

## **2011 Qualification Trial for selection of the Team to represent the USA at the WUSV Universal Sieger Championship**

### **General:**

The purpose of this event is to select the team to represent the United Schutzhund Clubs of America (USCA) for the WUSV Universal Sieger Championship.

This event will count as a regular trial event and will be recorded in USCA recognized scorebooks. There will not be any "title" (ex. Universal Sieger) given or referenced to the winner or any trophies awarded. It is simply a qualification trial to earn a spot on the team.

### **Location:**

- Elizabeth, CO
- Tracking fields will be dirt

### **Hotel Info:**

- Best Western, Castle Rock, Colorado [www.bestwesterncastlerock.com](http://www.bestwesterncastlerock.com)

### **Airport Info:**

- Denver International (DEN)

### **Schedule of Events:**

- May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - 0800 - 1500 Practice
  - 1700 Korung
  - 2000 Draw
- May 28<sup>th</sup>
  - 0900 Conformation Show Females
  - 1100 Conformation Show Males
  - 1300 Helper Selection
  - 1500 (depending on entry) Tracking
- May 29<sup>th</sup>
  - 0700 (depending on entry) Tracking
  - 1000 Obedience
  - 1300 Protection
  - 1600 Closing Ceremonies

### **Entry Qualification:**

- All entry required copies and entry forms to be sent to the USCA office at least three (3) weeks prior to the event.
- Each entrant must have earned a SchH 3 and Kkl and have a passing HD/ED. Kkl can be obtained at the event on Friday if offered.
- Each competitor is encouraged to submit a signed 'Declaration of Intent' to compete at the WUSV World Championship.

### **Event Format:**

- This qualification trial event will be at least a two (2) day event.
- The day before the first trial date will be used for practice. Each competitor will be allowed 10 min. practice time on the obedience and protection field.
- The night before the first trial, after the optional Kkl event, will be used for the "draw".

- The first trial day will be the conformation show. The second day will be the SchH trial. The tracking phase can be conducted after the conformation trial.

**Judges:**

- USCA Judge / Koermeister – Karen MacIntyre

**Financial:**

- The entry fee per each competitor will be \$150.00
- The entry fee per each competitor for the KKI event will be 125.00
- Competitors who have earned a spot on the team must submit a \$200 deposit to their organization within 5 days following the event. If the funds are not received within this time frame their spot on the team will be terminated and provided to the person with the next lowest score at the event.

**Helpers:**

- The hosting club shall provide two (2) Regional Level rated helpers or above for consideration.
- The day before the first trial date following practice their will be helper tryouts. The judge(s) will select the primary front and back half helper.
- Each Helper is responsible to provide a SchH III level trained German Shepherd Dog for the tryouts.
- Helpers will NOT be permitted to work any dogs following the final helper selection.

**Track Layers:**

- The host club will provide the tracking coordinator and one (1) tracklayer for the event.

**Scoring Methodology:**

- The competitors that receive the three lowest total scores, with a minimum of 80 points in protection and “pronounced” in TSB, will earn a spot on the team for the United States of America.
- It is mandatory that at least one (1) bitch is on the team. The low scoring bitch with a minimum of 80 points in protection and “pronounced” in TSB, will automatically earn a spot and the rest of the team will be in order of lowest points.
- The competitor with the lowest points of the top four will be the first alternate. In case a second alternate is necessary the competitor with the fifth highest total score in will be selected.
- In the event of a tie total score the competitor with the highest protection, followed by obedience, score will be selected.
- The participants will be ranked according to their performances in the SchH trial and the Breed Show. (Males and females will be separate in both events.)
- Participants will receive points equal to their ranking in the SchH trial. First place earns 1 point, second places earns 2 points, etc. In case of a tie, the high protection score will determine the placing, and then the obedience score.
- In the Conformation Show, dogs will be evaluated and placed in order as in an ordinary Conformation Show.
- The participants will be awarded points for the show placing in the same manner as the SchH trial. First place earns 1 point, second place earns 2 points, etc.
- The participants points awarded in the SchH trial and the Breed Show will be added together for a total score. (perfect score is 1 + 1 = 2 points) Males and Females will be separated.
- If a qualifying competitor does not want to be on the USCA team the next winning competitor will be given the chance to be on the USCA team.

**Team Captains:**

- USCA will pick the Team Captain and the Alternate Team Captain.
- USCA will register the USCA team with the organization hosting the WUSV Universal Sieger.
- The USCA Team Captain is responsible for securing team uniforms and hotel reservations for the entire team.