**EXAMINATION RULES FOR THE MAIN CONFORMATION SHOW OF GERMAN SHEPARDS OF CROATIA**

1. Purebred dogs who have an FCI pedigree and who are more than four months old on the day of the show, may take part.

**Croatian citizens:**

Dog owners, co-owners, holders and guides must be members of ZUUNJOH and HKS (CKC – Croatian Kennel Club). Dog owners who are not breeders must have a certified transfer of ownership under the current CKC Rule Book. Dog owners who have not been issued a pedegree certificate by HKS (CKC – Croatian Kennel Club) must have an HR number or prove that their validation is in the process (receipt, form with the date before the event is held).

**Foreign Citizens :**

As co-owners of dogs they must be enrolled in a pedigree register or prove that the ownership transfer is in the process by HKS (CKC – Croatian Kennel Club). All dog owners must submit their pedigree certificate upon inspection and on the organiser's request. All dog owners who do not comply or do not abide by the rules will have their ratings, titles, placements and scores declared invalid and will be publicly announced in the ZUUNJOH newsletters. In accordance with the provisions of the CKC Show Regulations for each registered and published dog in the show catalog, the owner is obliged to pay the fee on the day of the event or three days after the date of the show. Otherwise, the ZUUNJUH and CKC (registration certificate, breeding reviews, titles, etc.) services will be suspended until the debt is settled. For the gross violation of the rules, the decision of the ZUUNJOH disciplinary board is final. All required documentation from a dog owner, guide or handler, and at the request of the organizer, appeals committee, ZUUNJOH's chief executive officer or ZUUNJOH president, must be original. Copies of documents, emails, or other unrealistic evidence will be rejected and will not be considered legitimate.

2. Dogs who do not have a valid pedigree, aggressive dogs, dogs that are not vaccinated against rabies or are castrated will be excluded from the show.

3. Exhibitor's Responsibilities - The dog owner is responsible for any damage caused by their dog. Dogs will only be allowed out during the show on the payment of 200kn per dog, payable to ZUUNJOH on the day of the show, or within three days after, at the latest.

Any dog owners leaving the show at the time of the dog's assessment and without the payment of the deposit within the given deadline will face disciplinary action, suspension and seezing of ZUUNJOH and CKC workings (litter reporting, breeding reviews and acquired titles, ratings and placements) until the debt is settled.

**4. Competition classes:**

Baby puppy class 4-6 months

Junior puppy class 6 to 9 months

Senior puppy class 9 - 12 Months

Junior class 12-18 months

Intermediate class 18-24 months (compulsory enrollment HD, ED, DNA Gpr)

A working dog class from 24 months (required for HD, ED, DNA Gpr)

In the class of dogs aged 18 to 24 months, exhibited dogs must have the results from HD, ED and DNA Gpr.( confirmed by SV \*), entered in their pedigree, without that the dog cannot be exhibited.

In the class of bitches aged 18 to 24 months, exhibited bitches must have the results from HD, ED and DNA Gpr. (certified by SV \*) or HD, ED (read from the F.C.I. and D.Gpr. certified by veterinary institutions), entered in their pedigree, without that the bitch cannot be exhibited.

--- In 18-24 male and female varieties of long hair lies HD, ED and DNA are not mandatory

In the working class are the dogs, 24 months or older, with a working class certificate which has to be shown on the day of the show.

In a working dogs class, exhibited dogs must have the results from HD, ED and DNA Gpr. (confirmed by SV \*), entered in their pedigree, without that the dog cannot be exhibited.

In a working bitch class, exhibited bitches must have the results from HD, ED and DNA Gpr. (certified by SV \*) or HD, ED (read from the F.C.I. and D.Gpr. certified by veterinary institutions), entered in their pedigree, without that the bitch cannot be exhibited.

Dogs in working class are subject to scrutiny of courage and combat.

