Information Bulletin WUSV World Championship IP & Universal of the World Union for German Shepherd Dog Clubs

Under the patronage of the World Union for German Shepherd Dog Clubs (WUSV) three international events are hosted by WUSV member clubs on an annual basis with the aim to further support, improve and develop the German Shepherd Dog breed.

The program distinguishes between the WUSV-Championship UNIVERSAL – usually to be scheduled for the month of June of the current calendar year – and the WUSV World Championship IP to be scheduled at the first weekend of the month of October as the earliest possible date of the current calendar year in order to give all participating member clubs a chance to hold their respective qualification trials in a timely fashion. Since 2024 also a WUSV-World Championship Agility is part of the international schedule of the WUSV which is to be held either together with the WUSV-World Championship IP or UNIVERSAL.

Both events are to be held based on the IGP (state 2025) rules as well as the respective examination regulations for Agility and the up-to date versions of the regulations respectively specifications – the WUSV Universal Championship also includes a show section in addition to the three trial sections tracking, obedience and defense work.

Templates of the regulations and specifications are available on the WUSV homepage at https://www.wusv.org/en/events

Once the regulations are completed for the event to be held, the Secretariat General is to be provided with a copy in order to obtain the approval of the WUSV Board of Directors. Once this is finalized the document needs to be published on the homepage to be launched for the event by the hosting organization.

As an additional offer the hosting country can also organize a *Von-Stephanitz Memorial Show* at its own discretion. However, this program is optional and <u>explicitly not</u> part of the international WUSV events.

The club assigned for the event respectively its legal representatives submit themselves to the requirements, specifications and instructions as stipulated by the WUSV board of directors, the WUSV secretariat general, the WUSV Coordinators IP & Agility, the head judge, the tracking commissioner, and all other regulations applicable by that time.

All decisions to be taken in terms of the realization, the date and venue of the event are to be coordinated with the above-mentioned party respectively the WUSV-Secretariat General shall be informed about all proposed changes at any time. A list with the names of a permanent contact person and the members of the organization committee shall be provided in a timely fashion.

Teams from all WUSV member clubs and their team captains are entitled to register for the events. The number of participating dogs and substitute dogs as well as the participation requirements for the dogs are detailed in the regulations and the specifications.

Premises and facilities are to be made available by the hosting organization for the drawing of the lots, for the judges, and for team meetings as well as for the captains meeting to be held by the end of the event.

The hosting organization has to ensure that all relevant legal permissions are obtained prior to the event. The relevant national legal provisions as required by the veterinarian authorities are to be communicated in a timely fashion, and the compliance hereof is to be verified, if required.

Services of emergency veterinarians and physicians have to be ensured, this includes the necessary facilities.

The hosting organization has to cover all liability claims. The WUSV – however – is to be indemnified and held harmless from possible claims in connection with the event. Prior to the event, the hosting organization has to provide evidence of the respective insurance coverage.

The chronology of the event is to be coordinated with the WUSV and a schedule proposal is to be provided in a timely fashion.

Prior to the event the following on-site inspections will be carried out:

- Venue, tracking fields, stadium and hotels, etc.
- Inspection of infrastructure

The visits are carried out by the WUSV-Coordinator IP respectively Agility, the head judge, the tracking commissioner and – as the case might by – the secretary general in accordance with the hosting organisation. Proposals for improvements as offered by the coordinators are to be considered.

The officiating judges are selected and appointed by the WUSV Board of Directors.

The total expenses of the event are to be covered by the WUSV member organization – however- subsidies and funds from other organizations may be raised.

Entrance fees belong to the hosting organization.

50% of the revenues obtained in terms of registration fees charged to the participants are to be passed on to the WUSV. This does not apply to the WUSV-World Championship Agility. The revenues from that event fully remain with the hosting country.

The starting fee per dog shall be 140.00 €/ EUROS for the WUSV-World Championship IP & UNIVERSAL and is subject to change upon decision of the WUSV Board of Directors.

The expenses for accommodation of the participants and the team captains are to be covered by the respective WUSV member clubs.

Expenses in terms of travelling and accommodation for the WUSV-Coordinator IP & Agility, the head judge and tracking commissioner shall be paid by the hosting organization.

The expenses for accommodation for the sectional judges and the junior judges – and in case of the WUSV-Championship UNIVERSAL also the show judge – are to be paid by the hosting organization as well. The expenses for accommodation include hotel bills and the daily board of the judges.

The expenses in terms of travelling for the sectional judges and the junior judges – and in case of the WUSV-World Championship UNIVERSAL also the show judge – are to be covered by the WUSV. The same applies for the total expenses in terms of travelling and accommodation for the Secretary General and WUSV-Board of Directors (for details also see the table attached).

The expenses in terms of both travelling and accommodation for the inspection of the venue are to be covered by the hosting organization.

The WUSV-Secretariat General offers a grant payment amounting to a total of 15,000.00 € for the Championships IP & UNIVERSAL upon presentation of the income and expenses out of the event. The expenses must be verified, and the grant can be applied for in an informal fashion.

The WUSV holds the exclusive rights for the conclusion of media contracts. Upon registration of media organizations to the event the licenses as granted by the WUSV need to be verified by the hosting organization. The hosting organization is entitled to claim compensation

payments for expenses in terms of personnel, general fees, material costs, etc. that occur in connection with the presence and support of the media company on site the venue.

All correspondence and communication in terms of the application formalities, planning and realization of the event are to be held in English and/ or German. The hosting countries are welcome to publish the homepage of the event in their respective native languages – however – an English version shall be mandatory. A German version shall be optional only.

Attachment: Tabulated cost allocation

Summary Cost Allocation WUSV Championship & Universal Championship

Section	WUSV	Hosting Organization
WUSV Coordinators IP & Agility		Travelling Expenses & Accommodation (Hotel & Board)
Head Judge		Travelling Expenses & Accommodation (Hotel & Board)
Deputy Head Judge Only in case of unavailability of the Head Judge – on call duty		Travelling Expenses & Accommodation (Hotel & Board)
Tracking Commissioner		Travelling Expenses & Accommodation (Hotel & Board)
Judge Section A	Travelling Expenses	Accommodation (Hotel & Board)
Judge Section B	Travelling Expenses	Accommodation (Hotel & Board)
Judge Section C	Travelling Expenses	Accommodation (Hotel & Board)
Show Judge (applies for WUSV-Championship UNIVERSAL only)	Travelling Expenses	Accommodation (Hotel & Board)
WUSV-Board of Directors	Travelling Expenses & Accommodation (Hotel & Board)	
WUSV-Secretariat General	Travelling Expenses & Accommodation (Hotel & Board)	