

## **SCHEDULE 05E(28) – REGULATIONS FOR GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG SPECIALIST CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS**

(Effective 01.09.2024)

### **1. LICENSING AND SHOW REGULATIONS**

The Regulations and other matters governing Championship Shows are set out in Schedule 3 of the KUSA Constitution. These Regulations apply to German Shepherd Dog Specialist Championship Shows insofar as they are relevant and not in conflict with the terms of this Schedule 05E(28).

### **2. SCOPE OF THE LICENCE**

- 2.1 Only KUSA-affiliated Clubs that are in good standing with KUSA, and that hold a Championship Show Breed Licence can host a Schedule 05E(28) German Shepherd Dog Specialist Championship Show.
- 2.2 The Show will be held under the provisions of this Schedule and all such Shows must be graded Shows with Critiques.
- 2.3 A Double Ring is required for a German Shepherd Dog Specialist Championship Show.

### **3. HOST CLUB**

Any KUSA-affiliated Club in good standing with KUSA and the German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council (GSDLC) may host a German Shepherd Dog Specialist Championship Show.

### **4. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- 4.1 All German Shepherd Dogs entered in the Show are to be judged as presented on the day. Veterinary Certificates, attesting to the condition or physical attributes of a dog may be taken into account.
- 4.2 It is a condition of entry that all Exhibitors abide by the rules pertaining to double handling and attraction from outside the ring:
  - 4.2.1 No more than two (2) persons may attract the dog during the critiquing process.
  - 4.2.2 No live animals of any kind may be used to attract the dog's attention.
  - 4.2.3 No equipment associated with protection work such as whips, armguards, bite sausages, protection suits, real or fake firearms may be used for the purpose of attraction at any time.

The Show Manager's decision pertaining to the above is final.

- 4.3 Before any dog enters the ring, it shall be positively identified by microchip and checked against the Show Catalogue in the marshalling area. This duty shall be performed by an ID Regulator/Marshalling Steward appointed by the Host Club on the day.
- 4.4 In cases where positive identification is not possible (i.e. where no microchip can be detected) the dog's details must be recorded on the GSDLC Identification Discrepancy Form and the Form signed by the Registered Owner/Authorised Agent of the dog before

entering the ring. The copy of the Form must be lodged with the Host Club Show Secretary on completion of judging.

- 4.5 In cases of microchip detection failure, the Registered Owner of the dog shall have sixty (60) days within which to re-microchip the dog and inform both KUSA and the Host Club of the dog's new microchip number.
- 4.6 The Host Club Show Secretary must forward a copy of the signed Identification Discrepancy Form to the GSDLC and the KUSA Office.
- 4.7 Awards/qualifications/prizes won on the day may be suspended by the Host Club until such time that the Club, the GSDLC and KUSA have been provided with proof of implantation of a new microchip.
- 4.8 All dogs re-entering the ring for Awards must be re-identified via their microchip number before re-entry.

## **5. JUDGES**

- 5.1 Only Specialist Judges meeting the following requirements may judge at a Show held under this Schedule:
  - 5.1.1 Any qualified German Shepherd Dog Specialist Judge in good standing with KUSA and the GSDLC.
  - 5.1.2 Any Specialist German Shepherd Dog Judge recognised by FCI-affiliated National Canine Organisations (NCOs).
- 5.2 The Host Club may invite more than one Judge and split judging responsibilities by Sex or by selected Classes.

## **6. GUN-SURENESS**

- 6.1 All dogs entered that are over 12 months of age shall be subject to a Gun-sureness Test.
- 6.2 The 'gun' used must be a suitable starter's pistol, electronic starter's pistol, cap gun, blank pistol or suitable gunshot simulator app. Under no circumstances may live ammunition be used. Effective ear protection must be worn by the person firing the gun, e.g. earmuffs, headphones or earplugs (inserts).
- 6.3 The gun may not be discharged closer than 15 meters from the dogs being tested and must be fired at least twice.

## **7. CLASSES**

- 7.1 Classes for this Show shall be as defined in Schedule 03 Appendix 1 (Definition of Classes).
- 7.2 It must be clearly stated in the Show Schedule that the Show shall be a Grading and Critiquing Show.

## **8. AWARDS**

- 8.1. Only "EX" dogs – i.e. dogs graded "Excellent" – may compete for the Challenge Certificate (CC) and Reserve Challenge Certificate (RCC).

## 9. GRADINGS

### 9.1 Grading definitions for GSD Specialist Judges

Application of criteria for the awarding of a GSDLC Gradings to exhibits at GSD Specialist Championship Shows.

Excellent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog must be exhibited in Open Class</li> <li>• Faultless, gapless, healthy dentition</li> <li>• May have slightly level bite, but without wear</li> <li>• Double Premolar 1s allowed</li> <li>• Proof of HD: C2 or better, ED: 2 or better</li> <li>• Firm outgoing character with Gun-sureness</li> <li>• Acceptable size limits, Dogs max 67 cm &amp; Bitches max 62 cm</li> </ul>
Very Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not quite correct scissor bite</li> <li>• Missing one only Premolar 1 or Molar 4 or Incisor</li> <li>• Firm outgoing character with Gun-sureness</li> <li>• Slightly worn teeth, not due to age</li> </ul>
Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missing two only Premolar 1s or one only Premolar 2</li> <li>• Missing one only Premolar 1 plus one only Incisor</li> <li>• Missing one only Premolar 3</li> <li>• Missing two only Incisors or two only Premolar 2s</li> <li>• Missing one only Premolar 2s plus one only Incisor</li> <li>• Firm outgoing character with Gun-sureness</li> </ul>
Ungraded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missing one only Premolar 3 plus one further tooth</li> <li>• Missing one only Canine or one only Premolar 4</li> <li>• Bite Level or Undershot or Overshot</li> <li>• Character that is not firm and outgoing, Gun-shyness</li> </ul>

### 9.2 Grading by Class

Class	Age Group	Grading
Baby Puppy	4 months to 6 months	Very Promising, Promising, Ungraded
Minor Puppy	6 months to 9 months	Very Promising, Promising, Ungraded
Puppy	9 months to 12 months	Very Promising, Promising, Ungraded
Junior	12 months to 18 months	Very Good, Good, Ungraded
Graduate	18 months to 24 months	Very Good, Good, Ungraded
Open	Over 24 months	Excellent, Very Good, Good, Ungraded
All other classes		No gradings can be given

### 9.3 Size Definition

Dogs (cm)	Bitches (cm)	English Description
60-61	55-56	Small
61-62	56-57	Under Medium Size
62-63	57-58	Medium Size
63-64	58-59	Above Medium Size
64-65	59-60	Large
65-66	60-61	Very Large

Above 66

Above 61

Over Size



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