

# GSD League of Great Britain

## RULES & REGULATIONS FOR OUR WUSV MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The GSD League of Great Britain hereby establishes a firm and clear foundation within its Constitution, Rules and Regulations, for all WUSV activities which fall under the obligations and responsibilities required by the GSD League's WUSV membership. These obligations are contained in the Constitution of the WUSV, in particular Section 12, Duties of the member associations. Reproduced below:

### **Constitution of the WUSV: Section 12 Duties of the member associations**

(1) The member associations are obligated to:

1. comply with the constitutions, regulations and terms of execution in the version in operation and accept decisions and resolutions of the bodies of the WUSV;

This particularly is effected by:

- a) recognising the racial features of the German Shepherd as stipulated by the SV;
- b) recognising the Breeding Book for German Shepherds and the Book of Selection for Breeding Purposes of the SV as mother country of the breed as well as the Breeding Books and Books of Selection for Breeding Purposes of those countries and member associations which pursue the breeding of the German Shepherd based on the provisions of the SV and are WUSV members; The mutual recognition in any case comprises all Breeding Books and Books of Selection for Breeding Purposes which are recognised by the SV. This irrespective of the recognition by cynological organisations which do not belong to the FCI; the creation of a common Breeding Book accepted by the cynological world organisations is aspired as long-term objective;
- c) control of breeding, raising, owning and training on the basis of the regulations of the SV;
- d) setting up and carrying out activities for the selection for breeding purposes in accordance with the Regulations For The Selection For Breeding Purposes of the SV;
- e) holding of breeding events on the basis of the Regulations of the SV;
- f) holding of own and support of recognised training activities including herding;
- g) holding of own and support of recognised youth activities;
- h) training and admission of expert judges and masters for the selection for breeding in accordance with the Regulations For Judges of the SV and the WUSV;
- i) setting up and carrying out tattooing and micro-chipping;
- j) effecting the WUSV world championship in accordance with the Examination Regulations of the SV, which must be carried out each year by another member association.

2. settle all payments due on time;

3. inform the Managing Board at the office about changes in their place of their business of the member association;
4. make public complaints and accusations towards member associations of the association only in accordance with the spirit of comradeship and not out of the WUSV and only to the Managing Board or within the Members' Meeting.
5. Member Clubs of the WUSV have the obligation to manage all the friends and fans of the German Shepherd Dog within their national field of activity and to allow them access to all possible activities carried out by the Club.
6. This also includes the representation of interests of Shepherd Dog lovers both under the terms of WUSV membership and also under the terms of the respective national canine association.
7. Member Clubs of the WUSV have the duty to provide WUSV-Observers all relevant information and assistance that are necessary for the WUSV-Observers to fulfil his/her responsibilities.
8. If in one member country two or more associations are members of the WUSV, each Member Club shall be obliged to allow the members of the other Member Clubs to participate in their events, unless there is a club ban for this member.

The Member Clubs of the WUSV aim to recognise examinations, breeding evaluations, certificates and/or breeding selections of other Member Clubs as far as possible. If examinations, breeding evaluations, certificates and/or breeding selections are awarded by an international WUSV judge or masters for selection for breeding on the basis of a respective WUSV regulation, all Member Clubs of the WUSV shall be obliged to recognise these in full.

**THE GSD LEAGUE STRUCTURE TO FULFIL OUR WUSV MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS  
AND  
THE "SPIRIT" OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The GSD League of Great Britain (GSDL) is solely responsible for all the obligations placed upon it as a member association of the WUSV. Therefore all Rules and Regulations herein can only be agreed and amended under the Constitution of the GSD League of Great Britain at a GSD League Annual General Meeting (AGM), Special General Meeting (SGM) or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) and/or by changes to the WUSV Constitution.

The obligations placed upon the GSD League under the WUSV Constitution, particularly Section 12 above, are considerable and challenging. The GSD League has made considerable progress over recent years, in particular in co-ordinating the planning, developing and organising of Regional Events based on the Regulations of the SV and WUSV as referred to under the WUSV Constitution, Section 12 above.

