affiliate. All Canadian residents must be GSSCC members.

Section 12 - HELPER PROTOCOL

12(a) Helpers must know the trial regulations. **REMOVE**

12(b) Helpers must test all of the dogs in the same manner. **REMOVE**

12(c) Helpers must test the dogs firmly and fairly. **REMOVE**

12(d) Helpers are assistants to the Judge during a trial. **REMOVE**

12(e) Helpers must work in such a manner to ensure the safety of the dogs. **REMOVE**

ADD- 12(a) All helpers must be certified through the GSSCC helper program.

12(b) In 2007 the GSSCC Board of Director approved a GSSCC helper program. All helpers, members and judges will follow this program.

12(c) Helpers are selected independently for the Canadian German Shepherd Dog

Championship trial and the Sieger Show Working Class.

Section 14 – ELECTIONS/NATIONAL

- 14(a)** Both President and Directors hold office for a period of two years.
- 14(b)** The Vice-President shall be a director who is elected in alternate years to the President.
- 14(c)** An Election Committee Chairperson will be appointed at each AGM to oversee the election of board officers the following year. Their duties would include naming a committee, sending out ballots and establishing a procedure for collecting and counting ballots. **This includes using the online voting system. ADD**
- (i) Nominations are to be received by the Election Committee Chairperson by a prescribed date.
 - (ii) Nominations will then be copied to the editor and **webmaster** for publication.
 - (iii) Ballots will then be mailed or **emailed** out to all members.
- 14(d)** When the **completed** ballots have been received back, the above committee will:
- (i) Select one among them who will be in attendance at the Annual General Meeting to oversee the counting of the ballots and to carry a deposition indicating the results have been scrutinized. Each candidate may have a scrutinizer present for the opening and counting of the ballots.
 - (ii) Examine the postmarks and eliminate envelopes that do not qualify for counting.
 - (iii) Open those that qualify, and reach agreement on the total counts for each candidate.
 - (iv) Opening and counting is to be done the day of the AGM, but prior to the meeting.
 - (v) Be at the Annual General Meeting to announce the outcome of the elections. They should carry the ballots with them and be prepared to oversee a recount should the request arise.
 - (vi) **OR if all parties nominated agree voting can be done through the GSSCC online voting system and the results certified by a third party. ADD**

Section 14(e) – ELECTIONS/REGIONAL

- 14(e)** (i) An Election Committee Chairperson will be appointed at each Regional AGM to oversee the election of board officers the following year. Their duties would include naming a committee, sending out ballots and establishing a procedure for collecting and counting ballots. **This includes using the online voting system. ADD**
- (ii) Nominations are to be received by the Election Committee Chairperson by the prescribed date.
 - (iii) Nominations will then be copied to the editor and **webmaster** for publication.
 - (iii) Ballots will then be mailed or **emailed** out to all members in the Region. This will be done by the Regional board.
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- 14(f)** When the completed ballots have been received back, the above committee will:
- (i) Select one among them who will be in attendance at the Regional Annual General Meeting to oversee the counting of the ballots and to carry a deposition indicating the results have been scrutinized. Each candidate may have a scrutinizer present for the opening and counting of the ballots.
 - (ii) Examine the postmarks and eliminate envelopes that do not qualify for counting.
 - (iii) Open those that qualify, and reach agreement on the total counts for each candidate.
 - (iv) Opening and counting is to be done the day of the AGM, but prior to the meeting.
 - (v) Be at the Annual General Meeting to announce the outcome of the elections. They should carry the ballots with them and be prepared to oversee a recount should the request arise.
 - (vi) OR if all parties nominated agree voting can be done through the GSSCC online voting system and the results certified by a third party. **ADD**
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ADD - Section 17.1 - HELPER PROGRAM COORDINATOR

- 17.1 (a)** This position is appointed by the GSSCC Board of Directors and follows the guidelines set out in the helper program.
- 17.1(b)** This person is responsible to oversee, administer and make sure all helpers follow the helper program.
- 17.1 (c)** This person reports to the GSSCC Head Judge.

ADD - Section 17.2 - TRIAL MANAGER/SECRETARY

- 17.2 (a)** This person is responsible for any trial they are named trial manager/secretary for.
- 17.2 (b)** This person must follow and enforce all rules as set out in GSSCC trial rules document.
- 17.2 (c)** As of January 2018, all Trial Managers will have to be certified through the GSSCC Trial Manager program in order to perform any Trial Manager duties at a trial.

