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1 INTRODUCTION

The official Regulations of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Incorporated as recorded in the minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and any other approved meeting shall be transcribed into a set of “Regulations”.

These Regulations will be updated with motions that are carried at a GSDCA AGM or a GSDCA SGM. The updated manual will be circulated to all Member Clubs, and placed on the GSDCA website.

All Definitions and Abbreviations can be found in Section 9.

That all forms / certificates or other official GSDCA documentation to be used for, or on behalf of, the GSDCA shall be approved at an AGM of the GSDCA.

A list of GSDCA Forms and Publications are itemized in Section 8.

1.1 Constituent Bodies of the GSDCA

- A.C.T. German Shepherd Dog Association Inc.
- German Shepherd Dog League of NSW Inc.
- Newcastle & Hunter Valley Region German Shepherd Dog Club Inc.
- German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland Inc.
- German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia Inc.
- German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania Inc.
- German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc.
- German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia Inc.

1.2 GSDCA Executive

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- National Breed Commission (NBC) Chairperson
- Judges Committee (JC) Chairperson
- Obedience Committee (OC) Chairperson
- Editor Quarterly National Review (QNR)

1.3 GSDCA Patron

- Ms. Dawn Fraser AC MBE

1.4 Affiliated Organisations

- Affiliate of the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC)
- Member of the World Union of German Shepherd Dog Societies (WUSV)

1.5 National Breed Commission Executive

- NBC Chairperson
- JC Chairperson
- President
- Secretary (ex-officio)

1.6 Position Holders of the GSDCA

- GSDCA Breed Research and Legislation Officer – reports directly to the GSDCA President. [2021]
- GSDCA Breed Survey Registrar
- GSDCA Database Coordinator
- GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme Registrar
- GSDCA Breed Health & Welfare Committee Registrar [2015]



- GSDCA Hip Dysplasia/Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar (HD/ED Registrar)
- GSDCA Historian
- GSDCA Marketing Officer
- GSDCA National Show Liaison Officer
- GSDCA Public Officer
- GSDCA Publicity Officer
- GSDCA SV Liaison Officer
- GSDCA Trophy Officer
- GSDCA Website Officer

1.7 Voting

- 1.7.1 All Position Holders will be voted as per the constitution with the exception of GSDCA Breed Survey Registrar which shall be nominated by the NBC Chairperson and listed on the AGM agenda for ratification by the AGM.
- 1.7.2 Voting at the meetings of the GSDCA should be by way of a show of hands, unless a secret ballot is requested by two delegates.
- 1.7.3 Changes to these Regulations shall be decided by at least 50% of the total voting strength of the GSDCA being cast in favour.

1.8 GSDCA Judges, Breed Surveyors, and Interpreters

Refer to the GSDCA Website for the current list of GSDCA Judges and Breed Surveyors. [2020]

GSDCA Interpreters:

- Ms. Friedel Gehring German
- Mrs. Elke Effler German
- Mrs. Honey Gross-Richardson German
- Mr. Jurgen Haase German
- Mr. Ingo Kahl German
- Mrs. Jenny DeLucia German
- Mr. Stephan Gumpert German
- Mr. Vincenzo Tantaro Italian
- Mr. Maurice Jara Spanish

1.9 GSDCA Code of Ethics

Please refer to the GSDCA Website for this document. [2015]

1.10 GSDCA Guiding Principles

Please refer to the GSDCA Website for this document. [2015]



2 ADMINISTRATION

2.1 GSDCA Affiliation Fees

- 2.1.1 Affiliation fees are determined by the voting strength of each Member Body as prescribed in the GSDCA Constitution Clause 7 “Voting”.
- 2.1.2 That the annual subscription payable by Member Clubs in advance, as per 17.2 of the Constitution, and shall be directly related to the number of votes due to the Member Club.
- 2.1.3 The voting strength of each Member Club shall be as per 7.1 of the Constitution and recorded on the declaration of membership form received from the GSDCA Treasurer.
- 2.1.4 The Treasurer shall forward to each Member Club a Declaration of Membership form and calculation of voting strength, and applicable Affiliation Fee.
- 2.1.5 The “Declaration of Membership” form shall indicate the breakdown of the membership units that is single membership unit, dual membership unit, family membership unit and Life Members”.
- 2.1.6 The formula to establish the number of votes to which the Member Clubs are entitled to are detailed below: [2020]
- Up to 50 membership unit = 1 vote
 - 51-100 membership unit = 2 votes
 - 101-200 membership unit = 3 votes
 - 201-300 membership unit = 4 votes
 - 301-400 membership unit = 5 votes
 - 401-600 membership unit = 6 votes
 - 601-800 membership unit = 7 votes
 - 801-1000 membership unit = 8 votes
 - 1001-1200 membership unit = 9 votes
 - 1201-1500 membership unit = 10 votes
 - 1501-1800 membership unit = 11 votes
 - 1801-2100 membership unit = 12 votes
- Calculation of membership units will be based on the following:
- a) Single membership - one (1) unit = 1 adult with or without children under 18 years of age.
 - b) Dual membership - two (2) units = maximum 2 adults no children.
 - c) Family membership - two (2) units = maximum 2 adults with children under 18 years of age.
 - d) Life Member – one (1) unit = 1 adult with or without children under 18 years of age.
 - e) Junior membership – nil.
- 2.1.7 No Member Club of the GSDCA can buy votes beyond the extent of their actual club membership.

2.2 Fees and Charge

- 2.2.1 All changes to fees and other charges (annual subscriptions, entrance and other fees, etc), including the percentage on items supplied by the GSDCA Inc to Member Clubs, shall be detailed in the determination of scale of fees section of the AGM Agenda, for the next financial year, which shall be recorded in the AGM minutes.



- 2.2.2 That as of 1st July 2019, the cost of all GSDCA medals sold to Member Clubs will see the price set at supply cost plus 25%. The total cost will be invoiced to Members Clubs and existing stock as held will be sold at current listed price. [2019]
- 2.2.3 The Treasurer shall provide on a quarterly basis to all Member Clubs a financial statement of the GSDCA.
- 2.2.4 That payment to both readers of the HD and ED schemes is increased each year in line with the September CPI.
- 2.2.5 All payments by the Club Registrars/Club Treasurer for the HD and ED Dysplasia scheme application forms be deposited directly into the GSDCA Bank Account on a monthly basis.
- 2.2.6 Subscription to the QNR is compulsory and incorporated into membership fees of all GSDCA Member Clubs.

2.3 Procedure for SV Judges Clearances

- 2.3.1 Member Club applies to the GSDCA Secretary for an SV Judges Clearance by advising the following:
 - a) Name of event
 - b) Date of event
 - c) Place of event
 - d) Name of Judge
- 2.3.2 GSDCA Secretary applies to the SV for the SV Judges Clearance on behalf of Member Club.
- 2.3.3 GSDCA Secretary receives invoice for 150 euro from SV.
- 2.3.4 GSDCA Secretary forwards the invoice to GSDCA Treasurer for payment by International Transfer from our bank account.
- 2.3.5 After payment the GSDCA Treasurer forwards an invoice to Member Club which will include the amount payable after exchange rate, bank transfer fee as determined by the bank and the GSDCA Administration Fee of \$10.00.
- 2.3.6 Member Club pays invoice direct to GSDCA Treasurer.
- 2.3.7 GSDCA Secretary forwards the SV confirmation of clearance once received to the Member Club.

2.4 Policy Statement – Legal Opinion

- 2.4.1 At any meeting of the GSDCA or its committees, the use of a ‘Legal Opinion’ to influence a debate or decision can only be submitted if it is in writing from a Legal Practitioner. The cost of such a ‘Legal Opinion’ shall be borne by the Association or Individual who sought the legal opinion and shall not be a cost to the GSDCA Inc. Where the GSDCA Inc. seeks a ‘Legal Opinion’, it shall only be arranged in writing by the Secretary. The question(s) to be submitted for a ‘Legal Opinion’ shall be approved by the Member Clubs of the GSDCA Inc by majority.

2.5 General Administration Procedure

- 2.5.1 All GSDCA Executive and Position Holders supplied with software and/or computer hardware, data and equipment must sign a Service Agreement/Contract that it is the property of the GSDCA.



- 2.5.2 All GSDCA Executive and all Position Holders must send to the GSDCA Secretary an electronic back up disc of all data every six months.
- 2.5.3 The delegate of a Member Club sent to a meeting held by the GSDCA, shall be allowed to attend all sections of that meeting, if they are not qualified to vote on that particular section, they shall be able to observe.
- 2.5.4 That all Member Clubs of the GSDCA lodge with the GSDCA Secretary a current copy of their club Constitution.
- 2.5.5 Correspondence between Member Clubs and the GSDCA Executive shall be copied to all Club Secretaries.
- 2.5.6 That complaints received by members of GSDCA Executive from individual club members be referred back to the Secretary of that club for an explanation in writing from the Secretary. If no satisfactory answer is given then the Executive GSDCA be advised.
- 2.5.7 The GSDCA Council Executive may make any administrative changes to the GSDCA Regulations, National Show and Trial Manuals as required provided that the intent remains the same. [2019]

2.6 Meeting Expenses

- 2.6.1 The Treasurer will set the meeting expense allowance (accommodation and meals only) for the GSDCA Executive to attend designated meetings of the GSDCA.
- 2.6.2 GSDCA Executive members shall receive reimbursement of expenses to attend all meetings of the GSDCA. This will include airfares, accommodation and meals.
- 2.6.3 The Registrars or Position Holders if requested by the GSDCA Executive members to attend the GSDCA AGM, NBC/Judges, or Obedience meetings will be afforded the equivalent travel/accommodation reimbursement that applies to the GSDCA Executive.
- 2.6.4 The reimbursement of expenses related to the attendance of any GSDCA Officer at a meeting will only be approved by the GSDCA Executive if there is an essential requirement for that Officer to report and/or participate directly in the meeting. [2016]
 - 2.6.4.1 If an Officer is requested to attend a meeting of the GSDCA then travel, accommodation and meals will be reimbursed as applies to GSDCA Executive. [2016]
- 2.6.5 The GSDCA Executive, in liaison with the host Member Club, will be responsible for venue selection and all financial, catering and accommodation negotiations for the GSDCA AGM, GSDCA SGM, NBC Meeting, Judges Committee Meeting, Obedience Committee meeting; and Other Specials meetings when required. [2015]
The cost of the meeting rooms for the GSDCA AGM, NBC/Judges Committee Meetings, and Obedience Committee meetings are to be borne by the host Member Club.
- 2.6.6 Where the cost of the meeting room is built into the venues “per head cost” the GSDCA Executive will negotiate with the venue to charge a meeting room hire fee, payable by the host Member Club, which will subsequently reduce the cost per head to delegates and observers. [2015]



- 2.6.7 New Executive members and Position Holders shall not receive airfare or accommodation reimbursements at the GSDCA AGM at which they are elected, the subsidy is to apply from the first meeting in their term of office.

2.7 GSDCA Annual General Meeting

- 2.7.1 The GSDCA Executive will set the venue of the AGM at the most cost-effective capital city. [2019]
- 2.7.2 Items placed on the GSDCA AGM Agenda will be as per Section 9 of the GSDCA Constitution.
- 2.7.3 That the GSDCA AGM Agenda will be available electronically through the GSDCA and Member Club websites, no later than the 1 December. As per the GSDCA Constitution the GSDCA Secretary will circulate a hard copy to all GSDCA Member Clubs.
- 2.7.4 A short resume of all nominees for contested positions of the GSDCA Executive shall be included in the GSDCA AGM Agenda. The resume is to be no longer than five hundred (500) words.
- 2.7.5 A GSDCA Executive member may not act as a Member Club delegate at any meeting of the GSDCA.
- 2.7.6 That no decision carried by Member Clubs at the GSDCA AGM can come into effect until the 1st July each year unless decided by the AGM. [2015]
- 2.7.7 All voting of designated Member Club delegates is to be recorded in the minutes of the GSDCA AGM.
- 2.7.8 All minutes are to be issued promptly within twenty-one (21) days of the meeting.

2.8 National Breed Commission and Judges Committee Meetings

- 2.8.1 The GSDCA Executive will set the venue of the NBC Meetings and Judges Committee Meetings on a rotational basis as determined by the 'cost effectiveness' of the venue. NBC Meetings and Judges Committee Meetings will be alternated between three capital cities Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne. [2016]
- 2.8.2 Clubs other than those nominated to host the NBC Meetings and Judges Committee Meetings will be offered a subsidy towards their costs incurred on the maximum outlay by the GSDCA of \$1,000 split by a ratio of kilometers travelled. If a Club chooses not to attend a meeting they are removed from the calculations, which effectively will increase the support given to the other Clubs in attendance. [2016]
- 2.8.3 Agenda items will be called by the NBC Chairperson and Judges Committee Chairperson twelve (12) weeks prior to the meeting and must be received by the appropriate Chairperson by Close of Business (COB) eight (8) weeks prior to the meeting.
- 2.8.4 The Agenda is to be circulated to all Member Clubs, GSDCA Executive, GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges as soon as possible after the close of receipt of Agenda items.
- 2.8.5 That a meeting of ALL GSDCA Breed Surveyors, GSDCA Specialist Judges and GSDCA Specialist Trainee judges will be held at the Annual NBC & Judges Committee Meeting. [2016]
- 2.8.6 GSDCA Breed Surveyors must attend the NBC Meeting at least once in every three years to remain an active GSDCA Breed Surveyor.