In order to manage all the friends and fans of the German Shepherd Dog within Great Britain and to allow them access to all possible activities carried out by the GSD League of Great Britain, the GSD League has organised and established over recent years a WUSV/GSD League - British Regional Group (BRG). This has the title of WUSV/GSDL-BRG.

The WUSV/GSDL-BRG facilitates other GSD Clubs/Groups throughout Great Britain to have the opportunity to organise and host WUSV activities through affiliation to the GSD League in accordance with these GSD League Rules and Regulations, which are specifically formulated to regulate our WUSV Regional Event activities.

The WUSV/GSD League - British Regional Group (WUSV/GSDL-BRG) has established a WUSV/GSDL-BRG

Management Committee in order to ensure that all WUSV activities that fall within the GSD League's obligations and responsibilities under the WUSV Constitution are very well managed under these GSD League Rules and Regulations. This is a substantial and very important responsibility and done entirely through volunteers, whom we appreciate and trust to use their best endeavours, co-operation, diligence and integrity in fulfilling these considerable responsibilities.

The **"WUSV/GSDL-BRG"** Title must appear in ALL documents, schedules, catalogues, advertisements, facebook pages, website pages and any other media used in the promotion, organisation, communication, hosting and publicity etc. in anyway connected with the WUSV/GSDL-BRG.

The GSD League and our WUSV/GSDL-BRG will use its best endeavours to provide a wide range of WUSV activities for the enjoyment of all who participate and attend.

The GSD League and our WUSV/GSDL-BRG will constantly strive to continually improve the levels of benefits, achievements and enjoyment these WUSV activities can offer.

The GSD League and our WUSV/GSDL-BRG will constantly strive to resolve any challenges encountered in a most considerate manner. Most importantly we ask all friends and fans of the German Shepherd Dog for your patience, consideration, assistance, and support in helping us to succeed in these endeavours, for the benefit of our GSD breed and all GSD friends and fans throughout Great Britain.

## **A Aims and Objectives**

A1 The aims of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG are as follows:

- To promote the health and welfare of the German Shepherd Dog
- To provide a medium for members to exchange views and information
- To organise and arrange events for the GSD based on WUSV rules
- To provide an educational base for sharing information on:-
  - WUSV rules and regulations
  - Mandatory Health Issues
  - Working qualifications
- To promote the GSD as per the WUSV standard
- To assist members in obtaining qualifications based on the WUSV system
  - BH
  - AD
  - Schutzhund / IPO 1, 2 & 3
  - Koerung
  - Koerung (Lebenzeit/life)

A2 Objectives of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG

To promote a sound, healthy German Shepherd Dog, conforming to the breed standard and which is capable of achieving the minimum required to obtain a British Breed Survey pass.

To organise a calendar of Regional Events to be posted on the WUSV/GSDL-BRG and GSD League websites, where the aim is to give at least one year's notice regarding forthcoming events.

## **B. General**

**B1** It is an objective of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG to ensure that training, events and competition are conducted with the maximum safety to all persons concerned. Failure to comply with any of the safety

rules may result in immediate suspension pending disciplinary action. (See disciplinary code) The WUSV/GSDL-BRG will not tolerate any form of bullying of its members, guests, judges or exhibitors. This organisation will treat all its members with respect & fairness

B2. WUSV/GSDL-BRG is made up of the GSD League and GSD Clubs/Groups affiliated to the GSD League.

B3. The WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee will consist of the following Officers:-  
Chairperson – the Chair will always be appointed by the GSD League Council.  
The WUSV/GSDL-BRG General Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed by nomination and voted for by the WUSV/GSDL- BRG Management Committee.

B4. The WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee cannot alter or amend any GSD League Rules and Regulations. The rules of the GSD League may only be altered at a GSD League Members ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) or SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (SGM), notice of which includes details of the proposal to alter the Rules. Rule alterations approved by a GSD League Members AGM or SGM shall be adopted immediately and be included with immediate effect or another date if agreed at the AGM or SGM.

### **C. WUSV/GSDL-BRG Affiliation**

C1. For GSD Clubs/Groups to be considered for affiliation to the WUSV/GSDL-BRG the objectives of the Clubs/Groups must be considered by the GSD League to be likely to assist towards attaining any one or more of its objectives referred to under the WUSV Constitution, Section 12 above. A written application to the General Secretary of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG must be made who will issue the necessary forms for affiliation to the WUSV/GSDL-BRG as appropriate.

