



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

## **TRANSFER JUDGES PROGRAM**

### **Judges Licensed by other Organizations/Additional Licensing for GSDCA-WDA Judges**

#### **BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS**

1. The Transfer Judge Applicant must already be licensed by an FCI or WUSV recognized club.
2. The Applicant must be a current member in good standing of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America (GSDCA) and have been so for a minimum of one year.
3. The Applicant must be a current member in good standing of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America-Working Dog Association (GSDCA-WDA) and have been so for a minimum of three years.
4. The Applicant must be a current member in good standing of a GSDCA-WDA member club.
5. The Applicant must submit a completed GSDCA-WDA Transfer Judge Application signed by his/her club president and training director, or one or two other officers if the applicant is one or both of the required officers.
6. The Applicant must submit a thorough and detailed resume of his/her dog experience with particular emphasis on his/her Schutzhund/VPG, IPO, DPO/WPO background.
7. The Applicant must have trained, handled, and titled at least one German Shepherd Dog from BH to SchH/IPO/VPG 3, at least one dog to FH 1, and at least one to the following: SchH/VPG1, IPO1, or CDX and TD, or higher. GSDCA-WDA/DPO (Police Dog) Judge Applicants should additionally have titled at least one dog to the title of DPO 2.
8. GSDCA-WDA/DPO (Police Dog) Applicants must not only fulfill the aforementioned requirements, but must also be certified law enforcement officers or retired in good standing, and have had a minimum of five years cumulative experience as patrol dog handlers at the time of application to the program.
9. The Applicant shall sign a Conflict of Interest statement, provided by the GSDCA-WDA, which must be included with the Application form.

#### **TRANSFER JUDGES' WORKING DOG JUDGES PROGRAM**

1. The Board of Directors will review the Transfer Judge application and vote on acceptance.
2. Within 14 days of the vote by the Board of Directors the GSDCA-WDA Secretary will send a letter informing the applicant of the Board's determination. A rejection letter will explain the cause for rejection and/or, when applicable, give instructions for full remedy of the cause of rejection.
3. Accepted applicants shall then become Transfer Judge Candidates.

The Transfer Trial Judge Candidate's name will be published in the GSDCA-WDA magazine, The Complete German Shepherd, the German Shepherd Dog Review, and posted on the GSDCA-WDA and GSDCA web sites for at least one month. Feedback on a Transfer Judge Candidate must be received within 30 days of publication. All input will be reviewed by the Board which will vote whether or not to approve the Candidate.

4. Approved Transfer Judge Candidate will perform Transfer Apprenticeships as follows:
  - a. For judges wishing to transfer an existing license of the same type, one apprenticeship will be under the Director of Trials and Judges, subject to the conditions stated in item #9 below.

- b. For judges wishing to extend an existing license, i.e. DPO/WPO to SchH or SchH to WPO, three (3) successful Transfer Apprenticeships at trials approved by the Board, subject to the conditions stated in item #9 below.

(Additional trials may be necessary if the minimum number of dogs evaluated does not meet the condition outlined in #8 below. After each trial, the Transfer Judge Candidate will submit a written report and full critique to the Trial Judge within 45 days of completion of the trial. The report shall consist of a general description of the weather, the condition of the grounds and organization of the trial, a completed GSDCA-WDA Judge's Evaluation Form for each dog, and a completed "Bewertungsliste" for all dogs evaluated. If the Transfer Apprenticeship is under an SV Judge, that judge may request the written report in German. The Trial Judge will forward that report with comments and a grade of "very good", "satisfactory", or "fail" to the GSDCA-WDA Secretary. A grade of "satisfactory" or better is needed to pass an apprenticeship.

5. If an Apprentice fails the Transfer Apprenticeship, the Transfer Judge Candidate may submit a written application to the Board which will then decide if the Transfer Judge Candidate will be allowed to apprentice again. If another apprenticeship is allowed, the Candidate must receive a "very good" rating by the officiating judge in order to continue in the program. If a Candidate fails a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, participation in the Transfer Judge Program will be terminated.
6. GSDCA-WDA/DPO (Police Dog) Transfer Judge Candidate must work under SV/DPO or GSDCA-WDA/DPO Judges at GSDCA-WDA Trials or under SV/DPO judges in Germany. Only judges who have been licensed for at least 5 (five) years may act in the capacity of teacher/evaluator for Apprentices.
7. The Transfer Judge Candidate will be required to judge an average of at least 5 dogs per trial.
8. The GSDCA-WDA Board of Directors will vote on approval as a GSDCA-WDA Transfer Judge Applicant within 30 days of the successful completion of the Apprentice trials.
9. The initial license will be provisional for a period of two years. At the end of this period, the Provisional Judge and his/her work will be reviewed for recommendation of a license of duration to be determined by the Board of Directors. No Provisional Judge will be given any Regional or National assignments until after his/her probation is complete, except in extraordinary situations that will be determined by the Board of Directors.
10. Permanently licensed GSDCA-WDA Judges who are members of the SV, may also petition the GSDCA-WDA Board of Directors for a recommendation for entry into an SV Judges program. If the GSDCA-WDA Board of Directors approves the application, the Secretary shall forward it to the GSDCA Board of Directors for their approval and recommendation.