

2007 USA WUSV WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM AND AWDF FCI IPO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM ELIGIBILITY

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1. The handler must be a member in good standing of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America and a full member of a full-member USA 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, 2007.
7. Teams representing USA at the WUSV World Championship and the FCI IPO World Championship are restricted to German Shepherd Dogs.
8. Declared dogs must be registered with the USA Breed Registry or USA/SV Breed Registry no later than April 1, 2007.
9. Declared dogs must have a SchH3 title for the USA WUSV team and an IPO3 title for the AWDF FCI team.
10. Any dog that has ever been disqualified due to temperament cannot be declared.
11. Candidates aspiring to be on the USA WUSV World Championship Team or AWDF FCI IPO World Championship Team must submit the following to the USA Office postmarked no later than May 1, 2007 even though all of the qualifying events have not yet been held. This deadline will be strictly enforced.
 - a. Letter of declaration that includes the name of the dog being declared and the name of person declaring.
 - b. Copy of the dog's registration papers showing ownership; and, if the owner is different from the handler, a letter from the owner granting permission and naming the handler.
 - c. USA scorebook number.
 - d. Letter signed by two club officers attesting the declarant is a full member of their full-member club.
 - e. Two photos: One of the dog in a stacked position and one of the dog and handler together in a front pose.
 - f. Completed USA WUSV World Championship Team/AWDF FCI IPO World Championship Team Candidate Information Form (included with this document and also available on the USA website as an interactive form). This form is necessary for timely scheduling of details, including advance travel arrangements and team uniforms. Failure to submit this form could result in a candidate being declared ineligible.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

The USA Office shall notify a candidate by email if the candidate does not meet the necessary requirements, and 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 2007 WUSV World Championship or 2007 FCI IPO World Championship must demonstrate the following:

1. The best consistent performance in USA-sanctioned trials.
2. Conduct that exemplifies good sportsmanship and self-discipline.
3. A strong desire to attend the WUSV World Championship or FCI IPO World Championship and represent the United Schutzhund Clubs of America in international competition.

QUALIFICATION PROCESS

1. To qualify for the USA WUSV World Championship Team or AWDF FCI IPO World Championship Team, the handler/dog team must have received a qualifying score of 270 points 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 2006 GSD National Championship, the 2007 North American Championship, the 2007 H.O.T. Championship (if H.O.T.), and the 2007 AWDF Championship (the four eligible qualifying trials) will be used to determine selection for both the USA WUSV World Championship Team and the AWDF FCI IPO World Championship Team. At least one of the qualifying scores must come from the GSD National Championship or North American Championship.
 - b. The 2006 GSD National Champion must have received a qualifying score at one of the other qualification trials in order to have a guaranteed spot on the USA WUSV World Championship Team.
 - c. A club of which the candidate is not a member must have hosted one of the two qualifying trials.
2. The USA World Championship Committee will conduct a final review to determine which team members will represent USA based on the qualification requirements listed previously.
3. Scores compiled after the qualifying trials will be used in the selection of the team. Announcement of the team members will be made as soon as practical.
4. Financial support for the team is limited to contributions received.

TEAM MEMBERS

1. All members of the USA WUSV World Championship Team and USA members of the AWDF FCI IPO World Championship Team are representatives of USA, 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, or engages in any other actions that are contrary to the best interests of the team or USA, 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 USA 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 committee shall decide if further action is to be taken.

USA TEAM CAPTAIN

The designation as USA Team Captain for the USA WUSV World Championship Team shall apply to an individual whose responsibilities shall include:

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 while overseas.
4. Acting as spokesperson for the USA team in all matters pertaining to the USA team's participation in the WUSV World Championship.
5. Making advance preparations for the USA 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 USA team members will be required to arrive at their overseas destination three (3) days prior to competition. Team members who want to arrive earlier must make their own arrangements.

USA ASSISTANT TEAM CAPTAIN

The team member designated as alternate, or if the alternate shows, the member who the alternate replaces, shall be designated as USA Assistant Team Captain. The USA Assistant Team Captain's duties are to assist the USA Team Captain and other members of the team as needed.

WUSV World Championship Committee
Howie Rodriguez (Chair)
Gary Hanrahan
Lisa Jacquin
Thomas Vollrath
Lyle Roetemeyer

2007 USA WUSV WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM AND AWDF FCI IPO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM

SECTION 1. CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____
Telephone: Day _____ Eve _____
Email Address _____
Club Affiliation _____

SECTION 2. DOG REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name of Dog _____
Titles _____ Reg # _____
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 ____ Other ____
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.