

# Guide to Running an SV Character Assessment in the UK within the GSD League of Great Britain

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It is mandatory that spectators are not restricted from the event. Details of the event will be automatically published on the GSDL website once the event has been approved.

## THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPLING

- If using a non-UK SV assessor, the SV fee is 40 Euros for puppies up to 13 months or 140 Euros for dogs over 13 months. The GSD League will be invoiced by the German SV this as soon as the results are submitted. Dogs are not permitted to enter without payment to the SV. **The Event organisers will be ultimately liable for the SV fees.**
- If using a UK SV assessor, no SV fees are payable.
- You must have the following available **at the Event** – Secure outdoor facilities, Indoors facilities with a slippery floor, electricity, printer
- Enough people for an 8-person group.
- Access to an accredited Assessor and Assessors Assistant
- An IT literate person is required to input results into the SV software during the assessment for review by the assessor.

**Step One** – Send an application form to hold a character assessment to the **CAC**. This must be done a minimum of 4 weeks before the event – if a non-UK assessor is being used it must be at least 6 weeks before the event.

The **CAC** will confirm that the event is approved and issue an event reference number. Once approved and SV release agreed if relevant, the event will be advertised on the GSD league Facebook page and website and the BRG and WDG website

**Step Two** – If using a non-UK assessor, contact the GSDL General Secretary to request SV release of the assessor and do not proceed further until release has been confirmed.

**Step Three** – Issue Entrants Information Document and Relevant Entry Forms

Form ZBA 301 (use for dogs of all ages)

Form ZBA 266 For dogs over 13 months this **additional** form is required

If using a UK assessor, Entry Fee must be £25 for dogs over 9 months and under 13 months. For dogs over 13 months, the entry fee is £50.

If using a non UK SV assessor, it is suggested that the entry fee is £25 plus SV fees but clubs need to consider the costs of the non UK SV assessor and limit on entrant numbers.

#### Step Four – Collect Entrants Details

Entry Form as above

Copy of 5 generation pedigree showing the owner's name

Note that it is not a requirement that the owner or handler is a member of any GSD organisation. The assessment is expected to encourage new people into activities with their dogs.

#### Step Five – Submit Entries

For UK assessors, email to CAD (details above)

For SV assessors, email to [wesensbeurteilung@schaefehund.de](mailto:wesensbeurteilung@schaefehund.de) or fax to 0049 821 74002

**All entries to be submitted a minimum of 10 days before the event – no entries will be accepted after that cut-off**

Once accepted the CAD will issue the entries data file to the assessor.

#### Step Six – Hold the Assessment

Liaise with your assessor on layout of the equipment and running the event.

Collect all pedigrees and workbooks (optional) at the start of the event.

As each assessment is completed, input the results to the software provided by your assessor.

Check all result details with the assessor thoroughly at the end of the assessments.

The assessor will stamp and sign all pedigrees and workbooks if presented.

Print the assessment reports and Certificates (These can be prepared in advance and discarded if a dog does not attend or does not complete the assessment)

Issue assessment reports and Certificates to entrants – please take a photo and send to the GSDL Magazine Editor

#### Step Seven – Submit Results

This step is the responsibility of the SV assessor and should be done with 2 days of the event. The results should appear on SV Dox within two weeks. Please contact the CAD if this is not the case.

If using a non-uk Assessor, the SV will issue an invoice to the GSDL and this must be paid by the club before the results will be processed and appear on SV DOX.

#### **Rules for participation**

- The minimum number of participants is four with four different dog handlers, the maximum number per day is 12 dogs per assessor.
- The number of dogs per day the same regulations are applied as in the IPO (IGP) range; this means Saturday or Sunday 12 dogs per day, Friday as half-day 6 dogs.
- One dog handler may present at most two dogs per character test event.

- Older dogs which shall be presented for character assessment under a non UK SV assessor need a special permission from the SV main office.
- Dogs under 9 months may definitely not be assessed!
- The original pedigree and the workbook (optional) have to be presented at the event.
- Publication of participants on the GSDL Website is mandatory 7 days before the event.
- The participants will be published from the Software upload on SV-DOXS.

#### **Holding the event**

- Please also take note of the current “Prüfungsordnung Wesensbeurteilung” in the relevant version. They can be found here: [www.schaeferhunde.de/de/mein-sv/satzungen-und-ordnungen](http://www.schaeferhunde.de/de/mein-sv/satzungen-und-ordnungen)
- There must be no deviation from the above rules or the schedule as set in the program
- The Assessments are controlled by the assessor and Assistants and the Assessors decisions and opinions are final.