- 2.8.7 The NBC Registrars attendance at the NBC Meeting is subject to clause 2.6.4. [2016]
- 2.8.8 All voting of designated Member Club delegates and GSDCA Breed Surveyors are to be recorded in the minutes of the NBC Meeting.
- 2.8.9 All voting of GSDCA Specialist Judges is to be recorded in the minutes of the Judges Committee Meeting.
- 2.8.10 The proposed changes to the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual/procedures passed at an NBC are to be detailed individually on the GSDCA AGM Agenda and are to be considered and voted upon on a point-by-point basis by the Member Clubs.

2.9 Obedience Meeting

- 2.9.1 That a GSDCA Obedience Meeting will be held annually with the choice of venue being the most cost effective in close proximity to an airport. [2019]

2.10 GSDCA Executive Meetings

- 2.10.1 That all Executive Meetings be minuted and copies of those minutes be sent to Member Clubs within 30 days. [2017]

2.11 Website

- 2.11.1 The GSDCA Breed Survey Manual shall be placed on the GSDCA Website.
- 2.11.2 That the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme progeny results be placed on the website as soon as practicable after the adoption of those reports at the NBC Meeting and AGM.
- 2.11.3 That all past and future medal-winners (i.e. Gold, Silver and Bronze), Memorial/Perpetual Trophy winners at the National Show and Trial, will be recorded on a page on the GSDCA website.
- 2.11.4 All results and critiques from GSDCA National Shows and Trials shall be posted on the GSDCA website as soon as possible after the National Show and Trial. [2016]

2.12 GSDCA Database

[2016]

The GSDCA Database has been developed to provide the GSDCA with a centralised system for the control of all areas of the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and is available via the GSDCA website.

The information contained in the GSDCA Database is copyright to the GSDCA, and at all times remains the sole property of the GSDCA.

This information can only be utilized/printed for personal use by members of GSDCA Member Clubs.

2.12.1 Member access

Members of GSDCA Member Clubs are able to access areas of the database, via login details issued by each Member Club. These login details will be changed every 12 months in line with Club financial years.

2.12.2 Changes to Member access

To ensure further development of the GSDCA Database, the NBC Executive may consider and approve enhancements for access for members of the GSDCA as and when required. [2016]



2.13 Miscellaneous

2.13.1 Character and Working Assessment

The GSDCA Character & Working Assessment is in development and currently is undertaken on a voluntary basis. [2016]

2.13.2 Schutzhund

Previous Regulation rescinded. [2018]

2.14 WUSV Harmonisation

[2017]

2.14.1 Gun test for Excellent grading

[2017]

That the gun test will be introduced and conducted forthwith (the exception being for shows where the ANKC schedule has been approved) and apply to all animals exhibited in the Open Classes at all Member Club and or sponsored shows where the GSDCA Excellent grading may be awarded.



3 GSDCA BREED IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

The GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes promote and offer guidance for the uniform development of the German Shepherd Dog Breed and to improve the overall health and wellbeing of the German Shepherd Dog.

3.1 Eligibility to Participate in the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes

The base requirements to participate in any GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes conducted for or on behalf of the GSDCA are:

- The animal must be an ANKC registered pedigree German Shepherd Dog,
- Owners must be a member of a Member Club of the GSDCA, or if a dog is owned in partnership at least one member must be a member of a Member Club of the GSDCA.
- Residents of Australia who are non-members of any Member Club of the GSDCA may apply for participation in a GSDCA Breed Improvement Scheme provided that the equivalent of one year's subscription fee plus the joining fee of that Member Club is paid in addition to the normal fee applicable to the desired scheme.
- Residents of New Zealand wishing to participate in a GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes must be a member of the New Zealand German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council (NZGSDAC), or an affiliate of the NZGSDAC.
- Other specific requirements may exist for each of the Schemes (refer the relevant section).

3.2 Positive Identification

The GSDCA National Tattoo Scheme commenced in 1979. The introduction of microchipping became the major form of positive identification for breeders and as a result tattoo numbers declined. The Member Clubs voted for GSDCA Tattoo scheme to cease operation as of 1st July 2017. [2017]

Effective 1st January 2012 the GSDCA agreed to accept EITHER tattoos that are formally recognised by the GSDCA, OR microchips, as positive identification for participation in the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes.

For puppies born after the 1st July 2017, the only acceptable identification method for participation in all GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes will be microchipping. [2017]

The Regulations pertaining to each are detailed below.

3.2.1 National Tattoo Scheme – Ceased 2017

3.2.2 Microchipping

3.2.2.1 Purpose of Microchipping

- 3.2.2.1.1 To provide positive identification of the German Shepherd Dog (GSD) for:
- a) Litter records,
 - b) Proof of ownership,
 - c) Identification for GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes

The microchip is one form of identification for entry to all of the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes.



3.2.2.2 Acceptance of Microchips for GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes

3.2.2.2.1 FOR AUSTRALIAN BRED ANIMALS

Effective 1st January 2012 the GSDCA will accept a microchip as a positive form of identification for any ANKC registered pedigree German Shepherd Dog bred within Australia, into the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes.

3.2.2.2.2 FOR OVERSEAS BRED ANIMALS (except New Zealand bred dogs)

In the case of overseas countries the GSDCA will recognise a microchip identification from that country provided that complete litter records including the microchip are maintained by the controlling Canine Body, and such information is available from the controlling Canine Body to the GSDCA for verification.

3.2.2.2.3 FOR NEW ZEALAND BRED ANIMALS

New Zealand (NZ) bred dogs must still be identified by a tattoo controlled through the NZ German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council (NZGSDAC) system, and the tattoo is verified by the NZGSDAC.

At this stage Microchips will NOT be accepted for New Zealand (NZ) bred dogs.

3.2.2.3 Administration - Breeders Responsibility

3.2.2.3.1 As per current ANKC Regulations breeders must provide the microchip number of each puppy at the time of registration with the ANKC.

3.2.2.3.2 In order to avoid issues in the future with incorrect microchip numbers:

- a) Ensure that the details provided to the ANKC at registration are accurate.
- b) Ensure that the correct Name and Registered Number is recorded with the puppy with that Microchip Number.
- c) The Breeders MUST check the Registration papers when they are received from the ANKC, to ensure there has not been a data entry error.

3.2.2.4 National Identification Registrar's Functions and Responsibilities

3.2.2.4.1 To submit a detailed report to the NBC Meeting, and a report to the NBC Chairperson for inclusion in the NBC Report to the GSDCA AGM.

3.2.2.4.2 To investigate and resolve any microchip anomalies and provide a report to the NBC Chair.

3.2.2.4.3 Administer the microchip section of the GSDCA Database.

3.2.2.5 National Breed Commission's Responsibilities

3.2.2.5.1 To oversee all aspects of the Microchipping.

3.2.2.6 Procedures in the event of an Anomaly with the Microchip Number

3.2.2.6.1 If at the time of HD/ED x-ray the microchip cannot be found:

- a) The Veterinarian will need to implant another microchip.
- b) The Veterinarian must sign a statement on the HD/ED Control Scheme Application Form that every effort was made to locate the microchip, and it was unsuccessful – and then record the original microchip number (supplied by the Owner) and the “new” microchip number.



- c) The Veterinarian MUST also ensure that this “new” microchip number is recorded on all x-rays.
- 3.2.2.6.2 If the microchip on the x-ray is different to that on the Registration Papers when the results are received by the GSDCA National HD/ED Registrar - Provided that the microchip number is the same as a microchip recorded against a littermate:
- a) The breeder will be contacted, detailing the issue/s that has been found.
 - b) The breeder needs to confirm (in writing) the amended microchip numbers for that litter. [2017]
 - c) Once verified the GSDCA Database will be amended and the “alternative” microchip number will be accepted.
- 3.2.2.6.3 If after HD/ED X-Ray, but prior to Breed Survey, a dog has a NEW microchip implanted (because the original microchip could not be found):
- a) The Owner must apply for another HD/ED Control Scheme Application Form and have the dog re-x-rayed – with the “new” microchip number recorded on the form and the plates.
 - b) The x-ray plates will be read (similar to a re-submit).
 - c) The two sets of plates will be sent for adjudication to confirm that both sets of x-rays belong to the same dog, and the best result will be awarded to the dog.

3.3 GSDCA Hip Dysplasia (HD) and Elbow Dysplasia (ED) Control Scheme

3.3.1 Readers

- 3.3.1.1 That all readers take their direction from the GSDCA.
 - i.e. The GSDCA will determine the scores/grades required for a Pass
- 3.3.1.2 Readers will be appointed by the GSDCA.

3.3.2 Participation in the GSDCA HD/ED Control Schemes

- 3.3.2.1 To participate in the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme:
 - 3.3.2.1.1 The animal must be an ANKC registered pedigree German Shepherd Dog. NOTE! This includes ALL animals on the Main Register and Limited Registrar
 - 3.3.2.1.2 The animal must be twelve (12) months of age or older, and
 - 3.3.2.1.3 The animal must be positively identified:
 - a) For animals born prior to 1st July 2017, by Tattoo through the GSDCA National Tattoo Scheme, or a GSDCA recognised Tattoo scheme; or by microchipping. [2017]
 - b) For animals born after 1st July 2017 the only acceptable identification method will be microchipping. [2017]

NOTE! The GSDCA will only accept tattoo as the only form of positive identification for animals in New Zealand



3.3.3 Purchase of a GSDCA HD and ED Application Form

- 3.3.3.1 A GSDCA HD and ED Control Scheme application form is to be issued by the Member Club HD and ED Control Scheme Registrar upon payment of the required fee.
- 3.3.3.2 The forms must be paid for when purchased and the forms attached to that particular animal's x-rays.
NOTE! - Forms cannot be transferred to another animal, or any monies refunded, under any circumstances.
- 3.3.3.3 The State Registrar completes the form with the following details.
- a) State Contract Number allocated.
 - b) Name of Dog
 - c) Tattoo Number of Dog (for dogs born before 1st July 2017 only), and/or Microchip Number. [2017]
- 3.3.3.4 Incorrectly labeled films will not be accepted for reading.

3.3.4 Correct Labeling of X-Rays

- 3.3.4.1 The onus is on the Veterinarian to ensure that the animals comply with the requirements of the GSDCA HD and ED Control Scheme. Failure to meet these requirements will mean that the animal will be required to be re-x-rayed. No attached labels will be accepted as means of positive identification.
- 3.3.4.2 The x-ray plates/digital x-rays submitted for assessment in the GSDCA HD and ED Control Scheme are to be as follows; -
- 3.3.4.3 The radiographs SHALL be identified RADIOGRAPHICALLY with all of the following:
- a) the GSDCA tattoo number (for dogs born before 1st July 2017 only), and/or microchip number [2017]
 - b) the date
 - c) right or left marker
 - d) the dog's name
 - e) State Contract Number
- 3.3.4.4 Incorrectly labeled x-rays and/or x-rays of poor quality (plates or digital) will not be accepted for reading and shall be returned by the reader to the HD/ED Registrar. The HD/ED Registrar shall then contact the Veterinarian/Owner advising them of the situation.

3.3.5 Computer Radiography Generated Images (Digital X-rays)

- 3.3.5.1 For computer radiography generated images (digital x-rays) to be accepted by the GSDCA HD and ED Control Scheme, the images must be of a high quality and saved as DICOM Images. (i.e. .dcm extension)
- 3.3.5.2 Images saved and forwarded in any other format will not be accepted for reading and shall be returned by the reader to the GSDCA HD and ED Control Scheme Registrar. The HD/ED Registrar shall then contact the Veterinarian/Owner advising them of the situation.
- 3.3.5.3 If the tattoo number (for dogs born before 1st July 2017 only) and/or microchip number is not identified radiographically on the x-ray plates the animal must be re-x-rayed. No attached labels will be accepted as means of positive identification through the GSDCA HD and ED Dysplasia Control Scheme. [2017]



3.3.6 Advice to Veterinarians for X-Rays

Refer to the “Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Scheme” Application Form, for detailed advice to Vet’s. (i.e. X-ray requirements, labeling, DICOM images, etc)

3.3.7 Forwarding of X-Rays to the GSDCA Appointed Readers

- 3.3.7.1 Once the animal has been x-rayed the x-rays plates/digital x-rays and all documentation are to be forwarded to the nominated reader.
- 3.3.7.2 The x-rays are to include the following documentation:
 - a) The GSDCA HD and ED Control Scheme Application Form (signed by the Owner and Vet)
 - b) A copy of the ANKC Registered Pedigree.
 - c) A stamped self-addressed envelope for the return of the provisional result from the GSDCA appointed reader

3.3.8 Receipt of the GSDCA ‘A’ and ‘Z’ Stamp Results

- 3.3.8.1 A provisional result (pink copy) will be returned in the stamped self-addressed envelope. Shortly thereafter a GSDCA Hip and Elbow Control Scheme Certificate will be forwarded by the HD/ED Registrar. The onus is on the owner of the animal to ensure that all details as shown on the certificate are correct.
- 3.3.8.2 If any errors appear on the GSDCA HD and ED Control Scheme Certificate, the original certificate is to be returned to the GSDCA HD and ED Control Scheme Registrar so that a replacement certificate can be issued.

3.3.9 Qualifications for a GSDCA ‘A’ Stamp

- 3.3.9.1 Only animals that score no more than 8 in any one hip, and no score greater than three (3) in any one area, are awarded the GSDCA ‘A’ stamp
- 3.3.9.2 Animals that score greater than outlined above are deemed to have failed the GSDCA HD Control Scheme and are not recommended for breeding and therefore are not able to be presented to the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme.

3.3.10 Qualifications for a GSDCA ‘Z’ Stamp

- 3.3.10.1 Only animals that receive a Normal, Near Normal, or Grade One elbow grading, are awarded the GSDCA ‘Z’ stamp.
- 3.3.10.2 Animals that score greater than outlined above are deemed to have failed the GSDCA ED Control Scheme and are not recommended for breeding and therefore are not able to be presented to the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme.