C2. Affiliation will be on an annual basis with the required fees due each year on 1<sup>st</sup> January. Approval for affiliation to the WUSV/GSDL-BRG is at the sole discretion of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee. C3 Every Affiliated GSD Club/Group will pay an annual Affiliation Fee to the WUSV/GSDL-BRG.

### **D. WUSV/GSDL-BRG Committee**

D1 The WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee shall manage the day to day affairs of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG

D2 The WUSV/GSDL-BRG Chairman will be appointed by the GSDL Council and will be a GSD League Council member.

D3 The following Officers shall be appointed from within and by the elected WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee:

- General Secretary
- Treasurer
- Awards Co-ordinator
- Events Co-ordinator

D4 Officers of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG will each serve 3 years in office, where-by they will then be up for re-election. This is with the exception of the Chair, who will remain in office until such time as he/she resigns and/or the GSD League Council appoints a replacement.

D5 The remainder of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee will consist of no more than two delegates from the GSD League and from each individual GSD Club/Group. The two delegates representing their GSD Club/Group need not be the same two delegates, although for reasons of continuity, it is advisable.

D6 To aid continuity each GSD Club/Group by permission of the Chair, may bring one (non-voting) observer to a meeting.

D7 Each GSD Club/Group will have one vote. Where votes are tied the Chair will have the casting vote.

D8 Each delegate representing a GSD Club/Group should carry a mandate from that GSD Club/Group allowing them to exercise their own opinion and vote on any proposals, made or amended, at any WUSV/GSDL-BRG management meeting they attend but they are obliged to represent the views of their members on matters upon which those members have been consulted

D9 On all matters of a 'point of order', the Chair's decision is final.

D10 WUSV/GSDL-BRG Awards Administrator

The WUSV/GSDL-BRG management committee will appoint an Awards Administrator who will keep a record of:

dogs names, their Grading and points gained at every Regional Event.

The Secretary (or show secretary) of the GSD Club/Group holding the event,

will be responsible for supplying the final results, including Gradings, to

the WUSV/GSDL-BRG General Secretary, who in turn will then submit them to the Awards

Administrator, who will be responsible for allocating points to the criteria

agreed by the WUSV/GSDL-BRG in order to produce the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Annual League Table Awards and/or any other Award the WUSV/GSDL-BRG may see fit to create in the future.

D11 WUSV/GSDL-BRG Events Coordinator (EC)

GSD Clubs/Groups planning an Event, must first contact the EC with their preferred type of Event, date and Judge/s. The EC will keep a list of

Events, Dates and Judges and enter onto the Events Calendar. The EC

will also prepare an Annual Events Calendar which will be constantly

updated as information is received. This information will be forwarded

to the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Chairman who will ensure the events are listed / updated on the

GSD League and WUSV/GSDL-BRG Websites and an updated copy of the Events Calendar will also be

sent via email to all WUSV/GSDL-BRG Club/Group members.

The EC role is to do all in their power to prevent the overlapping / duplicating of dates of

GSD breed events thereby allowing each GSD Event to attract the maximum amount

of entries.

D12 It may be necessary for the WUSV/GSDL-BRG to appoint other individuals to carry out duties for the Group, these individuals must be a member of a WUSV/GSDL-BRG Club/Group. Such appointees will be co-opted onto the Group Committee, with the co-option lasting for as long as their services may be required. Any such co-options must be reviewed annually at the first WUSV/GSDL-BRG meeting of the year.

D13 There should be no fewer than two (2) and no more than four (4) WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee meetings per annum. Unless under exceptional circumstances when a Special Meeting will be called by the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Group or the GSD League Chairman.

D14 A quorum for a WUSV/GSDL-BRG management committee meeting shall be no less than 50% + 1 of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG management committee membership.

D15 All GSD Clubs/Groups within the WUSV/GSDL-BRG must attend at least 50% of the management meetings held within a twelve month period. Constant failure to attend may result in the termination of WUSV/GSDL-BRG membership, to be agreed by a simple majority of the group.

