



Weltunion der Vereine für Deutsche Schäferhunde (WUSV)



Schedule

Irish Sieger Breed Show and Körung 2026

**Hosted at OG Templepatrick by LG Ulster
(OG Templepatrick & OG Craigtlet)**

In association with

Mutts.ie & Burns Pet Nutrition

Saturday, 8th of August 2026

Venue:

**OG Templepatrick, Karl Business Park, 92 Old Ballyrobin Road, Muckamore, Antrim
BT41 4TJ, Northern Ireland (UK).**

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***** Closing date for entries is Saturday 25th July 2026 *****



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Event Schedule - Saturday, 8th of August 2026

08:00 – OG Templepatrick gates open

09:00 – ID check/number allocation

CHECKED-IN DOGS CAN ONLY BE WITHDRAWN WITH VETERINARY APPROVAL

09:30 – Judging will commence

Ring Officials

Judge: **Herr Patrick Send** (SV Germany/Kennel – Juventus)

Helper for TSB Tests and Körung: **Brian Reidy** (OG Waterside)

Ring Team / Stewards: **Liz & Mick Dyer, Alan Graham**

No persons will be allowed in the Judging Ring except the Judge, Show Officials, or an exhibitor taking in a dog for adjudication.

Secretary / Show Manager: **Clare Weir**

Entry Forms (mistakes in): The Catalogue will be compiled from the entry forms submitted by exhibitors and while every endeavour will be made to have the forms correctly interoperated the promoting body cannot accept responsibility for mistakes therein.

Please note: Körung will only commence once breed judging is completed



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CLASS		AGE - On day of the Show
A	Minor Puppy Male	(6-9 Months)
B	Minor Puppy Female	(6-9 Months)
C	LC Minor Puppy Male	(6-9 Months)
D	LC Minor Puppy Female	(6-9 Months)
1	Puppy Male	(9-12 months)
2	Puppy Female	(9-12 months)
3	LC Puppy Male	(9-12 months)
4	LC Puppy Female	(9-12 months)
TSB Tests for all working males and females		
5	Junior Male	(12-18 months)
6	Junior Female	(12-18 months)
7	LC Junior Male	(12-18 months)
8	LC Junior Female	(12-18 months)
9	Yearling Male	(18-24 months)
10	Yearling Female	(18-24 months)
11	LC Yearling Male	(18-24 months)
12	LC Yearling Female	(18-24 months)
Judging of Progeny & Kennel Groups		
13	Open Male	(2 years and older)
14	Open Female	(2 years and older)
15	LC Open Male	(2 years and older)
16	LC Open Female	(2 years and older)
17	LC Working Female	(2 years and older)
18	LC Working Male	(2 years and older)
19	Working Female	(2 years and older)
20	Working Male	(2 years and older)

The conferring of a Rating on a dog in the above Classes is solely dependent on the decision of the officiating judge. There are no grounds for appeal.

Immediately after the Working Classes we ask all competitors to bring their dogs to the arena to participate in an Awards Ceremony for the newly crowned Irish Sieger & Siegerin.



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RULES AND REGULATIONS

- a) The breed show is open to pure bred German Shepherd dogs with verifiable identification of both stock hair and longstockhair that are either registered in the SV studbook or in the addendum register or in any other studbook or addendum register accepted by the SV/FCI. The dog must be at least 6 months old and vaccinated. Dogs from outside of the jurisdiction must comply with the regulations of the EU Pet Passport Scheme or UK Animal Health Certificate (AHC). Excluded are dogs that are ill or suspected to be ill. Separate classes will be provided for stock hair and longstockhair dogs.
- b) The competition classifications are according to the Weltunion der Vereine für Deutsche Schäferhund – WUSV ‘age class system’.
- c) For eligibility to receive Excellent (V) titles the dogs must have met the criteria below. The judge will be responsible for deciding the worthiness of animals to receive titles.
- d) Except for the puppies all other entrants over 12 months shall submit to a gun sureness test.
- e) All entrants in the breed classes must have verifiable identification – ISO microchip or tattoo number registered with either the GSA or any formally recognized WUSV body. It is the responsibility of the registered owner to provide the documentation supportive of the dog’s identity, hip/elbow status or other requirements at time of entry and produce original documentation at the show. This notification is legally regarded as sufficient notification to exhibitors.
- f) All exhibits must be submitted to an initial identity check and may be examined again at any other time as determined by the event authorities.
- g) During the identity check if a dog is determined to be anti-social, dangerous/aggressive, or out of effective control it shall be deprived of eligibility to continue in the event. The determination of the unsuitability of such animals shall rest with an examining working judge (GSA licensed) and/or GSA Ireland National Working Warden and the decision is final. A checked-in dog can only be withdrawn from its’ class with approval from a vet.
- h) Handlers will be required to wear the officially issued numbered bibs provided whilst in the ring which must be returned before leaving the ring after the completion of the Class. The person responsible for a Progeny or Kennel group is to return to the registration location to acquire the respective bibs for the exhibits in their groups. It is the responsibility of the owner to return the bib and failure to do so will result in a charge of €50.
- i) Animals with hip/elbow scores in excess of the stated requirements may be exhibited but will reflect the rating the dog receives (Eg, U/Insufficient).



