



Proposal to co-host USCA Nationals 2018

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Dear Ladies and Gentleman of the committee,

In this small document you will find our club's proposal to co-host the USCA Nationals of 2018. We are a young club with a diverse group of people. From young to old, and from little to a lot of experience. Several of our members have participated on different Regional championships, National championships and even World Championships. Participating on these levels makes us understand what we would like to see and experience from a competitor point of view, and we as a club think we can offer a super experience for all handlers, dogs, spectators, judges, helpers, tracklayers and any other officials joining this event.

On the following few pages we will have the official bid-form, pictures and other information that we found important to accompany in this bid.

Locations

We as no others understand how important location is to an event. We are located in the Pittsburgh area. Our club is literally on the Ohio border and therefore we belong to the Mid-Eastern region. We have different locations that showed interest during our initial exploring phase. Both locations have plenty of parking, have hotels and restaurants close by, and will be good options to host an event like the USCA National Championships.

Option #1

Our first option is about 40min east from our club location. It is closer to downtown Pittsburgh, closer to the airport, and closer to better stadium facilities. Another thing we kept in mind is the distance from the stadium to the tracking fields. This stadium will have about 30min drive to a sod farm, and is about 45 min away from the closest Hayfields.

The venue is a beautiful sport facility, with a soccer field surrounded by fencing, bleachers for audience, plenty of space for vendors and a quiet entry possibility for obedience and protection.

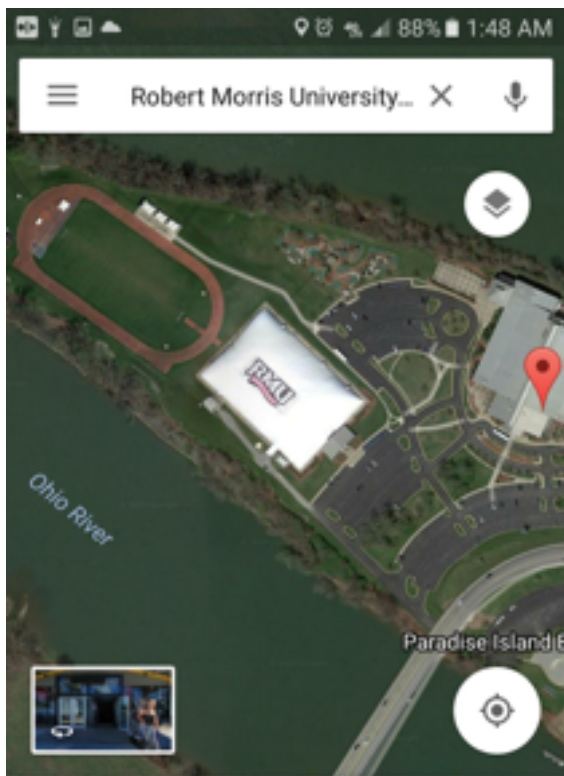


There is plenty of parking on the venue, and just 400 yards from the main field there is a huge indoor sport complex that is open for the public, with food and drinks for sale as well.

On the other side of the complex, literally just by crossing the main road, there is a restaurant/bar with several bowling alleys for anyone that wants to focus their trial nerves on something else.

Our dear friends from Wild Horse Schutzhund Club have hosted the 2017 NE Regionals on the same venue and this turned out to be a huge success!

The sport complex is located on Neville Island, surrounded by the Ohio River on both sides. On the same Island there is hotel that we would like to get in further negotiations with in regards to being the host hotel if we pick this location.