D16 Items for the agenda must be with the WUSV/GSDL-BRG General Secretary no later than three (3) weeks prior to the date of the next meeting. Any items arriving later will not be accepted unless by exceptional express permission of the Chairman.

D17 The WUSV/GSDL-BRG General Secretary will send a copy of the Agenda to each GSD Club/Group no less than seven (7) days prior to the next meeting. The General Secretary will take the minutes of the meetings and produce a full set of minutes to be sent out within 30 days of the close of the meeting. 'Action Points' with the name of the member must be minuted at the end of each Agenda item. In the

event of the Secretary being absent or indisposed, another member will be appointed to act as Secretary, by taking and producing full minutes for that meeting. WUSV/GSDL-BRG minutes will be sent to the GSD League General Secretary who will ensure a copy is provided to each GSD League Council Member.

D18 The Chairman of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG will produce a brief annual written report for inclusion with the agenda of the GSD League AGM, for all GSD League Members. This report to include the names of all GSD Clubs/Groups within the WUSV/GSDL-BRG and a list of the previous calendar years Events, along with a list of the forthcoming years organised Events.

D19 Committee business is confidential and Committee members should not discuss these matters outside of Committee Meetings, unless otherwise agreed by the Committee

## **E. WUSV/GSDL-BRG Club / Group Affiliation**

### **E1 New GSD Club/Group Affiliation Proposals**

E1a For affiliation to the WUSV/GSDL-BRG. Initial application shall be in writing using the appropriate Club/Group affiliation form to the WUSV/GSDL-BRG General Secretary, in order that it may be included on the next WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee meeting agenda. The application MUST include the following:

- The proposed name of the Club.
- The details of the officers (chairman, secretary and treasurer). All officers must be and remain GSD League members whilst holding office.
- A copy of the GSD Club's/Group's rules and regulations
- To include details of membership rules and election of officers
- Give an undertaking to abide by the GSD League Rules & Regulations for WUSV Activities
- Provide contact details (i.e. Telephone number, address and e-mail address)
- For GSD League affiliated Clubs, confirmation of affiliation to the GSD League.

E1b. WUSV/GSDL-BRG Affiliated Clubs are free to form their own constitution and rules, however no item or rule should contradict or compromise the Rules of the German Shepherd Dog League of Great Britain or the GSD League Rules and Regulations for WUSV Activities. Failure to comply may result in immediate suspension pending disciplinary action. (See disciplinary code)

E1c. Upon approval by the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee, the new GSD Club/Group will be subject to a six month probationary period. The Affiliation Fee must be paid immediately, together with the Affiliation application form.

E1d. During the probationary period at least one of the GSD Club/Group's events will be visited by a WUSV/GSDL-BRG management committee member, and a report will be submitted to the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee from which the decision will be made regarding the final acceptance of the GSD Club/Group .

### **E2. WUSV/GSDL-BRG Club Affiliation - General**

E2a. It is expected that each WUSV/GSDL-BRG GSD Club/Group should hold at least one event per annum

E2b Annual balance sheets to be sent to WUSV/GSDL-BRG treasurer no later than the end of February

E2c. A public liability insurance, will be maintained at all times by each affiliated GSD Club/Group

## **F. Training**

F1. Each GSD Club/Group Committee shall be responsible for the training activities conducted by that WUSV/GSDL-BRG Club/Group.

- F2. Before dogs are allowed to participate they must be of good general health and free from infectious diseases.
- F3. It is ultimately the responsibility of the owner and handler to ensure that the dog remains fit, healthy and free from any ailments or infectious diseases.

### G. Judges

G1. B-List judges may judge at Regional Events any exhibit up to 24 months of age. Applicants to become WUSV/GSDL-BRG B-List Judges must meet the following qualifying criteria :

- Support the aims and objectives of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG
- Be proposed and seconded by member of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee and approved by a majority of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee
- Steward at one Regional Event prior to any Judging appointment
- Agree to grade all dogs presented to them at a WUSV/GSDL-BRG event and provide verbal critiques to at least the top 3 dogs in each class.