\* The findings from other countries from institutions listed in SV are taken under the following link:

[**https://www.schaeferhunde.de/service/formulare-info-broschueren-verzeichnisse/verzeichnisse/#verzeichnisse-panel**](https://www.schaeferhunde.de/service/formulare-info-broschueren-verzeichnisse/verzeichnisse/#verzeichnisse-panel)

[Verzeichnis der anerkannten HD-/ED-Befunde](https://www.schaeferhunde.de/fileadmin/SV/Documents/Broschueren/vrz_zba_603_anerkannte_Befunde.pdf)

**5. The Performance Test**

**a)**

From the starting place, which is 40 steps away from the first blind, on the judge’s signal the handler will start walking with the dog on the leash to heel for 20 steps. The handler stops and puts the dog in a sitting position, removes the leash, and continues to move towards the shelter for a further 20 steps with the dog off leash. The handler must have a visible show number. The handler is not allowed to hold their dog by the collar. When the dog's handler comes to 5-10 steps away from the shelter, the Judge will be “attacked”. At the time of “attack” the dog, without hesitation, should attack the attacker, latching on to the bite protective sleeve. During the fight with the “attacker”, the dog will recieve two blows with a soft baton, but must not release the grip of the sleeve. The handler stays in place and is free to encourage the dog. At the sign of the judge the “attacker dies”, and the handler issues the command: "Let go." After the dog has released the sleeve, the handler approaches and takes hold of the dog’s collar and the “attacker” goes away. The handler takes the dog to the starting place for the second part of The Performance Test.

**b)** From the second blind, about 50 steps away, the helpers emerge and head towards the handler and the dog, with a threatening voice and a baton. On the judge’s signal, the guide leaves the dog, and he stays in place. The dog needs to latch onto the bite-protective sleeve. When the helpr dies, on the judge’s signal the guide issues a command: "Let go." On the judge’s signal the handler moves towoards the dog, puts it on the leash and takes it away. If the dog does not let go of the bite-protection sleeve on the command "Let go", the handler repeats the command two more times on judge’s signal, after which he approaches the dog and takes him off the bite-protection sleeve. The dog who did not let go of the bite-protection sleeve on the handler's command has satisfied the check and got the rating "Satisfied - not letting go" however it cannot get the rating "V-A", but only "V" as in excellent.

The judge will enter the grades during evaluation of the dogs:

Satisfied – lets go

Satisfied - does not let go

Not satisfied

The judge may, upon his or her own assessment or at the request of the Complaints Commission, allow a repetition of the review once more. A dog who gets "Not satisfied" grade on the Performace test cannot get a grade rating. After Performance Test and on the exit, a tattoo number or a chip number, ie a dog's identification, is checked. The organizer will prepare lists for Performance Test with the owner's name and dog name as well as the tattoo number or a chip number.

**6. Ratings, titles and placements**

**In the class 4 - 6, 6 - 9 and 9 - 12 months evaluation is done by descriptive grade:**

- very perspective

- perspective

- satisfactory

- unsatisfactory

**In the class 12 – 18 months grades are marked as:**

- very good

- good

- satisfactory

- unsatisfactory

**In the class 18 to 24 months class grades are marked as:**

- very good

- good

- satisfactory

- unsatisfactory

**The grades for Working class are marked as:**

- very good

- good

- satisfactory

- unsatisfactory

**In the working class, for dogs males and females that are 3.5 years and older but without passed Körung ( SV blue form ) , the highest grade is very good.**

In all classes the number that represents the order is entered alongside grades. Depending on the quality of the working class dogs and bitches that are brought in, a judge may choose a group of highly rated individuals. This is a group of Excellent – Select (V - A).

**For the group of Excellent - Select (V - A) the following dogs can compete:**

- the ones who have passed Körung ( males and females ) before SV körmeister, which is certified by körscheine (blue form),

- holders of at least IPO 1 work exam

- holders of the recorded result hd/ed normal or fast normal, verified by SV,

- dogs who have their DNA Gpr.confirmed by SV and entered into the Pedigree book.

- dogs with a complete set of teeth

- when tested on Performance test, he/she got the rating: satisfied – letting go.

For the singles from the Excellent - Select group, the tags of the selected group (V - A) and the placement number (V - A1, V - A2, etc.) will also be entered in addition to the excellent marks.

The runner up after the selected group, if rated excellent, is referred to as excellent (V - 1) and further (V - 2, V - 3 etc).