3.3.11 Rules for Re-Submit of X-Rays

3.3.11.1 Hip X-rays

X-ray plates of animals that are re-submitted for assessment must adhere to the following:

- a) Resubmit of the second plate to the reader of choice.
- b) If there is a less than 6 point discrepancy then the benefit of doubt shall go to the dog.

If there is a difference of 6 points or greater in the total score, then the matter shall be adjudicated by the HD/ED Registrar sending the two sets of plates to the GSDCA appeal adjudicator (Radiologist) to verify that the two plates are of the same animal. Upon verification to the HD/ED Registrar the animal shall receive the most favourable result.



3.3.11.2 Elbow X-rays

X-ray plates of animals that are re-submitted for assessment must adhere to the following:

- a) Resubmit of the second plate to the reader of choice.
- b) The animal shall receive the most favourable result.

3.3.11.3 If the x-ray is being re-submitted due to tilted x-ray and returned to the same reader, then no payment is required when the new form is purchased. Onus is on the owner to provide proof to the Member Club HD/ED Registrar that no payment is required.

3.3.11.4 If the x-ray is being re-submitted to a different reader or the same reader for a second assessment, then the form must be purchased.

3.3.12 Appeal System

3.3.12.1 The following procedures to appeal a result in the GSDCA HD and ED Control Scheme.

- a) Contact the HD/ED Registrar.
- b) Payment forwarded to the HD/ED Registrar for the amount of the required fee.
- c) HD/ED Registrar to request the x-rays to be forwarded to the HD/ED Registrar from the reader concerned.
- d) X-rays forwarded with payment to the Adjudicator Radiologist.
- e) Results returned to the GSDCA HD/ED Registrar
- f) The owner of the animal will be notified of the result by the HD/ED Registrar.
- g) The animal shall receive the most favourable result.

3.3.13 Publication of Statistics

3.3.13.1 A list of all animals that have received a GSDCA 'A' and/or a GSDCA 'Z' stamp during a twelve-month period shall be available on the GSDCA Database. [2015]

3.3.13.2 No results of animals deemed to have failed the GSDCA HD and ED Control Scheme will be published.

3.3.13.3 Progeny results of sires with more than ten (10) animals submitted through the GSDCA HD and ED Control Scheme shall be collated twice a year for publication on the GSDCA Website, and every twelve months in the QNR. [2015]

3.3.13.4 The criteria by which Hip and Elbow plates are being scored and either passed or failed shall be published in the QNR each year.

3.3.14 Retention of Result Sheets and X-rays

All result sheets and the x-rays (plates and digital) submitted to the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme shall be kept by the GSDCA HD/ED Registrar for a period of at least seven years. [2015]

3.3.15 Breeders Achievement Awards

For details of the Awards, and the criteria, refer Section 4.3 - Awards and Criteria – Breed Commission Awards.

3.3.16 WUSV HD/ED Procedure

That the GSDCA continues with its own HD/ED Scheme, with consideration being given to having its readers accredited by the WUSV and the possible sharing of HD/ED Data. [2017]



3.4 GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme – Ceased 2019

3.4.1 Haemophilia testing of males is no longer a pre-requisite for GSDCA Breed Survey.

3.4.2 Haemophilia testing still required for litter registration with ANKC until 1st January 2020.

Until the 1st January 2020 the following Regulations 3.4.3, 3.4.4 and 3.4.5 have been retained for reference. [2019]

3.4.2.1 All imported males and all male progeny from imported bitches must have an Australian H-neg certificate prior to any of their progeny being registered with the ANKC. [2019]

3.4.2.2 Any male sired by imported semen must possess an Australian H-neg certificate prior to any of their progeny being registered with the ANKC. [2019]

3.4.3 GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme Registrar

3.4.3.1 The GSDCA Haemophilia Registrar is the person responsible relative to the GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme.

3.4.3.2 The GSDCA Haemophilia Registrar reports to the NBC Chairperson.

3.4.4 Procedure to Participate in the GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme

3.4.4.1 A GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme Testing Sheet is available by downloading from the GSDCA Website (www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org), or can be obtained from the GSDCA Haemophilia Registrar.

3.4.4.2 Once the testing sheet is received the additional information is to be completed by the owner and the veterinarian taking the blood sample.

- Plus, the declaration stating that being the owners of the dog agree that the results of the blood test are available to the GSDCA for its use and publication.
- Signature of owner
- Signature of Veterinary Surgeon.
- Microchip and/or GSDCA tattoo number (for dogs born before 1st July 2017 only). [2017]

3.4.4.3 The test result together with the testing sheet is forwarded to the GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme Registrar, who will forward a numbered GSDCA H-neg certificate to the owner and retain a copy for GSDCA records.

3.4.4.4 The GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme is the only scheme recognised by the GSDCA.

3.4.5 Instructions to Veterinarians for Blood Sample Collection

3.4.5.1 Instructions for blood collection for Factor 8 Coagulant Assays:-

Factor 8 adheres to glass but not to plastic. ANY glassware MUST be “silicon coated” thus syringes, pip heads and storage tubes should be plastic. The blood must be collected by clean venepuncture, with haemolysis or coagulation. It must be placed into a tube containing 3.8% sodium citrate at a ratio of 1:9 (citrate: blood) centrifuged immediately, at high speed for 10-15 minutes and plasma removed and stored at 4o C if test straight away or frozen at -20o C. Samples must not be thawed until testing is to occur.



3.5 GSDCA Tooth Certificate Scheme

3.5.1 General

- 3.5.1.1 The GSDCA Tooth Certificate is the only recognized certificate that can be used for Shows and Breed Survey. No other form of documentation shall be accepted.
It must be produced by the Owner at any Show and/or Breed Survey.
- 3.5.1.2 The issuing of the GSDCA Tooth Certificate is the responsibility of the GSDCA NBC Chairperson.
- 3.5.1.3 The loss of teeth through accident, or mechanical means provided they are attested to by a GSDCA Certificate shall be counted as though they are present and considered as such when making a classification for either class.
- 3.5.1.4 The President or the NBC Chairperson, and when not available, the Member Club's Breed Affairs Chairperson, should inform all overseas judges that this is an official certificate and no other documentation shall be accepted.

3.5.2 Procedure to Participate in the GSDCA Tooth Certificate Scheme

3.5.2.1 Eligibility

- 3.5.2.1.1 There shall be no minimum age of the animal whereby a tooth certificate will be considered.
- 3.5.2.1.2 Only animals where the tooth or teeth have been removed, or are NOT visible above the gum line are eligible.
An animal with damaged/broken teeth (where part of the tooth is visible above the gum line) does not require a GSDCA Tooth Certificate.

3.5.2.2 Procedure for Animals that have been Successfully Breed Surveyed

- 3.5.2.2.1 For animals that have been successfully Breed Surveyed for a GSDCA Tooth Certificate to be awarded the following procedure must be met:
- a) Complete the "Tooth Certificate Application Form" (as found on the GSDCA website), and forward it to the NBC Chairperson together with the following:
 - b) A copy of the GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate verifying complete dentition.
 - c) Payment of the prescribed fee.
- 3.5.2.2.2 The NBC Chairperson will:
- a) Issue the GSDCA Tooth Certificate.
 - b) Arrange for the details of the GSDCA Tooth Certificate issued to be published annually. [2015]

3.5.2.3 Procedure for Animals that have NOT been Previously Breed Surveyed

- 3.5.2.3.1 For animals that have not been previously Breed Surveyed, the onus of proof shall be upon the owner of the dog to prove absolutely beyond all doubt that the said tooth was a normal healthy adult (secondary) tooth.
- 3.5.2.3.2 For a GSDCA Tooth Certificate to be issued, the following procedure must be met:



- a) Complete the “Tooth Certificate Application Form” (as found on the GSDCA website), and forward it to the NBC Chairperson together with the following:
- b) The x-ray proving that a normal, healthy, developed adult tooth existed at a point of time (provided by the owner).
- c) The x-ray must be identified radiographically with the GSDCA Tattoo Number (for dogs born before 1st July 2017 only) and/or microchip number as recognised by the GSDCA. [2017]
- d) The x-ray must be taken in accordance with the GSDCA regulation for acceptance of x-ray plates or digital x-rays (Refer to GSDCA Regulation titled Acceptance of x-ray plates and computer radiography generated images (digital x-rays).
- e) A written agreement that all costs associated with gaining specialist dental opinion will be paid by the owner, and payment of the prescribed fee.

3.5.2.3.3 The NBC Chairperson will:

- a) Forward the x-ray to a Veterinary Dentist for an opinion.
- b) A copy of the opinion will be forwarded to the owner regardless of whether or not a certificate is issued.
- c) If verified by the Veterinary Dentist, issue the GSDCA Tooth Certificate. All fees must be paid prior to the issuing of the GSDCA Tooth Certificate.
- d) Arrange for the details of the GSDCA Tooth Certificate issued to be PUBLISHED ANNUALLY

3.6 Breed Survey

To promote and offer breeding guidance for the continued development of the German Shepherd Dog Breed in Australia.

It is expected that animals that are successfully Breed Survey Classified will contribute to the overall improvement of the breed in Australia

The Breed Survey Year commences on the 1st January and ends at the 31st December. [2015]

For further information pertaining to the Breed Survey Scheme refer the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual. [2020]

3.7 GSDCA Approved Overseas Breed Improvement Schemes

The GSDCA recognises Breed Improvement Schemes from overseas countries on the proviso that animals are positively identified with a tattoo and/or microchip as registered in an official scheme conducted by the organisations listed below.

3.7.1 Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia

The GSDCA currently recognises results from Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Schemes that determine that an animal is recommended for breeding. In addition, the identification of the animal must be verified at the time of x-ray and recorded on the x-ray.



Currently those organisations are:

Country	Organisation
Germany	Verein fur Deutsche Schaferhunde (SV) e.V.
Italy	Societa Amatori Schaferhunde (S.A.S.)
Czech Republic	Zuchterklub Deutscher Schaferhunde
France	Societe du Chien de Berger Allemand
Norway	Norsk Schaeferhundklub
Sweden	Svenska Schaeferhundklubben
Netherlands	VDH-Holland
Austria	Osterreich –Verein fur Deutschse Schaferhunde (SVO)
Hungary	Magyar Ebtenyesztok Orszagos Egyesulete
Other	Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI)

3.7.2 Breed Survey

The GSDCA recognises the breed survey classification from the following organisations for a period of six months from release from quarantine for breeding, show and advertising purposes provided the animal meet the requirements as per Regulation 3.6.3.

- 3.7.2.1 The GSDCA recognises the breed survey classification from New Zealand provided the animals meet the requirements as per Regulation 3.6.5.

Currently those organisations are:

Country	Organisation
Germany	Verein fur Deutsche Schaferhunde (SV) e.V.
Italy	Societa Amatori Schaferhunde (S.A.S.)
Netherlands	VDH – Holland
New Zealand	German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council (Refer to Regulation 3.6.5)
Other	Where a GSD has been breed surveyed in an overseas country by a current SV Breed Surveyor and where an SV Breed Survey certificate has been issued to the animal.

- 3.7.2.2 The list of overseas countries and/or organisation as recognised will be updated on a needs basis and presented to the National Breed Commission Meeting for ratification.



4 AWARDS and CRITERIA

4.1 Conformation Awards

The following GSDCA Conformation Awards may only be awarded at GSDCA Member Club shows, and “sponsored” GSD Specialist Shows, where the Judge is an accredited German SV, SV Foreign list, GSDCA Specialist Judge, Participants in GSDCA Specialist Judge Extension Course, or as approved by the GSDCA, and provides written critiques and gradings.

- a) In cases where a Member Club, due to the enforcement of their Canine Control’s adverse weather policy, must cancel their show but has an option to reschedule their show and run their show in the evening, animals as exhibited will be eligible for GSDCA Grading despite the fact that no written critiques need be taken. The judge will only critique animals as placed on the pegs and be encouraged to give a short summation of the Class as judged. [2017]

4.1.1 Show Awards and GSDCA Gradings

Certificates are provided by the Host Member Club to animals that receive the following Gradings:

- 4.1.1.1 Excellent Merit
May be awarded at the judge’s discretion, at State Breed Exhibitions ONLY, Refer to clause 5.2.10.2 a) for requirements.
- 4.1.1.2 Excellent
May be awarded at the judge’s discretion, to animals in the Open Class that are over 2 years of age and have successfully passed the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme or a GSDCA recognised breed survey scheme.
- 4.1.1.3 Very Good and Good
May be awarded at the judge’s discretion, to animals in the Junior, Intermediate and Open Classes that are over 12 months of age. [2017]
- 4.1.1.4 Very Promising and Promising
May be awarded at the judge’s discretion, to animals in the Baby Puppy, Minor Puppy and Puppy Classes.
- 4.1.1.5 Ungraded (No certificate provided)
At the judge’s discretion if the judge considers the exhibit is unworthy of a grading.

4.1.2 GSDCA Show Medallions

- 4.1.2.1 Excellent Merit Medallion
Awarded to those animals that receive the Excellent Merit Grading as per 4.1.1.1 above.
- 4.1.2.2 Excellent Medallion
Awarded to those animals that receive the Excellent Grading as per 4.1.1.2 above.

4.1.3 Member Club Medallions

- 4.1.3.1 Member Clubs must make application to the GSDCA prior to striking special medallions that will be used as awards for a GSDCA grading.