G2. In order to be considered for inclusion on the A-List, in addition to the requirements in G1 above judges must:

1. Have judged GSDs at a minimum of 5 WUSV/GSDL-BRG Regional Events or awarded 5 KC Challenge Certificates, with a minimum of 100 dogs assessed in total. A combination of Regional Events and KC CC awards totaling 5 is acceptable.
2. Have bred or owned 3 GSDs which have attained V1 in the adult or working class at a WUSV/GSDL-BRG event or entry in the KC Stud Book.
3. Have passed an approved GSD breed specialist judges exam. (Currently the GSD Breed Council and WUSV exams are the only ones approved)
4. Have been approved by 3 WUSV/GSDL-BRG "A-list" judges after having attended practical judging assessments.
5. Only breed from GSDs (male or female) that have attained a UK Breed Survey Class 1 or 2 or an SV Koerung Pass.
6. Have been actively involved with the GSD Breed for at least 10 years
7. Have served on a Breed Club / Association / Group committee for a minimum of 3 years within the last 10 years
8. Be proposed and seconded by member Clubs/Groups and approved by a majority of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee

G3. Maintenance of the active Judges list will be by the WUSV/GSDL-BRG General Secretary.

### J. Regional Events

J1. WUSV/GSDL-BRG Regional events must be held in compliance with WUSV/GSDL-BRG rules. As set out below:

1. *The Event is open to German Shepherd Dogs only. All dogs must be registered with the governing body in their country of birth. All dogs permanently imported to the UK must register with the Kennel Club within 12 months of their first BRG show entry..*
2. The Event will be held under the rules of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG based on WUSV Rules & Regulations.
3. The Event will open at hh.mm
4. Judging will commence at .hh.mm.
5. Entry Fees must accompany the Entry.
6. The GSD Club/Group reserves the right to refuse entries.

7. The Judges' decisions are final.
8. Exhibitors are responsible for arriving in time for their Class.
9. The GSD Club/Group reserves the right to exclude any dog which is not fit for exhibition due to disease or other cause.
10. Should any Judge be prevented from fulfilling his/her engagement another Judge will be appointed
11. ALL handlers when exhibiting in the Ring must wear a Numbered Bib. The Bib must be clearly visible. It is the dog owner's responsibility to ensure the Bib is returned to the Steward/s at the end of each Class, otherwise a charge of £10 will be levied against the owner for each non-returned bib/s.
12. ALL Exhibits must have verifiable identification of a ISO approved Microchip.
13. ALL dogs over 24 months must have a British Breed Survey, GSDL Health Certificate or a Koerung - Adult & Working Classes.
14. ALL exhibitors should report to the IDENTIFICATION STEWARD, who will check the dogs Tattoo Number / Microchip Number in the ring at the start of the class. Teeth & Testicles will be checked by the Judge, or appointed competent person.
15. ALL dogs over 12 months will be measured.
16. ALL exhibitors and handlers must abide by all instructions given by the Judges/Ring Stewards & Event Manager.
17. Cheques/Postal orders must be made payable to the "INSERT CLUB/GROUP NAME"". If any cheque or postal order is not honoured upon first presentation to the Bank the entries will either be returned or the cheque re-presented. Exhibitors will be liable for any costs or fees that are incurred.
18. In the event a "Regional Event" has to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances the Club/Group will refund any fees less reasonable expenses to all Exhibitors on request provided they produce a Statement of the Costs.
19. Dogs must not be left unattended in the precincts of the Event and under no circumstances are they to be tied up. Dogs in cars - Remedial action will be taken in the event of dogs left in cars found to be in a distressed condition. Warning - If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.
20. Exhibitors are responsible for the behavior of their children & will be held responsible for any damage they cause.
21. Awards will be given out at the end of each Class.
22. Winners may use the Titles of "Regional Sieger/Regional Siegerin" of their respective Classes.
23. Entries close on ????? and the Group is not obliged to accept entries after that date; it is at the sole discretion of the event secretary whether late entries will be accepted. No entries will be accepted on the day.
24. Please respect the Venue and clean up after your animal. Anyone found not cleaning up after their animals will be asked to leave the Venue.
25. In the interest of SAFETY no running around the outside of the ring will be allowed. Except in the designated area specifically provided for this practice.
26. The use of Remote Trainers and Pinch Collars will not be allowed and anyone found using them will be reported and disqualified.
27. Exhibitors are obligated to make true statements about their dog(s). Any attempt at deception may lead to the implementation of disciplinary procedures by the WUSV/GSDL-BRG, which may result in disqualification of the Owners and the dog(s) from this and any future WUSV/GSDL-BRG Regional Event based on WUSV Rules & Regulations.
28. Exhibitors are obligated to show sportsmanlike conduct. Offences determined by the Group's disciplinary procedures could lead to a reprimand and/or to the disqualification of the dog(s). Also Exhibitors who intentionally make wrong statements or do not answer questions put to them by the



