



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.

JUNIOR SPORTS PROGRAM PART 1 – CONFORMATION SHOWS

- Open to all participants ages 8 – 18. If a Junior turns 18 prior to the end of the competition year, the Junior may continue handling and earning points and awards throughout the balance of the competition year.
- Points will be accumulated throughout the show year. The Conformation Show year ends on Sept. 15th of each year, and begins on Sept. 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 NASS. The Junior Sports Program Committee will submit an article and pictures to the WDA Newsletter detailing the Junior activities at the NASS.
- All Juniors will be listed in the WDA Newsletter.

JUNIOR SPORTS PROGRAM PART 2 – SCHUTZHUND TRIALS

- Open to all Juniors ages 8 – 18. If a Junior turns 18 prior to the end of the competition year, the Junior may continue trialing and earning titles as a Junior throughout the balance of the competition year.
- The competition year ends Dec. 31st of each year, and begins on Jan. 1st of each year.
- Awards will be given for each title earned by a Junior.
- All phases of a Schutzhund 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 event. The Trial Secretary is to sign the form, verifying that the Junior did handle a dog and did earn the title at this event. The Secretary is to return the form to the Junior. It is the Junior's responsibility to mail the completed form to the WDA Junior Sports Program Chairperson.
- All Juniors will be listed in the WDA Newsletter.

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