4.2 Obedience/Performance Awards

4.2.1 Obedience/Performance Awards and GSDCA Gradings

4.2.1.1 The following GSDCA Obedience/Performance Awards will only be awarded at GSDCA Member Club trials, and “sponsored” Trials, and are available to ANKC registered pedigree GSDs that receive the following qualifying scores within the following classes:

4.2.1.1.1 CCD classes, and Rally classes: [2018]

CCD Obedience Classes:

- Good – 85 to 89 points
- Very Good – 90 to 94 points
- Excellent – 95 to 100 points

Rally classes:

Good -

- Rally Novice 75 to 89 points
- Rally Advanced 80 to 89 points
- Rally Excellent 80 to 89 points
- Rally Master 85 to 89 points

Very Good –

- Rally Novice 90 to 94 points
- Rally Advanced 90 to 94 points
- Rally Excellent 90 to 94 points
- Rally Master 90 to 94 points

Excellent –

- Rally Novice 95 to 100 points
- Rally Advanced 95 to 100 points
- Rally Excellent 95 to 100 points
- Rally Master 95 to 100 points

4.2.1.1.2 Novice, Open, UD, UDX:

- Good – 170 to 179 points
- Very Good – 180 to 189 points
- Excellent – 190 to 200 points

4.2.1.1.3 Agility and Jumping (Novice, Open and Master classes)

- Excellent - must complete two (2) clear rounds.

4.2.1.2 Grading Certificates:

Member Clubs shall issue Obedience/Performance Grading Certificates at Restricted Trials when conducted with a show at which gradings are awarded, based on the scores above.

4.2.1.3 The winner of the combination trophy (Best in show and trial) at all specialist shows conducted by the GSDCA or its Member Clubs shall receive the same status as the Gold Medal / Challenge winners.



4.2.2 GSDCA Obedience/Performance Medallions

4.2.2.1 Excellent Medallion (Round)

4.2.2.1.1 Awarded to owners of an ANKC registered pedigree GSD, that gain the Excellent Grading as per 4.2.1 above.

4.2.2.1.2 Owners of an ANKC registered pedigree GSD that are members of a GSDCA Member Club, that gain the grading of “Excellent” at any ANKC approved Tracking Trial or Track & Search Dog Trial may apply to their Member Club for the award of a GSDCA trial “Excellent” medallion. Applications must be in writing and be accompanied by a copy of the relevant Trial certificate. [2019]

4.2.2.2 National Obedience/Performance Excellent Medallion (Triangular)

4.2.2.2.1 The National Obedience/Performance Excellent medallion shall only be awarded to entries that have gained the Excellent grading at the GSDCA National Restricted Obedience Trial or in the optional disciplines of Agility, Jumping and Rally. [2018]

4.2.3 The GSDCA Annual National Obedience/Performance Competition

The GSDCA Annual National Obedience Plaque shall be awarded to the best obedience dog and handler gaining the highest aggregate of qualifying scores for each of the CCD, Novice, Open, UD and UDX classes.

From the 2016 National Rally Novice, Rally Advanced Rally Master be added to these awards, and from the 2019 National Rally Excellent be added to these awards. [2019]

The awards will be known as:

- CCD – “Best Community Companion Dog”,
- CD – “Best Novice Dog”,
- Open – “Best Open Dog”,
- UD – “Best Utility Dog”,
- UDX – “Best Utility Dog Excellent”,
- “Best Rally Novice Dog, [2015]
- “Best Rally Advanced Dog”, [2015]
- “Best Rally Excellent Dog”. [2015]
- “Best Rally Master Dog”. [2019]

4.2.3.1 Criteria:

4.2.3.1.1 General

The competition is open to all owners of ANKC registered pedigree GSD who are financial members of a Member Club of the GSDCA at the time of the competition, and shall be a member of an ANKC Affiliate (State Canine Control) at the time of the competition.

4.2.3.1.2 Entry into Competition

- a) The competition shall run for twelve (12) months from 1st March to the 28th February the following year. [2018]
- b) To qualify to enter CCD and Novice do not require GSDCA National participation.
- c) To qualify to enter Open, UD and UDX Competitors must have competed at the previous GSDCA National. Where the National score is non-qualifying, it must still be included as proof of participation.



- d) Competitors shall present clear photocopies of their best qualifying cards and certification by their Member Club Secretary confirming that they are a financial member, to the Obedience Chairperson by the closing date –being from 1st March to the 28th February the following year. [2018]
- e) The relevant information on the winning dogs and handlers, Dates of trials, Member Clubs conducting the trials and scores, shall be published in the QNR.

4.2.3.1.3 Scores

All scores shall be qualifying scores gained at ANKC Sanctioned trials. The winner shall be, for the highest aggregate:

- a) 3 x CCD Scores for the “Best Community Companion Dog” award
- b) 3 x Novice Scores for the “Best Novice Dog” award
- c) 6 x Open Scores for the “Best Open Dog” award
- d) 6 x Utility Scores for the “Best Utility Dog” award
- e) 6 x UDX Scores for the “Best Utility Dog Excellent” award
- f) 3 x Rally Novice scores for the “Best Rally Novice Dog” award [2015]
- g) 6 x Rally Advanced scores for the “Best Rally Advanced Dog” award [2015]
- h) 6 x Rally Excellent scores for the “Best Rally Excellent” award [2015]
- i) 6 x Rally Master scores for the “Best Rally Master” award. [2019]

4.2.3.1.4 In the event of a tie in a section, the winner will be decided by:

- a) The competitor with the highest score at the National, will win,
- b) If still no result, it will be determined by the Highest Score on Count Back Exercises according to the ANKC Obedience rulebook,
- c) If still no result, they will each/all be presented with the award for that section.
- d) If there is no qualifier in any of the sections, then the award for that section will not be presented for that year.

4.2.4 GSDCA Excellent Handler Award

- 4.2.4.1 The GSDCA Excellent Handler plaque is awarded to the Handler who has achieved Excellent gradings with an ANKC registered pedigree GSD in one, or any combination of the following disciplines – Obedience, Tracking, Agility and Rally. [2015]

The total number of Excellent gradings achieved for each award is:

- a) BRONZE 5
- b) SILVER 10
- c) GOLD 15

- 4.2.4.2 The owner must apply to the GSDCA Obedience Chairperson no later than the closing date being from 1st March to the 28th February the following year.

Competitors shall present clear photocopies of their qualifying cards and certification by their Member Club Secretary confirming that they are a current financial member, to the GSDCA Obedience Chairperson. [2019]



4.2.5 The GSDCA Performance Dog Award - [2015]

- 4.2.5.1 The GSDCA Performance Dog Award plaque is awarded to the ANKC registered pedigree GSD that has achieved 10 Excellents in at least four (4) disciplines, with a minimum of three (3) Excellents in conformation and least one (1) Excellent in three (3) other disciplines, e.g. Obedience and/or Tracking/TSD and/or Agility/Jumping and/or Rally and/or other GSDCA recognised disciplines.
- 4.2.5.2 The owner must apply to the GSDCA Obedience Chairperson no later than the closing date for entries being from 1st March to the 28th February the following year.
Competitors shall present clear photocopies of their qualifying cards and certification by their Member Club Secretary confirming that they are a current financial member, to the GSDCA Obedience Chairperson. [2019]

4.2.6 Dual Performance Trophy

4.2.6.1 To be offered annually by GSDCA Member Clubs

That GSDCA Member Clubs offer annually a Dual Performance Trophy as a minimum, at one Conformation Show at which GSDCA grading is awarded when held in conjunction with an Obedience Trial. [2018]

4.3 Breed Commission Awards

The GSDCA award gold, silver and bronze medallions, and/or plaque to kennels that have supported the GSDCA HD Control Scheme, and the GSDCA ED Control Scheme, by breeding the required number of animals to receive the GSDCA “A” stamp and “Z” stamp.

That as from 1st July 2017 only animals that receive a pass in both the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme and the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme will qualify to be recorded in the tally for the GSDCA Breeders Achievement Award. [2017]

The Breeder does not have to apply for these awards.

The HD/ED Registrar will compile a list of kennels that qualify as of 31 December in any given year, and this list will be tabled by the NBC Chairperson at the GSDCA AGM, and the kennels will be advised in writing.

The medallions will be presented to Member Clubs at the GSDCA AGM and they will be requested to present the awards at an appropriate Club event such as Championship Show, Annual General Meeting and or Club Presentation Night. [2015]

The list of qualifying kennels will be published in the National edition of the Quarterly National Review.

4.3.1 GSDCA ‘A’ Stamp award

- 4.3.1.1 The GSDCA ‘A’ Stamp certificate is awarded to the Owner of the dog that has successfully passed the requirements of the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme.
- 4.3.1.2 The GSDCA award medallions to kennels that have supported the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme.
- 4.3.1.2.1 Bronze Medallion – to Kennels that have bred ten (10) ‘A’ Stamp animals,
 - 4.3.1.2.2 Silver Medallion – to Kennels that have bred twenty-five (25) ‘A’ Stamp animals,
 - 4.3.1.2.3 Gold Medallion – to Kennels that have bred fifty (50) ‘A’ Stamp animals,
 - 4.3.1.2.4 Plaque – to Kennels that have bred one hundred (100) ‘A’ Stamp animals.



4.3.2 GSDCA ‘Z’ Stamp award

- 4.3.2.1 The GSDCA ‘Z’ Stamp certificate is awarded to the Owner of the dog that has successfully passed the requirements of the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme.
- 4.3.2.2 The GSDCA award medallions to kennels that have supported the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme.
 - a) Bronze Medallion – to Kennels that have bred ten (10) ‘Z’ Stamp animals,
 - b) Silver Medallion – to Kennels that have bred twenty-five (25) ‘Z’ Stamp animals,
 - c) Gold Medallion – to Kennels that have bred fifty (50) ‘Z’ Stamp animals,
 - d) Plaque – to Kennels that have bred one hundred (100) ‘Z’ Stamp animals.

4.4 GSDCA “National Show and Trial” Awards

Refer to the “National Show/Trial Manual” for the list of and criteria for these awards. [2018]

4.4.1 Gold, Silver and Bronze Medallions

4.4.2 Memorial Plaques

4.4.3 Major Trophies

4.5 Breeders Award of Merit

- 4.5.1 Excellent in Conformation:

A plaque be available from the GSDCA, for Member Clubs to purchase and present to their Breeders for any animal receiving a GSDCA Excellent grading for the first time in conformation.

 - 4.5.1.1 It is the Breeders responsibility to apply to their Member Club for this award.
 - 4.5.1.2 The plaque shall state “Breed Excellent”.
- 4.5.2 Excellent in Obedience, Rally, Tracking or Agility:

A plaque be available from the GSDCA, for Member Clubs to purchase and present to their Breeders for any animal receiving a GSDCA Excellent grading for the first time in obedience, rally, tracking/TSD or agility, provided that the dog has also been successfully Breed Surveyed.

 - 4.5.2.1 It is the Breeders responsibility to apply to their Member Club for this award.
 - 4.5.2.2 The plaque shall state the discipline in which the Excellent was gained. (i.e. Obedience, Rally, Tracking/TSD or Agility).

4.6 Junior Showmanship

The GSDCA Junior Showmanship Award is introduced to encourage young members to train and handle German Shepherd Dogs and compete in Junior Handler Classes as defined by the ANKC age grouping and conducted at Member Clubs or GSDCA approved shows.

- 4.6.1 Plaques shall be provided by the GSDCA for the winner of each age group for each Member Club of the GSDCA. These will be awarded at the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial.
- 4.6.2 Each Member Club of the GSDCA shall provide to the GSDCA the Junior Handler Winner from their Member Club in each of the following age groups.



- 7 years to under 10 years of age.
- 10 years to under 13 years of age.
- 13 years to under 18 years of age

4.6.3 The following rules shall apply:

- 4.6.3.1 Competitors and/or their parents/ guardians must be members of a Member Club in their State or Territory of domicile.
- 4.6.3.2 The GSDCA Secretary will give 8 weeks' notice to Member Clubs to submit their list of award winners.
- 4.6.3.3 The GSDCA Secretary will organise the plaques to be presented.
- 4.6.3.4 The winners from each Member Club will be presented with the GSDCA Junior Showmanship Award for the respective age grouping at the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial at the conclusion of judging the Junior Handler Classes at the National.
- 4.6.3.5 Member Clubs are encouraged to appoint a member of the Youth Group to administer their own competition that will determine the winner of the awards as offered.

4.7 GSDCA Service Award

- 4.7.1 The GSDCA Executive may in its own right and by a majority decision award GSDCA Service Medallions each year,
- 4.7.2 Member Clubs may nominate up to two members per year for the GSDCA Service Award.
- 4.7.3 The presentation of the Service Medallion and framed certificate will be made at an event conducted by the GSDCA Inc.
- 4.7.4 The criteria to be applied by the Member Club is that each nominee must have shown and continue to show dedication to the advancement of the German Shepherd Dog.
- 4.7.5 The Member Club shall provide the GSDCA Secretary with a detailed history of the nominee's involvement at local and/or national level. The award will not be automatic.
- 4.7.6 The GSDCA Executive decision will be by a majority vote and is final. Upon rejection of the nomination by the GSDCA Executive the Member Club may resubmit the nomination after one year.
- 4.7.7 The resume of each recipient shall be printed in the QNR.
- 4.7.8 The GSDCA Secretary shall be responsible to keep an accurate record of the recipients and shall record the names of the recipients in the Secretary's report to the AGM.

4.8 GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award

The GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award may be awarded to Military Service Dogs, and/or Police Dogs, where the dog has to have worked at an optimal level under pressure in the field in which it was trained.

- 4.8.1 Member Clubs must place on the GSDCA AGM Agenda, a detailed resume of the dog's outstanding service, for consideration of the proposed award.
- 4.8.2 Whenever a Member Club is awarding this service award, a publicity release is prepared at the time of the presentation to be forwarded to the GSDCA Publicity Officer, Webmaster and the QNR Editor.
- 4.8.3 The award shall be a Silver Plate, supplied by the GSDCA.