Event Officials, also those who make or tolerate changes in their dog(s), or take actions intended to deceive the Judge will lose any award already given to their dog(s) at this Event and can, according to the gravity of the case, be excluded from future WUSV/GSDL-BRG Events or have another penalty administered by the organizing Club/Group.

29. It is not allowed for the Judge at a Regional Event to judge dogs that are bred or owned by himself and/or his agents. Extreme caution should be exercised regarding dogs that are owned or cared for by the Judges' near relatives. This includes persons one lives with, breeds with, owns dogs with and share households with.

J2 The definition of classes for a Regional Event is as follows:

BABY PUPPY: For dogs of four (4) and not exceeding six (6) calendar months of age.

MINOR PUPPY: For dogs of six (6) and not exceeding nine (9) calendar months of age

PUPPY: For dogs of nine (9) and not exceeding twelve (12) calendar months of age

LONG COAT PUPPY: For dogs of six (6) and not exceeding twelve months of age

JUNIOR - (Youth - Jugend) 12 - 18 Months

Hip and elbow scores\* are not required, however if a score has been granted it MUST be disclosed.

YEARLING - (Young – Junghund) 18 - 24 Months

Either a British Breed Survey Pass or Koerung is declared or, if a breed survey or Koerung is not yet attained, health test scores\* MUST be disclosed.

INTERMEDIATE – 12 – 24 months

For 12 to 18 months, hip and elbow scores are not required, however if a score has been granted it MUST be disclosed. For 18 to 24 months, either a British Breed Survey Pass or Koerung is declared or, if a breed survey or Koerung is not yet attained, health test scores\* MUST be disclosed.

\*Exhibits with health test results which will not qualify it for a breed survey\*\* or Koerung pass are not eligible to compete at WUSV/GSDL-BRG events. \*\* Elbow scores must be BVA 0 or 1 or SV A stamp to compete at a WUSV/GSDL-BRG event. If the score is being appealed, the exhibit is not eligible to compete until the result of the appeal is known and then falls into the range which would qualify the exhibit to obtain a breed survey or Koerung pass.

**ADULT CLASS REQUIREMENTS - ADULT 24 Months +:**

**BRITISH BREED SURVEY: Any Dog without a SchH/VPG/IPO or equivalent Training Degree can enter the Adult Class provided they meet the above criteria and have passed a British Breed Survey.**

**WORKING CLASS REQUIREMENTS – (Working – Gebrauchshund) 24 Months + :**

**\* All dogs must have a Training Degree of at least a SchH1/VPG1/IPO 1 or equivalent**

**\* All dogs will be subject to off lead gating (no more than one lap of the ring)**

**\* Any dog without a Koerung, may participate up to three years and six months old maximum, whereby they can achieve the maximum grading of V, thereafter they will only be eligible for the maximum grading of SG (Very Good).**

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

ALL dogs over 12 mths will be required to pass a GUN TEST.

ALL dogs over 12 mths may be measured.

**LONG COAT CLASS REQUIREMENT**

All dogs with a long coat of which an undercoat MUST be present.

All Rules and Regulations pertaining to Health Checks, British Breed Surveys / Koerungs and Working Qualifications are also applicable in accordance with the age group classifications as set out above.