If a dog does not meet the criteria set for the Excellent - Select group (V - A) and the winner of the show, the winner of the German Shepherd's Main Conformation Show becomes the first placed dog.

The first placed in the working class for dogs and bitches is awarded the title "Winner of the Main Conformation Show of German Shepherds of Croatia for the year ----.

**Placements:**

In all classes, dogs are placed on the judge's decision on the day of the show.

In all classes, dogs that have not been bred under the ZUUNJOH rule book but do have a pedigree of CKC will be placed below the group of dogs who have achieved the same rating, regardless of the quality of the dog.

In all classes the number that represents the placement number is entered alongside the grade.

**7. Offsprig group:**

For the presentation of the Offspring group, at least three offsprings of one male enrolled in the catalog may be registered and assessed on the day of the show. Presentation of the male (father) is not mandatory.

Offspring group is presented to the judges on the day of the show.

Offspring group is not rated or ranked in any order.

Offspring group is publicly described.

**8. Choosing the best Breeding Kennel**

For the choice of the best breeding kennel, five normal hair dogs or three long-haired dogs from a single kennel are put forward, which are enrolled and evaluated on the day of the show. Each group depending on the variance of the hair is shown separately. The best breeding kennel gets the title:

"Best Breeding Kennel of the Main Conformation Show of German Shepherds of Croatia for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_".

The owner of the kennel applies with the special application form available in the office on the day of the show. The application form contains dog names, catalog numbers, ratings and placements, as well as the names of fathers and mothers.

The owner is responsible for the accuracy of the entered data.

**9. Awards and trophies:**

A trophy and a sponsor prize will be given to the first five in every class.

A trophy and a sponsor prize will be given to all the dogs (V – A) in the Working class, and to the top five excellent ones (V).

Special trophy is awarded to the winners in the Working class (dog and bitch) and a laurel wreath.

All Offspring groups receive trophies.

A trophy will be given to the top five ranked Breeding Kennels.

A trophy will be given to the best dog and the best bitch of the Performance Test.

The joint presentation of the best placed individuals with the Croatian pedigree, which were raised according to the ZUUNJOH Rule Book, is done in the round during the final part of the event. From classes 12-18,18-24 and Working class’s best-placed dog and a bitch with Croatian pedigree, who were raised by the ZUUNJOH Rule Book, enter the final round.

Trophies are awarded to the best dog and the best bitch with the Croatian pedigree, who are raised by the ZUUNJOH Rule Book and selected by the judge.

When presenting the results, the dog presentation is required.

**10. Leaving the show**

Dogs can exit the show only after all the results have been announced. Dogs will only be allowed out during the show on the payment of 200kn per dog, payable to ZUUNJOH on the day of the show, or within three days after, at the latest.

***Any dog owners leaving the show at the time of the dog's assessment and without the payment of the deposit within the given deadline will face disciplinary action, suspension and seezing of ZUUNJOH and CKC services (litter reporting, breeding reviews and acquired titles, ratings and placements) until the debt is settled.***

**11. Complaint**

Complaint can be made on a negative assessment, a formal error of a judge, a formal error of the trainee, a formal error of the organiser or a violation of the rules of presentation. The complaint should be submitted in writing on the day of the show or within three days after at the show office with a payment of 500,00 kn or a confirmation of the payment in the same amount to ZUUNJOH.

The Complaints Commission will deal with it immediately. In the case of a complaint being rejected the deposit is paid to ZUUNJOH.

Anonymous denunciations and complaints will not be taken into account.

In the case of a positive decision the deposit is refunded.

The Rule Book was promulgated by IO ZUUNJOH and declared valid on 02.01.2018.

The current Rule Book has been declared invalid.

THE PRESIDENT OF ZUUNJOH

Miroslav Kuzmić

**ANNEX 1 to item 8. Breeding Kennels**

**APPLICATION FORM – BREEDING KENNELS**

OWNER:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

BREEDING KENNEL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Note: In the columns, placement and grade, the results are recorded on the day of the show.

By signing below, I certify, under moral and material responsibility, that the information entered is correct.

In\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, day\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Owner's (Breeding Kennel)

Signature