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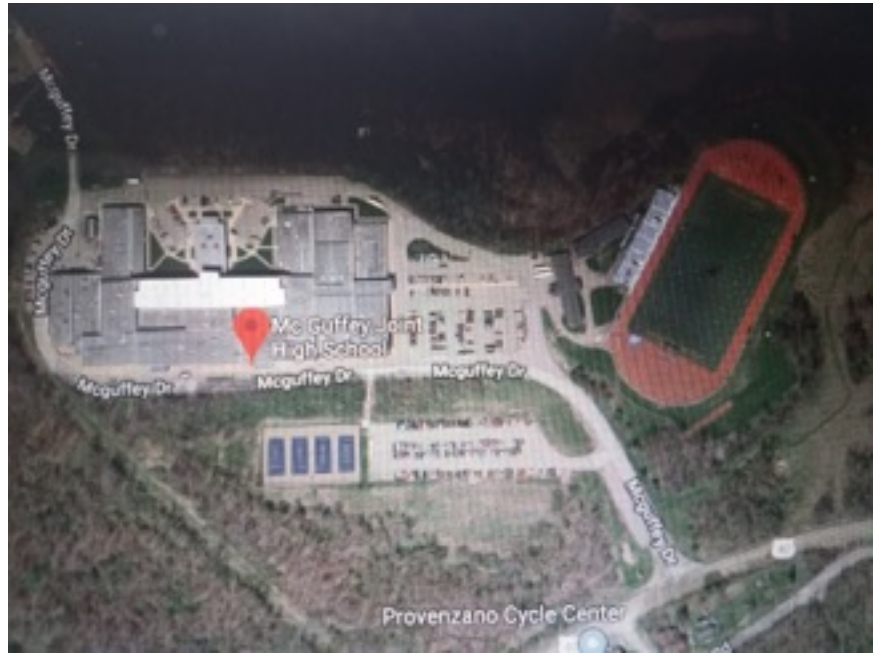
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Option #2

Our second option is about 50min north-east from our club location. It is closer to the town of Washington, PA. and still within 35 min to the airport. Another thing we kept in mind is the distance from the stadium to the tracking fields. This stadium will have about 30min drive to the closest hayfields, and is about 55 min away from the sod farm.

The venue is a high school specialized in Agriculture and animals. They have a football field surrounded by fencing, bleachers for audience, plenty of space for vendors and also a quiet entry possibility for obedience and protection.



Pittsburgh international airport is the main airport in the area, all within a 35 min drive from both stadiums and host hotels. They do accept size 500 crates, and several of our club members have flown out of this airport with dogs before.

In this first document for the bid we mostly relied on convenience for competitors and officials. Mostly based on driving distance.

Hotel for location #1

1 of the hotels we had in mind is the Fairfield inn & suites by Marriot.

It is located on Neville Island as well, and is only minutes away from the stadium.

The hotel has a big parking lot, it has a nice clean lobby, swimming pool, gym, breakfast room.



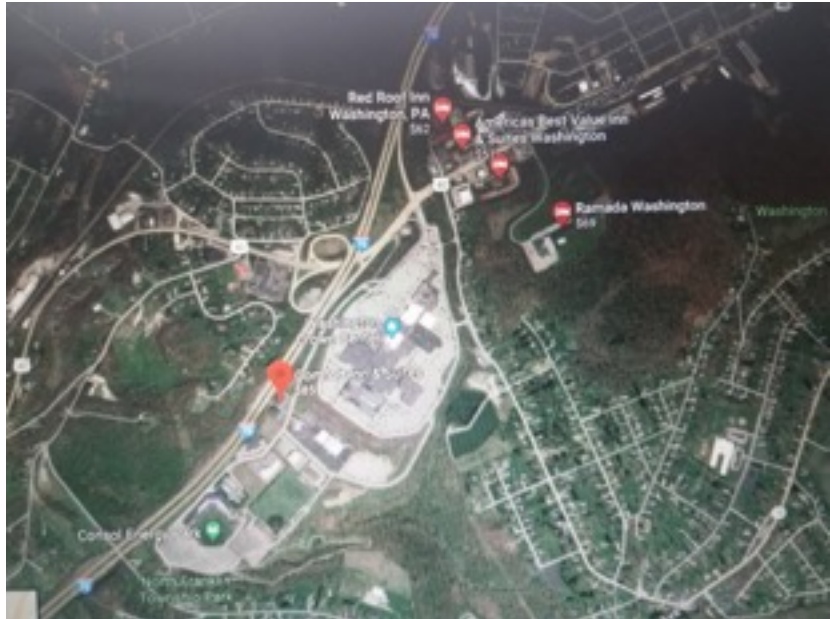
In this stage we have not asked to visit any rooms yet, but after our bid has been accepted we are ready to start making further negotiations. In case that this hotel would not be suitable, or if they would not

have any availability for us we have thought of several alternatives within 20 min drives from the stadium.

Hotel for location #2

Within 7 minutes drive from the stadium there are several hotel possibilities. The Comfort Inn has the best parking availability and is furthest away from any houses in the area.