4.9 GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course Badge and Certificate

- 4.9.1 Aspirants successfully completing the GSDCA Specialist Judges' Extension Course will be awarded a badge, a certificate, and their name added to the GSDCA Specialist Judges' List.
- 4.9.2 Presentation of this award will be made at a National, or at a show / event determined by the Chair of the Judges Committee.



5 CONDUCT OF SPECIALIST SHOWS AND RESTRICTED TRIALS

5.1 Regulations for the Conduct of Specialist Shows

5.1.1 Regulations for Specialist Shows by a Member Club

- 5.1.1.1 The Judge must be accredited German SV, SV Foreign list, GSDCA Specialist Judge, Participants in the GSDCA Specialist Extension Course, or as approved by the GSDCA to judge Specialist GSD Shows, in order to award GSDCA Gradings and Medallions.
- 5.1.1.2 If the Judge is German SV or WUSV, the Member Club will make application via GSDCA Secretary and forward all fees for a clearance to be obtained from the SV. (Section 2.3 - Procedure for SV Judges Clearances)
- 5.1.1.3 That non-SV judges from overseas be allowed to grade at championship shows provided that part of the signed contractual obligations are that they should comply with the rules and regulations as set by the GSDCA.
- 5.1.1.4 That at all shows conducted by Member Clubs, and judged by German Shepherd Dog Specialist judges, there shall be an approved measuring stick, which has been annually checked by Member Club Officials, made available to the judge.
- 5.1.1.5 All dogs and bitches must be measured in the Junior, Intermediate and Open Classes and the height and chest depth measurement be recorded in their critiques and the critiques forwarded to the NBC Executive after every show. [2018]
- 5.1.1.6 That all Member Clubs forward to GSDCA Judges Committee Chair, in electronic form, the finalized critiques of each GSD Specialist Show. These will then be forwarded to the GSDCA NBC Executive by the GSDCA Judges Committee Chair.
- 5.1.1.7 Member clubs must purchase the approved GSDCA medallions from the GSDCA for use at their Shows and Trials where GSDCA gradings are given, except for State Breed Exhibitions and West Coast Challenge – Refer Awards – Member Club Medallions, for exceptions.
- 5.1.1.8 Gradings may be awarded at the discretion of the Judge according to the following:
- All Puppy Classes: Very Promising and Promising;
 - Junior & Intermediate, Australian Bred & Open: Very Good, Good;
 - Open Classes Only: Excellent grading and medallion may be awarded to animals over 2 years and have successfully passed the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme or a GSDCA recognised breed survey scheme. [2017]
- 5.1.1.9 Place-getter sashes to be awarded:
- no less than 5, no more than 10 at Championship Shows [2018]
 - to the first three (3) at Members Competitions. [2018]
- 5.1.1.10 If required, approved GSDCA Official interpreters must be used.
- 5.1.1.11 A stenographer will be made available for the Judge.



5.1.2 Regulations for Member Club “Sponsored” Specialist Shows

- 5.1.2.1 Initial application for the conduct of a Specialist GSD Show that will be conducted by a Canine/Kennel Association, All Breeds Kennel Club, or a Working Group Club must be made to the GSDCA Executive.
- 5.1.2.2 The GSDCA Executive will only approve the awarding of Excellent medallions and Gradings at shows to non-GSDCA Member Clubs that are conducted under GSDCA conditions and “sponsored” by a Member Club.
- 5.1.2.3 Permission to grant the application will depend on consideration being given that shows as conducted by Member Clubs will not be affected by an application being approved.
- 5.1.2.4 There will be no need to make further applications once a Show has been established and is run in accordance with the prerequisites to conduct a GSD Specialist Show.
- 5.1.2.5 That non-SV judges from overseas be allowed to grade at championship shows provided that part of the signed contractual obligations are that they should comply with the rules and regulations as set by the GSDCA.

5.1.3 Prerequisites for the Conduct of a GSD “Sponsored” Specialist Show

The Member Club will ensure the following prerequisites are met by the host Club.

- 5.1.3.1 The Member Club will nominate judges to the host Club.
- 5.1.3.2 The Judges must be able to grade the classes accordingly and critique the class from at least Junior and upwards both individually and when placed.
- 5.1.3.3 The Judge must be accredited German SV, SV Foreign list, GSDCA Specialist Judge, Participants in the GSDCA Specialist Extension Course, or as approved by the GSDCA to judge Specialist GSD Shows.
- 5.1.3.4 If the Judge is German SV or WUSV, the Member Club will make application via GSDCA Secretary on behalf of the host Club and forward all fees for a clearance to be obtained from the SV. (Section 2.3 - Procedure for SV Judges Clearances)
- 5.1.3.5 If required, approved GSDCA Official interpreters must be used.
- 5.1.3.6 Judges critiques may be given from Minor to Open Classes, however it is understood that dependent on timing pressures that only Junior to Open may be critiqued.
- 5.1.3.7 A stenographer will be made available for the Judge.
- 5.1.3.8 An approved measuring stick will be made available to the Judge.
- 5.1.3.9 All dogs and bitches must be measured in the Junior, Intermediate and Open Classes and the height measurement be recorded in their critiques and the critiques forwarded to the NBC Executive after every show.
- 5.1.3.10 Schedule must state the following:
Grading may be awarded at the discretion of the Judge according to the following:
 - All Puppy Classes: Very Promising and Promising;
 - Junior & Intermediate, Australian Bred & Open: Very Good, Good;
 - Open Classes Only: Excellent and medallion may be awarded to animals over 2 years and have successfully passed the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme or a GSDCA recognised breed survey scheme.



German Shepherd Dog Exhibitors only – Please indicate on entry form, * to denote dogs and bitches that have successfully passed Breed Survey.

The Schedule will also indicate the requirements of GSD Exhibitors in relation to the rest of the fixture.

- 5.1.3.11 Grading certificates will be made available to exhibitors. The grading certificate will have the name of the fixture, date, venue, Judge's name, and the Dog's name and grading. The certificate must be signed by the Judge.
- 5.1.3.12 The Member Club will ensure that GSDCA approved Excellent Medallions are awarded.
- 5.1.3.13 The recommended Ring Size to be a minimum 25m x 45m. Consideration to be given to entry and ring size will be dependent on class numbers and its size adjusted accordingly.
- 5.1.3.14 Place-getter sashes: no less than 5, no more than 10
- 5.1.3.15 A tent / shelter will be provided for use by the Judge, Stenographer etc.
- 5.1.3.16 Where possible the Member Club will provide Stewards.
- 5.1.3.17 The host club should ensure that the location of the GSD ring will allow for specialist showing/atmosphere without placing any undue burden on rest of fixture or pressure exerted by other exhibitors to curtail what we consider normal practice at our shows.

5.2 Requirements for the Conduct of a State Breed Exhibition

[2016]

5.2.1 Aim & Purpose

- 5.2.1.1 The State Breed Exhibition (SBE) prime function is to instill ideals, promote Breed Improvement Schemes and to add further to our goal of breed improvement, and therefore will be used as a tool that the Council can utilise to further educate the fraternity and for breeders to review the state of the breed within their own State on an annual basis.

5.2.2 Primary Objectives of the State Breed Exhibition

- 5.2.2.1 The event will allow:
- 5.2.2.2 For a comprehensive evaluation of the breed in each State on an annual basis.
- 5.2.2.3 Breed direction that compliments the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme and to give due recognition to animals that are of high anatomical worth, and or have proven that they can produce animals that are far or above average in terms of type and quality.
- 5.2.2.4 Demonstrate the worth of major bloodlines, and more importantly the predictability when combined.
- 5.2.2.5 GSDCA Specialist Judges and GSDCA Breed Surveyors an opportunity in addition to viewing Sires progeny parade at the GSDCA Nationals Show & Trial an avenue to assess the breed worth of a sire as a group.
- 5.2.2.6 An opportunity for animals not presented at the GSDCA National Show & Trial Sires Progeny parade to present groups within their State.
- 5.2.2.7 Further education of the fraternity / exhibitors through the judgments, commentary and summations as made by the officiating judges.



5.2.3 Judges

In States where more than one GSDCA Judge/Breed Surveyor resides, a meeting will be held for all GSDCA Judges/Surveyors to discuss the attributes and failings of each of the major bloodlines represented in their State.

- 5.2.3.1 Up to two (2) Judges GSDCA Breed Surveyors (preferably resident) may be appointed.
- 5.2.3.2 In cases of Member Clubs appointing only one (1) Judge, who is a GSDCA Breed Surveyor, the appointed Judge will liaise with other judges, and read the reports of shows judged in the 12 months prior.
- 5.2.3.3 The host club is to appoint classes for Judges, but below is suggested:
 - a) Judge #1 will judge Open Classes.
Judge #1 is to observe all other classes.
 - b) Judge #2 will judge Baby, Minor, Puppy, Junior and Intermediate Classes, and must be from the state of domicile, where practicable
Baby to Intermediate is judged as a normal conformation show.

5.2.4 Show Classes & Condition of Entry

- 5.2.4.1 There is no inter-variety or inter-sex judging.
- 5.2.4.2 Age Classes for Stock Coats and Long Stock Coats with no intersex or inter-variety competition:

Baby Puppy	3 months and 1 day under 6 months
Minor Puppy	6 months and 1 day under 9 months
Puppy	9 months and 1 day under 12 months
Junior	12 months and 1 day under 18 months
Intermediate	18 months and 1 day under 24 months
Open	24 months and over

- 5.2.4.3 Open Class:
 - 5.2.4.3.1 A five (5) generation pedigree must accompany each entry in the Open Classes.
 - 5.2.4.3.2 Exhibits will:
 - a) be judged with pedigree, with type, quality, family and progeny taken into consideration for placing and grading.
 - b) be subjected to a gun test as prescribed in GSDCA Breed Survey Manual.
 - c) be subjected to a one on one temperament test.
 - d) be measured and height and chest depth measurements recorded in critiques. [2018]
 - e) need to complete an off-lead gaiting exercise immediately after their on-lead presentation.
- 5.2.4.4 Junior & Intermediate classes:
 - 5.2.4.4.1 Exhibits will
 - a) be measured and height and chest depth measurements recorded in critiques. [2018]
 - b) be subjected to a one on one temperament test.
- 5.2.4.5 Minor – Open Classes:
 - 5.2.4.5.1 Exhibits will receive critiques.



5.2.5 Sire & Dams Progeny

The prerequisite for a sire or dam's progeny group are as follows:

- a) The sire or dam must be successfully Breed Surveyed;
- b) There must be a minimum of five (5) progeny, animals from Baby Puppy upwards;
- c) The progeny of the sire or dam as exhibited will partake in the progeny class;
- d) The Dam or Sires progeny must come from a minimum of two different sires or dams for the relevant group;
- e) Dam and Sires Progeny groups to be assessed by, and a final commentary will be provided by the Open Class judge.
Note - comment will be made as a result of discussions with judge #2 (what has been seen over the show) and discussions as held at GSDCA Judges / Breed Surveyor meetings held prior to the event;
- f) The Sire or Dam need not be present;
- g) Where practical the resident breed surveyors will be invited into the ring and participate in the assessment;

5.2.6 Breeders Group

- a) Will be judged by the Open Class Judge;
- b) Animals in this group must carry the Breeders Prefix;
- c) Each Breeders Group must consist of five (5) animals from more than one sire or dam and be 9 months or older.
- d) All animals in the Breeders Group must be entered in the SBE.

5.2.7 Veterans Parade

Dogs must be seven years and over and can be entered on the day.

- This is a non-competitive class.
- It is suggested that Entry is free.
- Please supply a short resume of the animal's achievements to accompany the entry form.

5.2.8 Property Classes

Clubs can conduct Property Classes in order to promote the breed.

5.2.9 Junior Showmanship Classes

The following age groups will be conducted at SBE:

- Junior – 7 years to under 10 years
- Intermediate – 10 years to under 13 years
- Senior – 13 years to under 19 years

5.2.10 Titles & Awards

5.2.10.1 Titles

The title **State Sieger** and **State Siegerin** will be awarded to the winner of the Open Dog and Bitch who have been awarded the grading of Excellent Merit at that show respectively.

5.2.10.2 Gradings

a) **GSDCA Excellent Merit:**

May only be awarded to animals exhibited in the Open Class and:

- have successfully passed the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme or a GSDCA recognised breed survey scheme, [2017]



and the maximum height measurements for males is 66cms and females 61cms. [2018]

- animals that the judge considers to be of high anatomical worth with regard to type, quality, balance and have a potential for or have demonstrated attributes that will produce animals that are of above, or far above average, in terms of type and quality. [2018]

b) **GSDCA Excellent:**

May only be awarded to animals exhibited in the Open Class and:

- to animals that have successfully passed the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme or a GSDCA recognised breed survey scheme, and the maximum height measurements for males is 66cms and females 61cms. [2018]

c) **GSDCA Very Good and Good:**

May be awarded in the Open, Intermediate Class and Junior Class.

d) **GSDCA Very Promising & Promising:**

May be awarded in the Baby Puppy, Minor Puppy and Puppy Classes.

5.2.10.3 Awards

A trophy and sash will be awarded for winners of each class, and as a minimum, sashes must be awarded for placegetters up to and including 5th place.

Animals that are ungraded in any class do not receive any trophy or sashes.