J3 Hosting a WUSV/GSDL-BRG Regional Event

1. An application to host an event must in the first instance be processed through the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Secretary and Event Coordinator who will check the availability of the requested date.
2. Judges should be chosen from the SV list &/or the WUSV/GSDL-BRG judge's list/s and should not have judged in the UK for one year prior to the event.
3. Koerung judges shall be taken from the SV list of approved Koermeisters.
4. The Working class can only be judged by a WUSV/GSDL-BRG ('A' list) or approved SV judge.
5. The Club/Group will also inform the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Secretary and Event Coordinator of their choice of judge/s.
6. A list of judges and the classes they have or have been requested to judge within one calendar year will be held by the Event Coordinator. Hosts clubs/groups are requested to refer to this list prior to selecting judge/s, in order that there is no repetition of judges throughout that year or any repetition of British judges continually scheduled to judge the same sex / age groups, which in turn would prevent a particular age group from being able to obtain an SV grading within that calendar year.
7. Where SV approval is necessary, clearance must be obtained from the WUSV/GSDL-BRG events co-ordinator, prior to any formal request.
8. Written requests should be sent to the GSD League Secretary, (copied to the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Secretary and Events Co-ordinator) at least 12 weeks prior to the show/event. All information will be logged and submitted to the SV by the GSD League Secretary, who will invoice the relevant club/group.
9. Until receipt of SV approval the wording 'Subject to SV approval' must accompany the announcement of the judge on the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Events Calendar and any other publication.
10. On receipt of SV approval, the GSD League Secretary will inform the applicant, with copies to the Secretary of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG and Events Co-ordinator. SV Approval details will then be posted onto the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Events Calendar and the GSD League Website and any other publication.
11. Grading Cards must be issued to every exhibit at the end of every class and signed by the judge. For classes judged by SV judges this must be an 'Official' WUSV/GSDL-BRG Grading Card obtained from the Secretary. Judges should also give verbal critiques at the end of every class to at least the top 3 in that class.
12. Koerung Events – The WUSV/GSDL-BRG and the Working Branches of the GSDL must work in harmony. No WUSV/GSDL-BRG Club/Group may hold a Schutzhund Trial or a Koerung unless held in conjunction with a GSD League Working Branch. No GSD League Working Branch may hold a Breed Show unless in conjunction with a WUSV/GSDL-BRG Club/Group. All 'Joint Events' must go through the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Event Coordinator and be approved by the GSD League & GSD League Working Branch Committees.
13. The following items must be sent to the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Secretary, no later than 21 days from the close of event.
  - a. The Event Schedule.
  - b. A fully marked up catalogue.
  - c. Awards and Grading Slips signed by the judge
  - d. Results sheet in the prescribed format.
  - e. Incident report or nil return if applicable.
14. All paperwork appertaining to a Regional Event must be retained by the host Club/Group secretary for a minimum of 2 years.
15. The WUSV/GSDL-BRG Secretary will then send a copy of the results and grades to the Awards Administrator and results plus 'Gradings' to the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Chairman, who will authorize publication onto the GSD League Website and Magazine. The results will be submitted by the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Secretary to the SV SID and published on the GSDL and WUSV/GSDL-BRG websites

The following guides should be obtained from the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Secretary prior to holding an event:

- Proforma Schedule and Entry Form
- Results Slips
- Show Secretary's Checklist
- Event Manager's Checklist
- Judges Briefing document
- Stewards Instructions
- Health and Safety Document

#### **K. WUSV/GSDL-BRG BRG Gold Medal and Annual Awards.**

##### **K1 BRG Gold Medal**

The BRG Gold Medal recognises exhibits which have achieved outstanding show results over their lifetime at Regional Events and the British Sieger.

Points are awarded on the following basis:

VV1 (VP1) = 1 point.

SG1 = 2 points

SG2 = 1 point

V1 adult = 4 points

V2 adult = 2 points

V1 working = 5 points

V2 working = 4 points

VA working = 10 points

An exhibit which obtains 25 points is awarded the BRG Gold Medal – these points must include:

- At least 5 points gained in the adult or working class
- At least one V1 at a regional show with a minimum of 3 exhibits presented in the class

An exhibit which achieves the required 25 points in the UK but does not have a V1 in a class of three or more, can utilise a V1 win in a class overseas with three or more in the class under an SV or BRG approved judge. It is the responsibility of the owner to notify the awards co-ordinator of such a win.