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j) GSA Ireland will publish in the show catalogue, and any subsequent report, any GSA approved and verifiable working qualifications or health certificates. SV/WUSV Breed Survey qualifications will be noted. A copy of the show catalogue will be made available to the judge during the show and, if asked, the pedigree and other original documentation of the exhibit should be presented by the handler in the show ring - Exhibitors are responsible for recovering their paperwork.

k) A signed entry is deemed by GSA Ireland as compliance with this stipulation. Prefix owner is responsible for the assembly of the group and provision of information board with only the name of the Kennel noted. Criterion for placement is at the Judge's discretion, as is decision to place groups.

l) Entries will not be accepted without the appropriate fees. Fees are noted on the entry form.

m) The full entry fee is to be paid [and kept] even if dogs are entered but not shown.

n) It is the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor to enter the dog in the appropriate class. Clerical errors will, where possible, be rectified up to commencement of the class judging. Entry forms must be signed by an adult of 18+ years or countersigned by a parent/guardian if a minor and be accompanied by a copy of these conditions as acceptance. Clare Weir, Secretary: ogtemplepatrick@gmail.com

o) Receipt of a legitimately signed entry form bestows temporary GSA membership on all exhibitors, handlers, owners and family members attending the event. GSA Ireland operates within the conditions of the laws of the country and observes all other statutory regulations and conditions affecting the control of dogs, the humane treatment of animals, environmental and litter codes. GSA safety officers shall attend.

p) A signed show entry form or signed entrance document is considered acceptance of all the terms and conditions outlined above and further acknowledgement of GSA Ireland's rights and powers to regulate its own affairs and the control and conduct of this show. It is also de facto acceptance of all terms of the contract contained and employed in the GSA waiver form.

q) Dogs that were shown in the "standing exam" (individual exam) and then are taken out of further competition without explicit authorisation from the acting breed judge, will receive a rating with the notation "Insufficient" (Ungenügend) and must be banned from showing. Also, dogs that are not exhibited in their class after being registered/ID checked and allocated their exhibit number without a written notice from the designated Veterinary or the explicit authorisation from the breed judge, will receive a rating with the notation of "Insufficient" (Ungenügend).

r) A judge's decision at a conformation show is definite and final. No objection against it is allowed.



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s) The exhibitor is obligated to make true statements about his dog. Attempted deceptions may lead to the introduction of criminal proceedings by the club.

t) The exhibitor is obligated to show sportsmanlike conduct. Offences can lead to the disqualification of dogs, to a reprimand, and/or the introduction of club disciplinary proceedings. Whoever intentionally makes false statements or fails to answer charges or demanded statements, or who makes or tolerates changes or surgical alteration of his dogs, with apparent intent to deceive the judge, will lose not only any award or show placing, but also, according to the gravity in the case, can be excluded from subsequent events or be awarded a penalty by the GSA.

u) At conformation shows, it is not permissible to handle any dogs that are owned by the acting judge and/or his near relatives. Extreme reserve should be exercised with dogs that were trained by or owned by the judge or any of his relatives. It is the responsibility of the owner to declare any connection in this regard.

v) At the individual exam ("standing presentation") dogs are to be shown to the judge without substantial help in posing (they are to show a natural stance).