5.3 Regulations for the conduct of Obedience/Performance Trials

5.3.1 Regulations for the conduct of “Restricted” and “Sponsored” Obedience/Performance Trials by a Member Club

- 5.3.1.1 All Obedience trials will be held in compliance with the ANKC rules
- 5.3.1.2 At any trial where a GSDCA Obedience/Performance Excellent may be awarded it can only be awarded to an ANKC registered pedigree GSD.
- 5.3.1.3 That Member Clubs issue Obedience/Performance Grading Certificates at Restricted Trials when conducted with a show at which gradings are awarded, where an exhibit gains a qualifying score.
- 5.3.1.4 Awards and/or prizes will only be given to designated class winners and placegetters who obtained a qualifying score subject to Canine Control rules. For details of Awards and Gradings for CCD, Novice, Open, UD, UDX. Agility, Jumping, Rally and Tracking. Refer Section 4.2.

5.4 Requirements for Sponsored Trials

- 5.4.1 That all GSD Member Clubs, can upon application to the GSDCA Executive each year, nominate up to three (3) All Breed Obedience Trials judged by judges from the GSDCA “preferred or supplementary” list where any registered, pedigreed GSD can be awarded the GSDCA Obedience Gradings. [2018]
- 5.4.2 Judges at these trials are to be appointed from the GSDCA Preferred or Supplementary Obedience Judges Lists which can be obtained from the GSDCA Secretary or GSDCA Obedience Chairperson.

5.5 National Show



For all Rules pertaining to the “National GSD Show and Trial” refer to National Show Manual and National Trial Manual.

These rules are an adjunct to the Canine Control Bodies rules in each State.

5.5.1 Approval to host a National Show & Trial

In order to comply with ANKC Regulations re: holding of GSDCA National Shows & Trials, the following must be adhered to:

- 5.5.1.1 The Host Member Club is approved at a GSDCA AGM a minimum of 2 years prior to the event.
- 5.5.1.2 The GSDCA Secretary must write to the ANKC Administrator seeking approval on behalf of the Host Member Club, a minimum of 2 years prior to the event.
- 5.5.1.3 Once the approval letter is received from the ANKC, the Host Member Club must forward a copy of the approval letter, along with their application for the event, to their Canine Control.

5.5.2 GSDCA National Levy

- 5.5.2.1 The host Member Club shall forward payment of the levy from entries, to the GSDCA Treasurer within 21 days of the closing date of entry.

5.5.3 Selection Process for National Judges

5.5.3.1 Conformation Judges

The criteria for conformation judges to be selected and included on to the GSDCA National GSD Show Judges List is that:

- a) They are a recognised GSD specialist judge that must have judged on two separate occasions at GSDCA Member Club or sanctioned shows and who have been nominated by a Member Club and accepted to be added to the list; [2018]
- b) The list of approved judges will be reviewed at the annual GSDCA Judges Committee (JC) Meeting where judges may be added and or removed upon a request from a Member Club;
- c) The list as reviewed by the JC Meeting will be presented to the AGM.
- d) Member Clubs hosting the National will have the right to choose 2 of 4 judges as nominated by GSDCA Executive and choices presented to AGM 2 years before the event is to be held; The 2 judges that are not chosen will act as reserve judges. [2018]
- e) The GSDCA SV Liaison Officer will contact judges as selected. In the event that none of the 4 chosen judges are able to accept the invitation the GSDCA Executive will liaise directly with the host Member Club and agreement sought to approach other judges as listed;
- f) Conditions under which the Judges are to be contracted should be as per the sample contract printed in Appendix “F” ANKC Contracts.
 - Judges will agree to not judge in Australia for two years prior to the date of the National they have been invited to Judge.
 - Judges will provide a written summation of each class that will preface their critiques when published. This summation will be provided within 15 days of the conclusion of the event.
 - International Judges should be reminded that they require a 408 visa to enter Australia.
 - Judges should be advised of what official functions they are required to attend when being contracted.



- Judges should be advised of their role (if any) and dress requirements for these functions.

5.5.3.2 Obedience/Performance Judges

The criteria for obedience/performance judges to be selected to officiate at a National is:

- Member Clubs that have accepted the nomination to host a National must provide a schedule of Obedience/Performance Classes that will be offered at the event.
The GSDCA Executive will nominate double the number of Judges for Classes to be judged from which the Club will appoint the required number of judges, with those not picked to act as reserves, (eg: 6 classes to be offered, then the list will have 12 judges from which the Club will choose the number of judges to officiate. [2018]
- The host Member Club, where possible, should appoint interstate judges to the judging panel.
- Judges are to be appointed from the GSDCA Preferred Performance Judges List, or if not available, from the GSDCA Supplementary List.
- Judges must be licensed to judge relevant disciplines/classes at ANKC sanctioned events and be an active and current member of a GSDCA Member Club in the State/Territory in which they reside.
- All Obedience/Performance Judges for the National Show and Trials be contracted to provide critiques for all classes to be published in the QNR.
- All Obedience/Performance Judges' contracts to include the following condition:
 - 'I understand and agree that I will not compete at this event'
- The GSDCA Preferred Performance Judges List and the GSDCA Supplementary Performance Judges List can be obtained from the GSDCA Secretary or GSDCA Obedience Chair. Both lists shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the GSDCA Obedience Chairperson.

5.5.3.3 Criteria for the Sires Progeny

The criteria for Sires Progeny at the National can be obtained from the GSDCA National Show Manual.

- Attendance at Sires Progeny group is a condition of entry to the National Show and must attend.
- Entry is automatic.
- Only Sires that are Breed Surveyed are eligible.
- All sires with a minimum of 5 progeny of 9 months of age or over from at least 2 different dams will automatically be catalogued along with the Sires name and catalogue number of the progeny.
- The sire need not be present or entered in the Show.
- The class shall be viewed by the NBC Executive, and is non-competitive.
- Exhibitors should be advised that vests are not worn during the sire's progeny parade.
- The Host Member Club shall supply "Carry boards" with the Sires name printed, in a size that can be easily read from quite a distance.
- The officiating conformation Judges shall be invited to view the Sires Progeny class. [2015]

5.5.3.4 Guidelines for the Sires Progeny Report

The GSDCA Annual Sires Progeny Report as presented to the membership by the NBC Executive will be reported according to bloodline base and will include a Tail



Male Chart for males and a Tail Male Chart for females. The report will be produced from data collected and due consideration of:

- a) Observations by the NBC Executive conducting commentary on the Sires Progeny Parade at the GSDCA National Show & Trial.
- b) Observations by the GSDCA Breed Surveyors and Judges of the Sires Progeny Parade at the GSDCA National Show & Trial.
- c) Observations by the State Breed Surveyor panel and officiating judges at State Breed Exhibitions where a Sires Progeny Parade is conducted.
- d) GSDCA Judges reports as submitted to the NBC Executive.
- e) Discussion pertaining to the annual review of stud dogs as presented by the NBC Executive to the GSDCA Breed Surveyor and GSDCA Specialist Judges Meeting.

That a “watch list” be developed to identify a group of sires that show promise in the show ring and/or have produced a limited number of progeny and at this stage are unable to produce a progeny group for assessment.

5.5.3.5 Criteria for Retirement of Animals at Nationals

The following criteria will apply for any animals that wish to retire at the National Show & Trial:

- a) Animals eligible to retire at the National GSD Show & Trial will be: Gold, Silver & Bronze medal winners, National Challenge and Reserve Challenge winners and National GSD Show & Trial Class winners;
- b) Owners must advise and supply retirement commentary to the GSDCA Secretary prior to the closing date of entry at which the animal will be retired: the commentary must include name of commentator, major achievements and will not be longer than 350 words;
- c) The application will be accepted on the understanding that the animal will not be exhibited and or trialed again;
- d) The retirement, provided the animal to be retired is not to be exhibited at the National, will be conducted at the conclusion of Breeders Group, otherwise the retirement will take place at conclusion of Open Dog



6 SPECIALIST JUDGES AND BREED SURVEYORS

6.1 GSDCA Specialist Judges

6.1.1 General

- 6.1.1.1 All resident Australian judges must have completed or be participating in the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course in order to award GSDCA gradings.
- 6.1.1.2 That all GSDCA Specialist Judges notify the Chairperson of the Judges Committee of any judging appointments as soon as their contract has been signed.
- 6.1.1.3 That GSDCA Specialist Judges must attend a Judges Committee Meeting at least once in every three years in order to retain their GSDCA Specialist Judges Licence.
- 6.1.1.4 That residents of New Zealand wishing to hold GSDCA Specialist Judges status and or complete the GSDCA Specialist Judges course must be members of a Member Club of the GSDCA and the German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council of New Zealand.

6.1.2 Re-instatement Application

That a Specialist Judge who surrenders his/her Specialist Judge status and wishes to be re-instated as a Specialist Judge must produce evidence of renewed activity.

This will be evidenced by attendance at specialty shows including the GSDCA National show, specialist shows and breed surveys 12 months prior to application for reinstatement. The applicant must have their application endorsed by a Member Club of the GSDCA in their State or Territory of domicile. This documentation is to be forwarded to the Judges Committee Chairperson and to be placed on the Agenda for approval at the Judges' Committee Meeting.

6.1.3 Accreditation as WUSV Judges

[2018]

6.1.3.1 GSDCA Requirements

[2018]

- a) GSDCA Specialist Judge may apply:
 - They must provide evidence of having judged a minimum of 20 Specialist Shows, which includes a minimum of 5 overseas appointments.
 - The shows must be judged as per GSDCA Guidelines or equivalent for overseas appointments. A minimum of 2 appointments must be in the preceding 5 years of application.
- b) The applicant must detail attendance and active participation at GSDCA and/or Member Club Shows, seminars, surveys, judges meetings, practical days, breed meetings and the National GSDCA Show & Trial, which is to be endorsed by the Club of domicile in their letter of endorsement
- c) A letter of endorsement from the Club of domicile, including length of membership, Club involvement etc., must be included with the application.
 - The Club needs to articulate any matter that may have been dealt with by the Club regarding the applicant.



- d) Applications to be received by the Judges Committee Chair, by the closing date for Agenda items for the GSDCA Judges Committee Meeting
- The application must include the required supporting documentation.
 - The application will be considered by the NBC Executive and if accepted the matter will be listed on the GSDCA Judges Committee Agenda.
 - If the application as considered by the NBC Executive is not accepted, the GSDCA Judges Chair on their behalf will consult with the applicant as to reasons why and provide guidance with regard to any future application.
 - In the event of the application as made at the Judges Committee Meeting is successful, it will then be ratified at the next GSDCA AGM.

6.1.3.2 WUSV Requirements

[2018]

Applicant must abide by the GSDCA Regulations and the SV Judging Regulations (amended 2016) National Special Judge (Breed).
(*SV Judging Regulations can be obtained from the SV website*)

6.2 Aspiring GSDCA Specialist Judges

6.2.1 GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course Requirements

To participate in the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course an applicant shall meet the criteria listed below, be fully conversant with and prepared to undertake the requirements listed below and submit the appropriate application form.

- 6.2.1.1 The Judges Committee Chair shall be responsible for the conduct of the course; this includes receipt and verification of applications; the organisation and coordination of all aspirant appointments, including the required liaison with Member Clubs, Examining Judges and coordinating the examination and adjudication process.
- 6.2.1.2 To become a Specialist Judge, applicants are required to successfully complete all components of the GSDCA Judges' Extension Course within three (3) years, a further 2 year extension may be given with by application to the GSDCA Judges Committee Chair, from the initial application to the Course. Continued active involvement within the Club of domicile is expected, to be an ongoing participant in the Course. [2015]
- 6.2.1.3 Attendance and active participation at GSDCA and Member Club activities is an expectation of aspirants, this includes shows, seminars, surveys, judges meetings, practical days and breed meetings.
- 6.2.1.4 Applicants are unable to exhibit and/or handle at Shows where they are officiating as an aspirant. [2018]
- 6.2.1.5 Aspirants undertaking this course do so at their own expense.

6.2.2 Criteria for Application

The required criteria to be obtained prior to application to the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course are:



- 6.2.2.1 A supporting statement from the applicant's Member Club/s of domicile shall accompany the application.
- 6.2.2.2 Has been a member of an ANKC Member Body for a period of eight years (8) during the ten years (10) immediately prior to the date of application
- 6.2.2.3 Must be a current financial member of a GSDCA Member Club in their State or Territory of domicile.
- 6.2.2.4 Must currently hold an ANKC Judges Licence for German Shepherd Dogs.
- 6.2.2.5 Must provide evidence of their involvement in their Member Club/s. Areas of involvement include Member of Club/s; Committee/s; Club Instructor. This may also include involvement at Kennel Control level. This information should be detailed to include level of involvement (i.e. positions held; type of involvement (e.g. Breed Affairs; Show Instructor; Registrar) and the date, including the length of time served in that position).
- 6.2.2.6 Must provide evidence of their experience as a breeder as outlined hereunder:
 - a) Have bred at least five litters under his/her own prefix or has a proven involvement in a shared prefix for no less than eight years.
 - b) Have bred at least five animals that have been successfully classified in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme.
 - c) Have bred at least five animals that have been awarded an 'A' and 'Z' stamp under the GSDCA Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme.
 - d) Have bred at least five animals that have been awarded a GSDCA excellent grading or equivalent, in the conformation ring. [2015]
- 6.2.2.7 Have acted as a Steward on at least three occasions at GSDCA Specialist Shows and or 'All Breeds' or 'Group' events. [2015]
- 6.2.2.8 It will be the responsibility of the Judges Committee Chair to advise the applicant of the acceptance/refusal of their application, following discussion with the GSDCA NBC Executive.