ADD - Section 17.3 - NATIONAL TRIAL MANAGER COORDINATOR

- 17.3 (a)** This position is appointed by the GSSCC Board of Directors and follows the guidelines set out in the Trial Manager program
- 17.3(b)** This person is responsible to oversee, administer and make sure all Trial Managers follow the Trial Manager program.
- 17.3 (c)** This person reports to the GSSCC Head Judge.

- 43.1 (b)** It is the handler's responsibility to send in the Letter of Intent (as found in Shepherd Sports or website) to your Regional Chairperson as well as the Team Canada Coordinator preceding the Canadian German Shepherd Dog Championships. **ADD**

43.2(a) It is the handler's responsibility to send in the Letter of Intent (as found in Shepherd Sports or website) to your Regional Chairperson as well as the Team Canada Coordinator preceding the Canadian German Shepherd Dog Championships. **ADD**

Section 44- QUALIFYING FOR THE TOP TEN LIST

44(a) Each year a club officer correlates scores and presents a list of the top ten performance dogs owned by our members based on trials attended that year as follows: **DELETE**

(i) The scores from a dog's best three trials under SV, USCA or Canadian judges will count toward inclusion on the top ten list. **DELETE**

(ii) The officer in charge of this task will compile the scores of all dogs attending three or more trials in the year ending December 31, select the best three scores, determine the average scores of each and declare the order from first to tenth. **DELETE**

44(b) Results will be published in the spring issue of Shepherd Sports. **DELETE**

44(c) Score of the WUSV Championship to be included toward top ten list. **DELETE**

44(d) Scores achieved outside of Canada under SV Judges will be recognized for the Top Ten. The handler must submit proof of the scores to the GSSCC. **DELETE**

44(e) All handlers must compete under three (3) different judges in any current year to achieve highest scoring IPO3 dog in order to be awarded Top Dog in Canada. **DELETE**

Replace 44(a) Each year a club officer correlates scores and presents a list of the top ten performance dogs owned by our members based on trials attended that year. **See section 39 for details.**

45(a) It is recommended that members of Team Canada shall book their reservations through the Official Travel agency of the GSSCC where applicable. **REMOVE**

59(c) A **per diem of \$100.00** must be paid for each day that judging/seminar activities take place. **A Judge may receive an additional \$100.00 for any travel day when he/she did not judge on that day. It is the responsibility of the Judge to report/ claim any per diem received as per Federal Tax laws.** Foreign guests (SV and USA) will be paid in Canadian Dollars or the equivalent value of Canadian dollars should they prefer their own currency. **ADD**

Policy changes approved by membership E-Vote - March 2017

PASSED The GSSCC should continue to select and send a team to the FCI Championship.

PASSED 27(a) Twenty dollars from all membership fees shall go directly to the Team Canada Fund for the WUSV World and Universal Championships.

PASSED 2 (c) Any member of the GSSCC raising funds for any reason on behalf of the GSSCC will do so under the strict supervision of the GSSCC Treasurer and will provide completed monthly financial statements to the GSSCC Treasurer. Before any person can raise funds, the GSSCC Treasurer will set very specific guidelines that will be pre-approved by the GSSCC Board of Directors.

PASSED 43(d) The team must compete at a GSSCC Regional Championship successfully at an IPO 3 level with the same dog from one Canadian GSD Championship to the next.

PASSED - 43.1(c) The team must compete at a GSSCC Regional Championship successfully at an IPO 3 level with the same dog from one Canadian GSD Championship to the next. The dog must also compete in a GSSCC Regional show from one Canadian GSD Championship to the next and receive a minimum G show rating.

PASSED 43.1(e) Five (5) dog/handler teams will make up the GSSCC Universal Team. The top male and top female as determined by the Universal formula will form the GSSCC Universal Team. The other members positions will be filled by using the Universal formula. Should one of the top five decline, then the opportunity will be given to the next qualifying dog, male or female, in descending order until the five positions are filled. Dogs must receive a minimum G rating in the Sieger Show to qualify.

PASSED 43.1(g) Handler's must be a member in good standing of the GSSCC for the 24 months preceding the date of application for the team. ADD

PASSED 43.2(b) The top five (5) dog/handler teams with minimum score of 250 and a pronounced rating in protection at the Canadian German Shepherd Dog will be selected for Team Canada. Should one of the top five decline, the opportunity will be given to the next qualifying applicant in descending order until the five positions are filled. ADD

PASSED 43.2(c) Handler's must be a member in good standing of the GSSCC for the 24 months preceding the date of application for the team. ADD

PASSED 43.2(d) The team must compete at a GSSCC Regional Championship successfully at an IPO 3 level with the same dog from one Canadian German Shepherd Dog Championship to the next. ADD