w) By entering dogs in a GSA event, dog owners indicate their agreement to the removal of hair for tests, which can be done upon the order of the acting judge, by any person authorised by him. The hair samples are to be sent in the GSA Executive Council. This action serves to grant leave for them to test the hair for dyes applied to the dogs. The owner/s are responsible. If the suspicion confirms hair colour manipulation, the costs of the investigative procedure are to be carried by the owner/s of the tested dogs. In such a case, any breed evaluation made in the show ring is cancelled, and for the dog in question there is an embargo from any entry in the studbook, for 12 months from the day of the determination. The GSA will immediately introduce a rule hearing against the owner/s. If the manipulation is not verified, GSA Ireland carries the costs of that investigation.

x) During the show and judging, it is not allowed to use noisemakers or loudspeakers that function electrically or with gas or compressed air to stimulate the dogs. It is likewise forbidden to employ pistols, whip-cracking sounds, IGP sleeves, etc. Offences can lead to the disqualification of the dogs, to the reprimand of the caller, and to the introduction of internal GSA procedures against the owner and the caller.

NOTE: The UK Breed Council Survey results "WILL NOT" be included in the catalogue.

NOTE: Pedigrees MUST be SV/WUSV recognised body in origin, "home produced" not accepted.



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“The German Shepherd Dog, whose methodical breeding was started in 1899 after the foundation of the society, had been bred from the central German and southern German breeds of the herding dogs existing at that time with **the ultimate objective of creating a working dog inclined to high achievements.**

In order to achieve this objective, the breed standard of the German Shepherd Dog was determined, which relates to the **physical constitution** as well as the **traits** and **characteristics.**”

In addition to the physical conformation;” the German Shepherd Dog must be well-balanced (with strong nerves) in terms of character, self-assured, absolutely natural and (except for a stimulated situation) good-natured as well as attentive and willing to please. He must possess instinctive behaviour, resilience and self-assurance in order to be suitable as a companion, guard, protection, service and herding dog.”

GSA Ireland wholeheartedly endorses the sentiments of the parent Schäferhund Verein (SV). The following ratings may be conferred on dogs assessed against the Breed Standard Criteria in (SV) equivalent age classes. IRISH LG BREED SHOW RATINGS – IRL

VA	Vorzüglich Auslesse	Excellent Select
V	Vorzüglich	Excellent
SG	Sehr Gut	Very Good
G	Gut	Good
A	Ausreichend	Sufficient
U	Ungenügend	Insufficient

*Ratings are awarded at the sole discretion of the judge

TITLES AWARDED

The titles listed below are awarded at the Irish Sieger Breed Show and are the only titles authorised for use. These titles are awarded within the WUSV guidelines for equivalent SV age group classes and are identified as follows: -

IRISH SIEGER or **SIEGERIN** (with respective Grade) – Working Class - 2+ years

YOUNG SIEGER or **SIEGERIN** (with respective Grade) – Young Class – 18 to 24 months

YOUTH SIEGER or **SIEGERIN** (with respective Grade) – Youth Class – 12 to 18 months

Long Coat dogs reflect the listed Sieger, Young and Youth titles in the Working, Young and Youth Classes.

In ALL other classes there are no titles awarded; instead, the respective grading is used in conjunction with the placing.



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CLASSES A to 12 REQUIREMENT CRITERIA FOR EXHIBITS

These classes are for those dogs aged 6 months to 2 years on the date of the show.

The requirements are:

1. Proven Identification (Microchip/Tattoo) – this will be checked at event during registration and at any time thereafter.
2. Registration certificate of exhibit
3. Where appropriate documentary evidence of hip/elbow status; hip/elbow scores in excess of the stated requirements may be exhibited but will reflect the rating the dog receives.
4. Any exhibit that has been granted an HD/ED score must disclose the score.
5. For title of Youth Sieger and Youth Siegerin, animals **MUST** have HD/ED scores. Any animal over 18 months old **MUST** have HD/ED scores - SV/WUSV documentation for Hip/Elbow status: normal; fast normal or noch zugelassen or BVA/ANKC documentation with maximum total score of 20 for hips, with no more than 12 on a single hip, and a maximum score of 1 for elbows.
6. Where appropriate the dog must pass an impartiality test and show indifference to gunshot.

Highest rating available Sehr Gut - Very Good

The conferring of a grade on a dog in the above Classes is solely dependent on the decision of the officiating judge. There are no grounds for appeal.