6.2.3 Application by Overseas accredited GSD Judge

A Specialist German Shepherd Dog conformation judge, who is accredited with a WUSV member country and has been granted a license to Judge GSDs, may make application to the GSDCA Judges Committee Chair for acceptance into the GSDCA Judges Extension Course and/or be accepted as a GSDCA Judge. [2017]

- 6.2.3.1 The applicant must apply to the Chair of the Judges Committee and provide evidence of qualification as a judge and a resume outlining their history of involvement and judging experience.
- 6.2.3.2 The NBC Executive shall upon consideration of the application deem which rules pertaining to the GSDCA Judges Extension Course, if any, shall be completed by the applicant.
- 6.2.3.3 The NBC Executive shall forward its recommendations to the GSDCA Executive for consideration and approval.

6.2.4 Requirements for Aspirants

Following acceptance and approval of the application to undertake the GSDCA Specialist Judges' Extension Course, Aspirants are required to successfully complete the following requirements.

6.2.4.1 Stage 1 – Mentoring



Mentoring is provided by a breed surveyor judge (of at least 5 years experience), who provides support to a participant in the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course in their Stage 1 assessments. This includes discussion on the animals presented in the classes, critique writing, gradings and placings. [2016]

- 6.2.4.1.1 The aspirant shall undertake three (3) mentoring appointments at a Show conducted or hosted by a GSDCA Member Club. This can be a Championship/Open or a GSDCA approved Show conducted in conjunction with an All-Breeds show (e.g. Working Dog Club Vic.). The Aspirant and Mentor Judge are seated outside the ring, so there is no impact on the actual judging of the Show.
- 6.2.4.1.2 Following the completion of each of the three (3) mentoring appointments a written report is to be completed by the applicant and sent to the Chair of the Judges Committee, within two weeks of the completion of each of their mentoring appointments. Should the report not be received within this time frame, the aspirant's mentoring appointments will not be acknowledged as counting towards the requirements for the successful completion of the course.
- 6.2.4.1.3 During Stage 1, all Aspirants are to complete 50 written critiques that can be completed at shows, breed surveys or on training days. They need to be reviewed and signed by a GSDCA Specialist Judge on the day and then sent to the GSDCA Judges Committee Chair. [2016]
- 6.2.4.1.4 The successful completion of Stage 1 deems the applicant eligible to undertake the next part of the course. Notification to the applicant is made by the Chair of the Judges Committee.

6.2.4.2 Stage 2 – Examinations [2016]

- 6.2.4.2.1 A minimum of six weeks (6) where practicable, will apply between applicants' appointments.
- 6.2.4.2.2 There is to be only one (1) aspirant appointment per judge at a GSDCA show. Only one examination is allowed over a double weekend per participant.
- 6.2.4.2.3 The applicant shall complete three (3) practical examinations, two under different assessor judges or any substitute judge appointed by GSDCA Judges Committee. The third examination will be where the aspirant is judging and the assessment is completed by the GSDCA assessor judge. The written critiques, together with all class call out orders, are to be sent to the Chair of the GSDCA Judges Committee and the assessor judge, plus a short written report on the virtues and faults of animals and the overall show within three (3) weeks of the show.

One examination is to be under the GSDCA President, NBC Chair or Judges Committee Chair, or previous NBC Executive members, if these position-holders are qualified examiner judges. [2018]
- 6.2.4.2.4 Examinations can be held during any GSDCA approved show other than the National Show and Trial.
- 6.2.4.2.5 Aspirants where possible should only complete one examination at a show conducted by their Member Club of the GSDCA.
- 6.2.4.2.6 The aspirant will be assessed on the following:



- a) Suitability of attire
- b) Punctuality
- c) Application of the standard (knowledge)
- d) Writing critiques - The aspirant will simultaneously, as the examining judge is completing his/her individuals, write his/her critiques on the class presented. This will be from Junior class upwards.
- e) Devise a call out order of the exhibits critiqued. The aspirant will give a copy of their call out order, immediately upon the completion of the individuals, to the examining judge after each class critiqued. Should the call out order vary dramatically from the examining judge's, the reasons including application of the standard, are to be discussed and explained.
- f) Aspirant to provide examiner judge with gradings for the class, prior to the adjudicating judge announcing his/her gradings on the pegs.
- g) A minimum of twenty (20) dogs shall be critiqued at each examination.
- h) Overall performance.

The aspirant will also be required to answer questions on methodology, critique writing, anatomy, grading and any other area the examining judge deems appropriate.

- 6.2.4.2.7 The aspirant must submit a copy of their critiques, including gradings, to the examining judge and the Judges Committee Chair, within three (3) weeks of the Show.

Critiques to include:

- a) Name of Club conducting Show, Date and Place
- b) Place and grading of each exhibit
- c) Name of exhibit and known titles eg Breed Survey, 'A' 'Z' etc
- d) Age of exhibit
- e) Sire and Dam

- 6.2.4.2.8 The aspirant must also submit a show report to the examiner judge and Chair of the Judges Committee, within three weeks of the Show. The report should include:

- a) Show, date and venue.
- b) A general critique on the animals judged including the virtues and faults.
- c) Any observed notable bloodline contributions.

- 6.2.4.2.9 Upon receipt of the aspirant's paperwork, the examiner judge will submit an examination report on the aspirant, stating whether the examination was satisfactory or unsatisfactory, to the Chair of the Judges Committee. A copy of this report will be sent to the aspirant by the Chair of the Judges Committee.

- 6.2.4.2.10 If the required paperwork is not received from the aspirant within three (3) weeks of the Show and the aspirant does not offer any reason for the paper work not being presented within the required time frame to the Chair of the Judges Committee, the examination will not be counted towards the three (3) examinations required for the completion of the course.

6.2.4.3 Appeals



- 6.2.4.3.1 If the aspirant is unsuccessful in an examination, an appeal should be lodged with the Chair of the Judges Committee in writing within a week of the result being known and the ground for appeal being clearly stated.
- 6.2.4.3.2 The appeal will be reviewed by three (3) examiner judges who have not been involved in the unsuccessful examination process, including, if possible, the Chair of the Judges Committee. The result of that review will be made known to the aspirant and the examining judge as soon as practicable.
- 6.2.4.3.3 The applicant will be advised, as a result of the appeal, their next stage of continuing in the course.

6.2.4.4 Awarding of the GSDCA Specialist Judges Badge and Certificate

- 6.2.4.4.1 Successful Aspirants will be awarded a GSDCA Specialist Judges Badge, a Certificate and their name added to the GSDCA Specialist Judges' List. Presentation of this award will be made at a National, or at a show determined by the Chair of the Judges Committee.

6.3 GSDCA Breed Surveyors

6.3.1 Re-instatement Application

That a Breed Surveyor who surrenders his/her Breed Survey status and wishes to be re-instated as a Breed Surveyor must produce evidence of renewed activity.

This will be evidenced by attendance at specialty shows including the GSDCA National show and breed surveys 12 months prior to application for reinstatement. The applicant must have their application endorsed by a Member Club of the GSDCA in their State or Territory of domicile. This documentation is to be forwarded to the NBC Chairperson and to be placed on the Agenda for approval at the NBC Meeting and ratified at the following GSDCA AGM. [2017]



6.3.2 State Breed Survey Coordinator

A State Breed Survey Coordinator is to be appointed by the NBC Chairperson to be responsible for breed surveys in the State and responsible directly to the NBC Chairperson.

6.4 GSDCA Aspiring Breed Surveyors

6.4.1 Criteria and Procedure for Aspiring Breed Surveyors

- 6.4.1.1 The applicant must be a financial member of a GSDCA Member Club
- 6.4.1.2 The applicant must have and provide evidence of:
 - a) Owning, exhibiting and breeding German Shepherd Dogs for a period of (10) years his or her breeding activity to have included a minimum of ten (10) litters
 - b) Breeding ten (10) animals which have passed the GSDCA National Breed Improvement Schemes
 - c) Breeding five (5) individual animals that have received an excellent grading at GSDCA Member Club Specialist Shows or GSDCA approved Shows.
- 6.4.1.3 The applicant must provide with their application a resume of their involvement at their Member Club of domicile and /or GSDCA level.
- 6.4.1.4 After completing the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course, the applicant must have officiated as a judge at a minimum of five (5) shows as conducted by GSDCA Member Clubs or at approved shows where gradings as approved by the GSDCA are awarded and both written and verbal critiques are given from the Junior classes upward.
- 6.4.1.5 The applicant must have adhered to their Member Club, Canine Control and the GSDCA Codes of Ethics. A declaration to this effect must accompany the application.
- 6.4.1.6 The applicant must have their application endorsed by the Committee of a Member Club in their State or Territory of domicile of which they are a member.
- 6.4.1.7 The applicant shall make application which will contain all supporting documentation to the NBC Chairperson.
- 6.4.1.8 The application must be received no later than the close of call for agenda items for the NBC Meeting.
- 6.4.1.9 The application if accepted will be included as an agenda item for the NBC Meeting.
- 6.4.1.10 The NBC Executive will consider the application and will inform the applicant personally before the NBC Chairperson makes a recommendation to the NBC Meeting.
- 6.4.1.11 If successful, the Aspiring Breed Surveyor shall agree to undertake a twelve (12) month training period to advance their knowledge of the German Shepherd Dog.
- 6.4.1.12 The Aspiring Breed Surveyor must attend at least three (3) Breed Surveys in their State or Territory and at each Breed Survey undertake a mock Survey and complete a GSDCA Breed Survey Worksheet independently from the officiating Breed Surveyors on the day.



- 6.4.1.13 If three (3) Breed Surveys are not conducted in a twelve (12) month period in the applicant's state of domicile then the applicant may make application to the NBC Chairperson to participate in a Breed Survey in another State or Territory.
- 6.4.1.14 At the completion of each mock survey and assessment, a review process will be undertaken with the Aspirant and officiating Breed Surveyor.
- 6.4.1.15 The three (3) assessments cannot be completed under one Breed Surveyor. The process is to be one of mentoring the Aspirant.
- 6.4.1.16 At the completion of the review process the assessment together with an evaluation report by the officiating Breed Surveyor will be forwarded to the NBC Executive.
- 6.4.1.17 In cases where an Aspirant fails to meet with a positive evaluation in any one (1) of the three (3) assessments, they will be required to undertake an additional mock survey in order to gain a total of three (3) positive assessments. It must be noted that this may delay the approval process.
- 6.4.1.18 Once the NBC Executive has received three (3) positive assessments the NBC Executive will recommend to the next NBC Meeting that the Aspirant be formally recognised as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor.
- 6.4.1.19 A resume of the newly appointed Breed Surveyor shall be published in the QNR in conjunction with the GSDCA AGM Agenda.
- 6.4.1.20 The recommendation as approved by the NBC Meeting will then be put forward to be ratified at the next GSDCA AGM.

6.5 GSDCA Obedience/Performance Judges

6.5.1 Preferred Obedience/Performance Judges

- 6.5.1.1 A GSDCA Preferred Obedience/Performance Judge must be an ANKC Judge who is licensed to judge relevant disciplines/classes at ANKC sanctioned events, and is an active and current member of a GSDCA Member Club in the State/Territory in which they reside.
 - 6.5.1.1.1 That as of 1st July 2019, Obedience/Performance Judges must be full panel judges in one or more disciplines in order to be nominated and added to the GSDCA Performance Preferred Judges Listings. [2019]
- 6.5.1.2 New applications for judges to be added to the Preferred Obedience/Performance Judges List must have been nominated by their Member Club for their inclusion onto the Preferred Judges list. The Member Club shall forward their endorsement of the application and a resume of the proposed judge, prior to the close of Agenda items for the GSDCA AGM. The application must be ratified at the AGM to take effect.
- 6.5.1.3 In order to remain on the GSDCA Preferred Obedience/Performance Judges list Judges must retain their ANKC Obedience Judge's licence, and continue to be an active and current member of a GSDCA Member Club in the State/Territory in which they reside.

6.5.2 Supplementary Obedience/Performance Judges

- 6.5.2.1 A GSDCA Supplementary Obedience/Performance Judge must be an ANKC Judge who is licensed to judge relevant disciplines/classes at ANKC sanctioned events, and is seen as a friend of the Breed by a Member Club in the State/Territory in which they reside.



6.5.2.1.1 That as of 1st July 2019, Obedience/Performance Judges must be full panel judges in one or more disciplines in order to be nominated and added to the GSDCA Performance Supplementary Judges Listings. [2019]

6.5.2.2 New applications for judges to be added to the Supplementary Performance Judges List must have been nominated by their Member Club for their inclusion onto the Supplementary Judges list. The Member Club shall forward their endorsement of the application and a resume of the proposed judge, prior to the close of Agenda items for the GSDCA AGM. The application must be ratified at the AGM to take effect.

6.5.2.3 In order to remain on the GSDCA Supplementary Obedience/Performance Judges list Judges must retain their ANKC Obedience Judge's licence, and continue to be seen as a friend of the Breed by a GSDCA Member Club in the State/Territory in which they reside.

6.5.3 GSDCA Obedience Judges Badge Criteria

6.5.3.1 The GSDCA Judges' Badge may be presented to ANKC Obedience Judges who are on the GSDCA Preferred Obedience Judge list, and have trained German Shepherd Dog to a minimum of a CDX title, and have been actively judging at their Member Club's Obedience Trials, or judging at Nationals, and involved in the activities of the Member Club in their state of domicile.

6.5.3.2 A judge that meets the above criteria may apply for the GSDCA Obedience Judge's Badge. The Application Form is available from the GSDCA Obedience Chairperson. The judge shall complete the application form and submit it along with their resume to their Member Club. The Member Club if endorsing the application shall submit it as an agenda item for the GSDCA AGM.

6.5.3.3 Upon ratification at the GSDCA AGM, the GSDCA Obedience Judges Badge may be presented at an appropriate function by the GSDCA Obedience Chairperson, a member of the GSDCA Executive and/or a Member Club President.