If we drive only 15 min more, we have another Fairfield Inn & Suites. The hotel has a big parking lot, it has a nice clean lobby, swimming pool, gym, breakfast room.



In this stage we have not asked to visit any rooms yet, but after our bid has been accepted we are ready to start making further negotiations. Nice thing about this hotel is that they have different conference rooms available for meetings.

Tracking

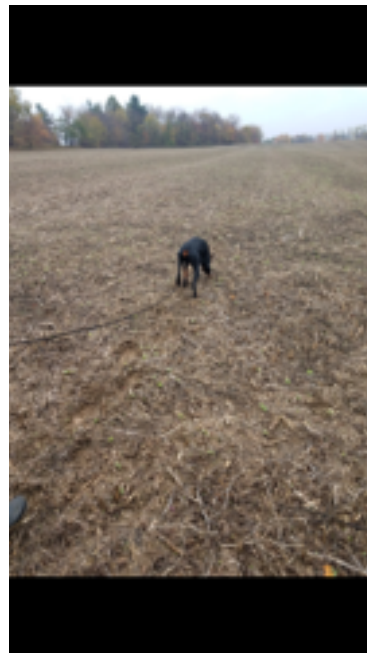
A big concern for Championships is often the tracking grounds. Being this close to the city we will have 30 to 60 min commutes to tracking fields. We at the moment have 3 different type of fields.
1: 600 acre sod farm, we had permission to use this in 2017. And with current negotiations it seems no problem to use this in 2018 as well.



2: 500 acre of hayfields, trimmed shortly throughout the year. It is used only 4 weekends in August every year, besides that it is 1 of our current tracking locations. Plus another 400 acres closer to location #2



3: 400 acre of dirt tracking, difficult yet very visible.



At this moment we are doing everything in our power to get option #1, we just wanted to show that we have different options in case something would happen with our favorite option.

Judges:

We know that the topic of foreign judges is always slightly sensitive but we do have a request for a foreign judge. We would like to request SV-A judge Toine Jonkers from the Netherlands for the protection work if he will be available.

Toine has judged the WUSV 2013 in Philadelphia and the WUSV 2016 in Meppen.

He is well respected internationally (competitor, judge and helped other people getting to this level), we know that Toine and our Director of Judges Nathaniel Roque got along well and worked together well on the WUSV 2013.

If Mr. Jonkers is not available we would like Nathaniel Roque on the protection instead.

End word

On the next page you will find the official bid form that accompanies this bid package.

If there are any questions feel free to contact us and we will be available to answer any possible questions the committee might have.

Looking forward to your reply,

- Joeri Veth

Training director of Vita Nova Schutzhund Club

National Event Bid Form

The National Events Committee is seeking applications to co-host our future National Events. Please complete the following form and enclose photos and descriptions of stadium, practice facilities, tracking fields, and practice tracking facilities if applicable. Also, be prepared to present your bid to the General Board Meeting.

USCA-GSD National Championship, USCA's Working Dog Championship,	
Co-Host club(s)	Vita Nova Schutzhund Club
Officers of Co-Host club(s)	Joeri Veth, Katlyn Schwarzwaelder, Kevin Seidl, Edward Wiernik, Lee Hough
Location (City, State, and Region)	Darlington, PA. Mid-Eastern region
Closest Airport (does it accept 500 size crates?)	Pittsburgh International (30 min). Does accept 500 size crates
Past experience in Co-hosting regional and national events	Will host ME region 2018. Lead person in club organized Nationals in the Netherlands and Norway & hosted several regional events in the Netherlands.
Approximate weather conditions (average daily temperatures) for the trial dates	Lowest temperature in the area in early November never lower than 34°F. Highest temperature expected to be not higher than 65.
Host Hotel options	In negotiations: but favorite (5min from Stadium) is Fairfield Inn & Suites Pittsburgh Neville Island
Contact information for Applicant	Joeri Veth, (724)777-6686
Please include e-mail address	info@thenorthernborderboarding.com / jvkonsultasjon@gmail.com

Please add photo and description of stadium, practice facilities, description of tracking fields and practice tracking. Photos are a plus.

Submit your bid package to:

National Events Committee (emails are on the USCA website)
