

2012 USCA WUSV WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM DECLARATION

ELIGIBILITY

1. The handler must be a member in good standing of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America (USCA) and a full member of a full-member USCA club.
2. The handler is not required to be a citizen of the United States provided he or she is a permanent resident of the United States.
3. The handler of a declared dog must remain the same throughout the qualification process and the championship.
4. The handler is not required to be the owner of the declared dog.
5. Competition is restricted to one dog per handler.
6. The scorebook of a declared dog must have been recorded by the USA Office by January 1, 2011.
7. Teams representing USCA at the WUSV World Championship are restricted to German Shepherd Dogs.
8. Declared dogs must be registered with the USCA Breed Registry or USCA/SV Breed Registry no later than April 1, 2012.
9. Declared dogs must have an IPO 3 title for the USCA WUSV team.
10. Any dog that has ever been disqualified by a judge in a trial due to temperament cannot be declared.
11. Candidates aspiring to be on the WUSV World Championship Team must submit the *following declarant packet to the USCA Office* (3810 Paule Ave. / St. Louis, MO / 63125-1718) postmarked no later than May 1, 2012 even though all of the qualifying events have not yet been held. ***This deadline will be strictly enforced.***
 - a. A completed USCA WUSV World Championship Team Candidate Information Form (ATTACHED)
 - b. A declaration of consideration (ATTACHED)
 - c. A declaration of club membership (ATTACHED)
 - d. A copy of the dog's registration papers
 - e. A declaration fee of \$250 must be submitted with the declarant packet. The fee will be returned if the candidate does not make the team. The fee will be refunded after the declarant completes participation in the WUSV World Championship. The fee will be forfeited if the candidate makes the WUSV team and chooses not to participate as a team member in the WUSV World Championship.
 - f. Failure to submit this form and the required information will result in rejection of the application.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

The USCA Office shall notify a candidate by email if the candidate does not meet the necessary requirements. The notification shall contain the reasons for the decision. The candidate may appeal this decision to the World Championship Committee.

PREREQUISITES

Candidates who qualify to represent the United Schutzhund Clubs of America in the 2012 WUSV World Championship must demonstrate the following:

1. The best consistent performance in USCA sanctioned trials.
2. Conduct that exemplifies good sportsmanship and self-discipline as described by USCA's rules and bylaws.
3. A strong desire to attend the WUSV World Championship and represent the United Schutzhund Clubs of America in international competition.

QUALIFICATION PROCESS

1. The top 3 places at the 2011 USCA-GSD National Championship and the top 3 USCA-German Shepherd Dogs at the 2012 Working Dog Championships will be eligible for automatic selection to attend the Qualification Trial. To receive automatic selection you must;
 - a. Have completed declaration requirements as listed under "Eligibility" above.

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- b. Have received at least 270 points and at least 80 points in protection.

Should a handler / dog team decline to accept this selection and not participate in the Qualification Trial that automatic spot will be forfeited. The remaining spots up to ten (10) dogs total will then be selected as described below.

2. The handler/dog team must have received a qualifying score of 270 points, and at least 80 points in protection, in at least two (2) of the qualifying trials. The World Championship Committee will select the teams from those that have qualified based on the average of their two highest qualifying scores.
 - a. Scores from the 2011 USCA-GSD National Championship, the 2012 USCA Working Dog Championships, and the 2012 AWDF Championship (the three eligible qualifying trials) will be used to determine selection.
3. The USCA World Championship Committee will conduct a final review to determine which team members will represent USCA based on the qualification requirements listed previously. If USCA cannot field ten (10) handler/dog teams to attend the Qualification Trial because they don't meet the previous requirements then the World Championship Committee may select additional teams so long as they have two (2) qualification scores. One (1) of those score must be at least 270 points and at least 80 points in protection at the USCA-GSD Nationals or Working Dog Championships to be considered.
4. Scores compiled after the qualifying trials will be used in the selection of those qualified to attend the Qualification Trial. Announcement of the team members will be made as soon as practical to the team members and on the USCA website.

TEAM MEMBERS

1. All USA members of the WUSV World Championship Team are representatives of USCA, and shall strive to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner both on and off the field.
2. All team members, including the alternate, shall wear their team uniforms during competition and at all official events such as draw night, opening ceremonies, and closing ceremonies.
3. Any member of the team who conducts him or herself in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal from the team. The decision to dismiss a team member shall lie solely with the team captain.
4. Any disciplinary action taken against USCA team members for detrimental conduct shall be filed in an Exception Report with the World Championship Committee no later than 30 days after the WUSV World Championship. The World Championship Committee shall decide if further action is to be taken by filing charges with the Board of Inquiry if necessary.

USCA TEAM CAPTAIN

The USA Team Captain for the WUSV World Championship Team shall be responsible for:

1. Assisting dog and handler teams in preparation for international competition.
2. Organizing and managing a training program in the host country of the WUSV World Championship.
3. Advising all team members in all matters pertaining to their well-being and the well-being of their dogs pertaining to and at the event.
4. Acting as spokesperson for the USCA team in all matters pertaining to the USCA team's participation in the WUSV World Championship.
5. Making advance preparations for the WUSV team's visit to the host country and arrangements for competition in the championship. This shall include air travel reservations, ground transportation, lodging, uniforms, correspondence, etc. The USCA team members will be required to arrive at their event destination three (3) days prior to competition. Team members who want to arrive earlier must make their own arrangements.

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DECLARATION OF CONSIDERATION / CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Date: _____

Name of Declarant: _____

Name of Dog: _____

Scorebook Number: _____

Name of Full Member club that declarant belongs to: _____

1. I express with this documentation, my declaration to participate in the WUSV selection process for _____ (Year).
2. I am a full member of _____, which is a full member club of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.
3. I have read the Team Member Expectations above and will be able to fully comply with those expectations should I be selected for the WUSV team.

Name of Declarant

Signature Date

Club officer #1 / Position (May not be declarant)

Signature Date

Club officer #2 / Position (May not be declarant)

Signature Date

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WUSV WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP USCA TEAM CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM

SECTION 1. CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name _____ USCA Member # _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone: Home _____ Mobile _____
Email Address _____ Club Affiliation _____

SECTION 2. DOG REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name of Dog _____
Tattoo/Microchip # _____
Titles _____ Reg # _____ USCA Score Book # _____
Birth Date _____ Sex _____
Breed Surveyed: Yes _____ No _____ KKL1 _____ KKL2 _____
Name of Sire _____
Titles _____ Reg # _____
Name of Dam _____
Titles _____ Reg # _____

SECTION 3. PRELIMINARY TRAVEL INFORMATION

Airport of Departure _____
Number in Party _____
Travel Class Desired: 1st _____ Business _____ Coach _____
Rental Vehicle Required: Car _____ Station Wagon _____ Mini Van _____
Hotel Accommodations:
Number in Party _____ Single _____ Double _____
Dog Crate Dimensions: L _____ W _____ H _____
Weight of Crate Including Dog _____ Lbs.

SECTION 4. UNIFORM INFORMATION

(Please indicate all women's clothing in both ladies and unisex sizes.)

Jacket _____ Sport Coat _____ Sweater _____
Shirt/Blouse Size _____ Sleeve Length _____
Slacks: Waist _____ Length _____
Ladies Size _____

Please note:

Although some of the information is preliminary, this form must be completed and submitted with your declaration of candidacy.