7 QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW

7.1 Administration

- 7.1.1 The GSDCA Quarterly National Review (QNR) will be published four (4) times per year.
The preferred months for publication will be on a seasonal basis:
- Summer edition (approx. 1st quarter of the calendar year),
 - Autumn edition (approx. 2nd quarter of the calendar year),
 - Winter edition – Also NATIONAL edition (approx. 3rd quarter of the calendar year),
 - Spring edition (approx. 4th quarter of the calendar year).
- 7.1.2 Subscription to the QNR is compulsory and incorporated into membership fees of all Member Clubs.
- 7.1.3 For the current cost of the QNR please refer to the GSDCA Treasurer.
- 7.1.4 A copy of each QNR will be forwarded to the Verein fur Deutsche Schaferhunde (SV) for their information.
- 7.1.5 A “Club News and Directory” section will be included in each edition of the QNR.
- 7.1.6 It is the responsibility of each Member Club to provide by the mutually agreed method an up to date list of club members to the QNR Editor within the stipulated dates prior to publication of each edition of the QNR, for distribution purposes.

7.2 Publication Guidelines

7.2.1 Publication Guidelines – GSDCA Positions and Awards

- 7.2.1.1 The first available edition of the QNR after the GSDCA AGM shall publish:
- 7.2.1.1.1 The GSDCA President’s report as presented to the GSDCA AGM, and
 - 7.2.1.1.2 The GSDCA Secretary’s report from the GSDCA AGM – detailing the motions that were carried at the AGM.
- 7.2.1.2 The first available edition of the QNR after the GSDCA National Show and Trial (National Edition) shall publish:
- 7.2.1.2.1 The full list of all trophy winners and medal winners for that year, along with the results and critiques from that National Show and Trial. It should also be noted if a medal or trophy was not awarded.
 - 7.2.1.2.2 The assessment of the Sires Progeny Class from the National Show and Trial.
- 7.2.1.3 When a GSDCA Breed Surveyor status is awarded to an individual, a summary of their pre-requisite qualifications and achievements shall be published in the first available QNR.
- 7.2.1.4 A list of the kennels that had been awarded the GSDCA Breeders Achievement Award medals through the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia and/or GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Schemes are to be published in the first available QNR following their presentation.
- 7.2.1.5 The GSDCA Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Schemes progeny results, as supplied, shall be published at least once every twelve (12) months in the QNR.



- 7.2.1.6 That each year the criteria by which Hip and Elbow plates are being scored and either passed or failed is published in the QNR.
- 7.2.1.7 The publication of a vale in the QNR shall be at the discretion of the GSDCA Executive.
- 7.2.1.8 The resume of overseas judges who have been appointed to judge Member Clubs shows, and all Breed Shows that have been sanctioned by the GSDCA and supported by the Member Club, is published in the QNR subject to:
- a) The Member Club placing a minimum quarter page advertisement in that QNR.
 - b) The Member Club Secretary shall forward the QNR Editor a resume of the judge (150 words maximum which can include name of show, date and venue) at least eight (8) months prior to the Show date, and the resume should appear in the magazine at least six (6) months before the show.
 - c) In cases where All Breed Clubs conduct GSDCA sanctioned shows, the resume should be forwarded by the Club to the Member Club Secretary, who will then forward to the QNR Editor as per timelines above.

7.2.2 Publication Guidelines – National Shows

- 7.2.2.1 In the QNR 'National' edition the following award winners:
- a) Gold, Silver & Bronze Medal winning animals (SC, LSC and Obedience) and,
 - b) Winners of Memorial plaques, as listed in the National Show Manual.
- will be featured with a colour photo and caption of approximately 1/3 of a page for each animal. This will see up to 6 pages dedicated as a centre spread, giving due recognition to our top animals.
The cost of these pages to be covered by the GSDCA.
- 7.2.2.2 The cost of advertising the schedule for the National Show and Trial to the hosting Member Clubs will be offered at a fifty (50) percent reduction.
- 7.2.2.3 Written critiques remain the property of the GSDCA and are printed in the QNR or as a Special “National” Edition. [2016]
- 7.2.2.4 All results and critiques from GSDCA National Shows will also be posted on the GSDCA website as soon as possible after the National Show and Trial. [2016]

7.2.3 Publication Guidelines– Obligations of Authors

- 7.2.3.1 A letter and or article will not be published in the QNR when the author of the letter or article requests that his/her name is suppressed.
- 7.2.3.2 The obligation of an author is to present a concise, accurate account of their subject matter.
- 7.2.3.3 Personal criticism, political comment related to the affairs of the GSDCA and/or Members Clubs, is not considered acceptable under any circumstances.
- 7.2.3.4 Information obtained from sources other than the author’s own work or published papers should not be used or reported without the permission of the person or organisation from which the information originated.



7.2.4 Publication Guidelines – Obligations of the Editor

- 7.2.4.1 The Editor has complete responsibility and authority to accept an article for publication or reject it.
- 7.2.4.2 When the QNR Editor receives a letter and/or article for publication in the QNR which is critical of actions by the Executive or an officer of the GSDCA, then the person/s or action/s that are being criticised will have the right of reply. The reply will be published in the same edition of the QNR as the letter and/or article that has been received for publication.
- 7.2.4.3 The QNR Editor should give unbiased consideration to all articles offered for publication providing that the content of the article meets with the objectives of the GSDCA and does not contain personal criticism and/or political comment related to the affairs of the GSDCA and its Member Clubs.
- 7.2.4.4 The QNR Editor must not use the “Editorial” to express personal criticism and/or political comment related to the affairs of the GSDCA and/or Member Clubs, or comment adversely to a decision as taken by the GSDCA.
- 7.2.4.5 The QNR Editor must respect the intellectual independence of authors.
- 7.2.4.6 The QNR Editor when presented with convincing evidence that the main substance or conclusions of an article as published are erroneous should facilitate publication of an appropriate article that highlights the errors and if possible correct the original article.

7.3 Advertising

7.3.1 Package for Stud Dog advertisers

- 7.3.1.1 Each full page stud dog advertisement printed in the QNR will have the option to be replicated on a dedicated Stud Dog page on the GSDCA website for a period of 3 months following the publication of the QNR edition in which it appears. [2017]

7.3.2 Requirements for Animals Bred and Owned in Australia

- 7.3.2.1 All animals over the age of twelve (12) months and under two (2) years at the time of publication must have been awarded a GSDCA ‘A’ stamp for hips and a GSDCA ‘Z’ stamp for elbows, or a GSDCA recognised scheme, and not failed the GSDCA Breed Survey Classification or other recognised scheme. [2018]
 - 7.3.2.1.1 It is the responsibility of the QNR Editor to ensure that hip and elbow results, as part of the advertisement are published in full, (e.g. “A” (2:1) “Z” Grade One (0:1). [2018]
- 7.3.2.2 To be eligible for the “Showing Potential” section an animal must be less than 12 months of age at the time of publication, where both parents have successfully passed Breed Survey through the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme or a GSDCA recognised scheme.
- 7.3.2.3 If the advertisement is to contain a copy of a GSDCA Breed Survey critique, it must be printed in full and verified by the GSDCA NBC Chairperson. (The Breed Survey critique is the property of the GSDCA).
 - 7.3.2.3.1 If the advertisement is to contain a Breed Survey critique from an overseas GSDCA recognised scheme, it must be printed in full and translated by an official GSDCA interpreter.
- 7.3.2.4 That dogs who have achieved the grading of Excellent Select be advertised as such, and not VA.



- 7.3.2.5 Animals being advertised for stud work must hold a GSDCA Breed Survey Classification or be classified under a recognised scheme. [2018]
- 7.3.2.6 Progeny between the age of twelve (12) months and two (2) years will be eligible to be advertised however must possess a GSDCA A and Z Stamp. [2018]
- 7.3.2.6.1 For progeny beyond two years of age Breed Survey classification is a pre-requisite. [2018]
- 7.3.2.7 For advertising other than Stud dogs (Kennel progeny, Clubs, Groups), animals up to two (2) years of age may be advertised without being breed survey classified. Animals between 12 months and two years must not have failed the HDED or Breed Survey schemes. Animals beyond two years must possess a GSDCA HDED pass and Breed Survey Classification or other recognised scheme. [2018]
- 7.3.2.8 For advertising other than Stud dogs (Kennel progeny, Clubs, Groups), animals up to two (2) years of age may be advertised without being breed survey classified. Any animals between the age of twelve (12) months and two (2) years must possess a GSDCA A and Z Stamp. [2018]

7.3.3 Requirements for Animals and Semen being Imported into Australia

- 7.3.3.1 Imported animals that have been successfully breed surveyed through a GSDCA recognised scheme and have been awarded a hip and elbow result through a GSDCA recognised evaluation scheme for hips and elbows shall be given a six month grace period for presentation to the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme for advertising purposes, subject to Section 5.3 GSDCA Breed Survey Manual. If the animal fails to present to the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme no further advertising will be accepted.
- 7.3.3.2 Semen imported from overseas can only be advertised in the QNR provided the following requirements are met:
- The donor dog must have been successfully breed surveyed with a GSDCA recognized overseas breed survey, and that survey translated by an official GSDCA interpreter as listed on the GSDCA website.
 - If the advertisement is to contain a breed survey critique from an overseas GSDCA recognised scheme, it must be printed in full.
 - Imported semen prior to the advertising being accepted must have completed a title verification as per Section 5.3.3 Breed Survey Manual.
- 7.3.3.3 If the advertisement is to contain a Breed Survey critique from an overseas GSDCA recognised scheme, it must be printed in full and translated by an official GSDCA interpreter.

7.3.4 Requirements for Animals Bred and/or Owned in New Zealand

- 7.3.4.1 All animals over the age of eighteen (18) months at the time of publication must be breed surveyed through a GSDCA recognised scheme to advertise in the QNR. The GSDCA shall recognise the Breed Survey classification for any animal from New Zealand for advertising purposes in the QNR on the proviso that the animal has been awarded a GSDCA 'A' stamp for hips and a GSDCA 'Z' stamp for elbows or passed any other GSDCA recognised evaluation scheme for hips and elbows.



- 7.3.4.2 All animals over the age of twelve (12) months of age and under eighteen months of age at the time of publication must have been awarded a GSDCA 'A' stamp for hips and a GSDCA 'Z' stamp for elbows or passed any other GSDCA approved evaluation scheme for hips and elbows.

7.4 Requirements for Printing of Photographs of Place-getters at National Show and Trial

- 7.4.1 All conformation exhibits placed 1st to 10th, and all Excellent graded exhibit owners will be required to supply a photo of their animal as placed at the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial. [2015]
 - 7.4.1.1 The photo must be supplied as a high quality (min 1mb) 'jpg' file and emailed to editor within fifteen (15) days of the end of the event. [2015]
 - 7.4.1.2 Failure by owners to supply a photograph will see no photograph of their animal included in the QNR. [2015]
- 7.4.2 All obedience/performance entrants are to be photographed at the time of vetting.
The animal shall be in a sitting position alongside of the Handler. [2015]
 - 7.4.2.1 The photo must be supplied as a high quality (min 1mb) 'jpg' file and emailed to editor within fifteen (15) days of the end of the event. [2015]
 - 7.4.2.2 Failure by the owner to supply a photograph will see no photograph of their animal included in the QNR. [2015]
- 7.4.3 The QNR Editor shall publish the requirements, as listed in the National Show/Trial Manual, in the same issue as the schedule for the National, as well as these requirements appearing in the show catalogue.
- 7.4.4 For all requirements for Photographs at the National – Refer the National Show/Trial Manual



8 LIST OF GSDCA FORMS AND PUBLICATIONS

8.1 List of GSDCA Forms

8.1.1 Breed Survey Forms

- BS 1 – Application for Breed Survey
- BS 2 – Notification of Failure
- BS 5 – Recommendation for Breed Survey De-Classification
- BS 7 – Breed Survey Worksheet
- BS 11 – Breed Survey Report
- BS 12 – Breed Survey Checklist

8.1.2 Judges Forms

- Judges Extension Course Application Form

8.1.3 Hip and Elbow Forms

- Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Application Form

8.2 GSDCA Publications

- The GSDCA Constitution
- The GSDCA Regulations
- National Quarterly Reviews
- Breed Survey Manual
- Breed Survey Year Book (from 1978 to 2013) – replaced with GSDCA Database
- National Show Manual
- National Trial Manual
- Character and Working Assessment Manual [2016]
- A Condensed History of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia (Out of print)
- The Completely Updated and Revised “A Condensed History of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia” - (Golden Jubilee Edition)
- The GSDCA Dog Database [2015]



9 DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

All definitions and abbreviations in this document shall have the meanings given under this section, or as defined in the GSDCA “Constitution”.

9.1 Definitions

Member Club	Affiliate or Constituent Body of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia
Code of Ethics	German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Code of Ethics
Sponsored Event	Is a Show or Trial run by a Club other than a GSDCA Member Club, where GSDCA Gradings are awarded. The Non-Member Club must run the event in accordance with the GSDCA Regulations, and in agreement with the Member Club.

9.2 Abbreviations

AGM	Annual General Meeting
ANKC	Australian National Kennel Council
CV	Curriculum Vitae
COB	Close of Business
ED	Elbow Dysplasia
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
GSD	German Shepherd Dog
GSDCA	German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia
HD	Hip Dysplasia
HD/ED Registrar	GSDCA Hip Dysplasia /Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar
JC	Judges Committee
NBC	National Breed Commission
NZGSDAC	New Zealand German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council
NZ	New Zealand
QNR	Quarterly National Review
SBE	State Breed Exhibition
SGM	Special General Meeting
SV	Verein Fur Deutsche Schaferhunde
WUSV	World Union of German Shepherd Dog Societies
[“year”]	Indicates the year of the AGM when this clause was amended/added.



9.3 Appendices