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OPEN CLASS REQUIREMENT CRITERIA FOR EXHIBITS

A dog entered in the Open Class must be a minimum of 2 years old on the date of the show and meet the following requirements:

1. Proven Identification (Microchip/Tattoo) – this will be checked at event during registration and at any time thereafter
2. 3 generation pedigree which must be GSA/SV/WUSV recognised body in origin, “home produced” not accepted
3. SV/WUSV documentation for Hip/Elbow status: normal; fast normal or noch zugelassen or BVA/ANKC documentation with maximum total score of 20 for hips, with no more than 12 on a single hip, and a maximum score of 1 for elbows.
4. The dog must pass an impartiality test and show indifference to gunshot

Highest rating available Sehr Gut – Very Good

The conferring of a grade on a dog in Open Class is solely dependent on the decision of the officiating judge. There are no grounds for appeal.

Important Notice:

BVA [Hip Scheme](#) (British Veterinary Association) and ANKC [CHEDS](#) (Australian National Kennel Council) aka ([Dogs Australia](#) – Canine Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Scheme) scores are accepted for all classes up to working classes, with a maximum total score of 20 for hips, with no more than 12 on a single hip, and a maximum score of 1 for elbows.

Working classes must have [SV HD/ED scores and DNA](#).

Please ensure you bring your original paperwork as it will be checked on the day.

WORKING CLASS REQUIREMENT CRITERIA FOR EXHIBITS

A dog entered in the Working Class must be a minimum of 2 years old on the date of the show and have the following credentials which are in full compliance with the GSA/WUSV rules of eligibility. The failure to furnish all original documents shall constitute grounds for disqualification. The requirements are:

1. The exhibit must participate in the TSB Test prior to exhibiting in the breed ring
- **Exhibitors should make themselves fully aware of the TSB Rules and Regulations****
2. 5 generation pedigree which must be GSA/SV/WUSV recognised body in origin, “home produced” not accepted
 3. Proven Identification (Microchip/Tattoo) – this will be checked at event during registration and at any time thereafter



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4. Proven DNA as per pedigree
5. GSA/SV/WUSV working qualification (minimum IGP1 working degree)
6. SV/WUSV documentation for Hip/elbow status: normal (a1), fast normal (a2) or noch zugelassen (a3)
7. The dog must pass an impartiality test and show indifference to gunshot
8. The dog will be required to gait off-lead
9. It would be desirable to have a Progeny Group
10. The requirements will apply for Working Class female with the exception of Progeny Group
11. The title of Irish Sieger or Irish Siegerin can only be awarded from Working Class

Highest rating available Vorzüglich Auslesse – Excellent Select

For the Sieger/in Title, VA and V ratings only dogs which have a current Körung and WB Character Assessment are eligible.

A TSB grade of 'present,' under the conditions set out in the TSB Test under the licensed SV/WUSV judge, will be ineligible for VA rating, however, can be V rated, although if this rating is awarded, will be placed at end of the V rating group.

****In addition, VA (IRL); TSB grade "pronounced" under the conditions set out in the TSB Test under the licensed SV/WUSV judge, HD/ED status of Normal (a1) or fast normal (a2), a minimum IGP1 working qualification a ZAP/WB Character Assessment and the required health, breeding and working status of both parents and working status of grandparents. No dog with linebreeding of 3-2, 2-3 or closer will be eligible for VA****

For clarity, the highest grade achievable for any exhibit in the working class without a current Körung, but with all the requirements for Körung, will be Excellent (V) if up to 3 ½ years old. If over 3 ½ years old the highest grade achievable without a Körung is SG. Any animal over 3.5 years old on the day of the show must also have a ZAP/WB to attain V or VA.

The conferring of 'V' or 'VA' (IRL) on a dog that has met these requirements is solely dependent on the decision of the officiating judge. There are no grounds for appeal.



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GSA/WUSV UNIVERSAL STANDARD COURAGE TEST APPLICABLE TO ALL DOGS ENTERED IN WORKING CLASSES

In compliance with WUSV regulations pertaining to the awarding of the distinctive 'Excellent Select' (VA) / Excellent (V) title offered under controlled circumstances the following tests will be required of adult dogs and bitches over twenty-four months of age and entered in the working classes, as outlined below:

Phase A:

Before entering the test area, the dog's identification is verified.