##### **K2 Annual Awards**

Each year a list of the top 10 exhibits in the categories Male, Female, Long Coat Male and Long Coat Female will be declared.

All exhibits who will be 12 months or over by the 31st December will be able to be included in the Annual Points Award Scheme which will recognise the Top 10 consistently highly placed dogs. To be included an exhibit must have entered at least one Regional show – entry at the British Sieger only will not be sufficient although points can be gained at the British Sieger.

Points are awarded on the following basis:

VV1 (VP1) = 1 point.  
SG1 = 2 points  
SG2 = 1 point  
V1 adult = 4 points  
V2 adult = 2 points  
V1 working = 5 points  
V2 working = 4 points  
VA = 10 points

The grading is as important as the placing and an animal which is first or second in a class but does not receive the top grade possible for its age will not receive any points.

For final points and placings to be confirmed the health test results of each exhibit must satisfy the requirements of a UK breed survey or Koerung.

Owners have up to 20th February in the following year to submit health test results to the awards administrator for verification. In the event of an appeal of a health test result which has not been confirmed by 20th February, the original score will be used for verification purposes. Any exhibit without confirmed satisfactory health test results by this date will not be included in the final listings for the year.

### **K3 Certificate of Excellence**

All exhibits who gain 10 or more V gradings at Regional shows or the British Sieger are eligible for a Certificate of Excellence. This can be applied for using the appropriate form available on the BRG website which should be sent to the BRG secretary.

### **L. Revenue.**

L1. The WUSV/GSDL-BRG Affiliation Fee should be reviewed annually. The WUSV/GSDL-BRG Affiliation Fee will become the property and funds of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG.

L2. ANNUAL FEE'S - The WUSV/GSDL-BRG Secretary will send a WUSV/GSDL-BRG membership application form out annually to ALL previous years member GSD Clubs/Groups before 1<sup>st</sup> January. The forms must be completed by each GSD League Affiliated GSD Club/Group and returned to the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Secretary, no later than the February 28th of each year along with the appropriate funds. On receipt of the fee's the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Secretary will inform the GSD League Secretary who will check their GSD League Affiliation. NB – In order for GSD Clubs/Groups to be part of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG they must ensure they also pay their annual GSD League Affiliation fee.

### **M. Winding Up**

M1. The procedure for winding up the WUSV/GSDL-BRG or a WUSV/GSDL-BRG GSD Group/Club shall be by way of a properly convened GSD League Special General Meeting or the WUSV/GSDL-BRG GSD Club/Group.

M2. If the WUSV/GSDL-BRG or any of its Clubs/Groups cease to exist, any property or profits of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG or GSD Club/Group concerned shall be dealt with or disposed of as the members attending the GSD League Special General Meeting or the WUSV/GSDL-BRG GSD Club/Group convened specifically for that purpose think fit.

M3 Termination of Membership of the Group – Membership within the WUSV/GSDL-BRG is terminated by a) Winding up of the member Club/Group b) Withdrawal c) Exclusion by the WUSV/GSDL-BRG d) Winding up of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG.

M4. With the date of effectiveness of termination, all rights of the member Club/Group end.

M5. Withdrawal can only be declared at the end of the calendar year. The statement on withdrawal shall be made in writing by registered mail and sent to the Secretary of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG to be received before the end of December of that year.

#### **N. ACCOUNTING.**

N1. An account shall be opened in the name of the GSD Club/Group at such a bank as the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Treasurer or WUSV/GSDL-BRG GSD Club/Group Treasurer may decide and only the signatures of any two of its WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee or WUSV/GSDL-BRG Club/Group officers shall operate such accounts. Accounts and records shall be kept by each Treasurer and shall be made available for inspection annually or at every official meeting.

N2. The Treasurer of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG Management Committee shall be responsible for producing an Annual Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet in respect of the WUSV/GSDL-BRG for the previous year at the first WUSV/GSDL-BRG management committee meeting of the year.

#### **O. DISCIPLINE**

O1. Disciplinary measures will be as per the Disciplinary Code of Conduct

#### **Note**

A complaints and disciplinary procedure is "work in progress"