



**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA-
WORKING DOG ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**JUNIOR SPORTS PROGRAM
Objectives & Criteria**

OBJECTIVES:

Provide opportunities for handlers under the age of 18, and encourage their participation in GSDCA-WDA events.

GSDCA-WDA Member Clubs will be asked to offer free or reduced entry fees for participants from the Junior Sports Program.

CRITERIA:

- Year-long two –part program.
- Must compete with a German Shepherd Dog
- At least one parent, guardian or sponsor must be a member of GSDCA-WDA, and the parent or legal guardian must sign all release forms accepting responsibility for the Junior participant.
- Participants must be residents of the United States.
- Open to all Juniors ages 8 to 18. If a Junior turns 18 prior to the end of the competition year, the Junior may continue showing and trialing and earning titles and points as a Junior throughout the balance of the competition year.

JUNIOR SPORTS PROGRAM PART 1 – CONFORMATION SHOWS

- Points will be accumulated throughout the show year. The Conformation Show year ends on September 15th of each year, and begins on September 16th of each year.
- A downloadable Event Verification form is available on the WDA website for the Junior to print out and take to the show. The Show Secretary is to sign the form and return it to the Junior. It is the Junior's responsibility to mail the form to the WDA Junior Sports Program Chairperson.
- All Juniors who accumulate points during the show year will be presented with an award at that year's North American Sieger Show.

JUNIOR SPORTS PROGRAM PART 2 – PERFORMANCE TRIALS

- The competition year ends December 31st of each year and begins on January 1st of each year.
- Awards will be given for each title earned.
- All phases of a Performance title are to be earned by the Junior.
- A downloadable Event Verification form is available on the WDA website for the Junior to print out and take to the trial. The Trial Secretary is to sign the form and return it to the Junior. It is the Junior's responsibility to mail the form to the WDA Junior Sports Program Chairperson.

