



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America

Conformation Judges Mentor Program

This document explains the criteria for German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America (GSPCA) Conformation Judges Mentors Program. Any questions about this program should be directed to the Judges Education Coordinator (JEC).

Mentor Criteria

GSPCA Membership:

GSPCA Mentors must be a Current Member in Good standing of the GSPCA.

Mentors must have held a regular membership for ten (10) consecutive years.
(Membership as a JR excluded)

Should Mentor's GSPCA membership lapse, the mentor will be removed from the list until membership is reestablished.

Mentor may not have been suspended from the AKC or GSPCA within the past five (5) years.

GSP Breeding Experience:

Breeding GSP's for a minimum of fifteen (15) years is required
Having produced a minimum of:

Ten (10) Conformation Champions, or five (5) Dual Champions or a total
Of ten (10) Champions including a mix of FCH and Bench CH

Mentors must have produced at least one hunting title.

Breed Education:

Mentors must have attended a minimum of five (5) GSPCA National Events:

- One National Specialty Show, and may include any combination of the following GSPCA National Events:
 - National Field trial
 - National Amateur Gun Dog Championship
 - GSPCA Regional Field Trials
 - GSPCA Regional Specialty Shows

General:

Mentors must be available to allocate the time, be comfortable speaking one-on-one or in groups for ringside evaluating of dogs with judge applicants.

Mentors must understand the process of judging in conformation and performance (field or hunt test).

Mentors must be willing to have prospective judges come to their home or kennel to observe and discuss German Shorthaired Pointers.

Mentors receive no reimbursement from the GSPCA.



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Guidelines for Mentors

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Use only positive aspects of a dog's conformation during discussion.

Adhere to the approved AKC GSP standard, without personal preference.

Refrain from giving your personal opinion/preference. If asked for and you do give your personal opinion/preference; Always preface it as just that, your personal opinion/preference.

Distribute only GSPCA BOD approved materials.

Do NOT discuss wins, pedigrees, show records, registered names, titles or boasting of dog's or your accomplishments. .

Be well versed in the purpose for which the GSP was developed.

Understand the importance of the Approved AKC GSP Conformation Standard relating to the Pointing Breeds Performance Standard (AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds).

Realize that your conduct reflects on the GSPCA and breed at all times, maintain good sportsmanship at all times.

Refrain from doing ringside tutoring at shows where your special is being shown, unless all other avenues for mentors have been exhausted for that show. Only then, should you tutor and only up until the BOB competition.

Terms and Conditions:

Members who do not meet the specified criteria but have longtime experience and knowledge may be approved by the BOD.

Any complaints or concerns relayed to the J.E.C. or the GSPCA BOD by a seminar giving group or judge being mentored regarding a mentor's conduct will be investigated by the JEC. The JEC shall notify the mentor and the BOD of the complaint/concern. Depending upon the severity of the offence with BOD approval, mentors may be removed from the GSPCA approved mentor list.

GSPCA approved mentors and JEC previous to April 30, 2017 will be grandfathered as an approved mentor.

Effective May 1, 2017, the new criteria goes into effect for all mentors.

A list of GSPCA Approved Mentors, by region, is available from the Judges Education Coordinator and submitted to AKC for issuance to seminar attendees.