1. The dog and handler will proceed to the marked starting point with the lead still attached to the dog.
2. The dog is placed in the basic position (sitting), the lead is removed and the handler and dog walk towards the area where the helper is hiding. As they approach the hiding place, upon a signal from the judge the helper comes out and moves towards the handler in a threatening manner with stick raised. The dog is required to grip the helper's arm. Once the helper stops his resistance the dog should release automatically or alternatively release the grip when given a command by the handler. Upon releasing, the dog is required to stay close to the helper and remain in guarding mode. In all instances the handler is only allowed to give three single 'out' commands.
3. The handler takes his dog and leads him to the new starting point for the commencement of the next exercise.

Phase B:

1. The dog and handler take up the basic position (sitting) at the marked location. The dog must be under effective control in this basic position. The handler may hold the dog by the collar and yell a command "come out" – or something similar. In response the helper leaves his hiding place and walks parallel to the handler and dog.
2. When the helper reaches the centre of the field, the handler yells "stop there" and the helper reacts by running towards the handler and dog in a threatening way.
3. On a signal from the judge the handler will let go of his dog and the dog must run towards and stop the helper by gripping the protected arm. Just as in the previous exercise, the dog may release automatically at the cessation of the conflict or may be given a command to 'out'. The dog is required to stay close to the helper in guarding mode. The handler will then approach the dog, attach the lead and in an orderly fashion return with the dog to the reporting area to await the judge's comments. As in the previous test (A) when a verbal command is used to affect a release by the dog – only three single commands are permitted.



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PROVISIONS FOR THE HELPER TO ASSIST THE JUDGE:

The helper assigned to assist the judge during the courage test evaluations must be a licensed GSA helper or from a WUSV recognised Organisation with trial assistant experience and have an understanding of the testing and selection regulations. The work must be carried out in strict accordance with the testing regulations as contained in the SV/WUSV Breed Survey. The helper must at all times work under the direction of the officiating judge and may not, save by implicit instruction from the judge, carry out any action not prescribed/permitted in the regulations. This means that in instances when a dog fails to let go, runs away or otherwise exhibits negative responses the helper's reactions are dictated by the judge. This also applies to rewarding failing dogs with a sleeve win.

The helper is required to use appropriate and properly fitting protection wear – this is specified as regulation scratch overalls and a matching jacket with an opposite protected sleeve. The padded arm for the test must be of a reasonably good quality with the jute cover having previously been broken-in. There must be no loose fabric or damaged areas which could cause the dogs teeth to snag. The padded stick must be of a flexible type (regulation). The equipment of the helper is finished-off with suitable training shoes with studs or grips so as to ensure steadiness in all phases.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The details provided above are explicitly intended to apply only to the courage test as per the international guidelines. To establish eligibility to submit a dog for consideration for a VA title and as a precursor to being allowed to take part in these working tests. Exhibitors intending showing dogs in the Irish Sieger Breed show, for example, are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with the regulations. Further explanations and clarifications for this testing procedure can be obtained from any GSA working judge or training warden. This test should not be confused with IGP.



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EXPLANATION OF THE COURAGE TEST RESULTS

TSB

Triebveranlung, Selbstsicherheit und Belastbarkeit = drive, self-confidence, and ability to handle stress. Courage test ratings are "Pronounced," "Present" or "Insufficient."

Pronounced (Ausgeprägt); the dog exhibits self-assurance, convincing, goal-driven gripping and holding, no negative reaction to stick hits, and close watchfulness in the guarding phase.

Present (Vorhanden); the dog exhibited limitations, for example, in self-assurance, in committing to the goal, in gripping and taking hits, as well as in the guarding phase.

Insufficient (Nicht genügend); the dog exhibited little or no self-assurance, strong limitation of ability to withstand duress/pressure, and disinterest in (or avoidance of) the Helper.

T1 Dogs which do not release the grip after three commands shall be considered to be effectively out of control and will be dismissed as is demonstrating a failure of obedience. Biting the helper anywhere other than the protective sleeve will be deemed to be out of control and disqualified.

T2 Dogs which receive a courage rating of 'Present' are not eligible to receive VA rating

T3 Dogs not demonstrated to be sufficient which exhibit poor nerve condition, show obvious fear or who avoid contact with the helper in the protection examination, or who explicitly let go and run away (avoidance) on the stick test shall be disqualified.

T4 The dog is removed from further participation due to lack of obedience or control (the dog failed all three allowed attempts to heal to the blind).



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Additional Information

All advertising and sponsorship must be submitted by Saturday the 25th of July 2026.

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