

The John Kennedy Sportsman of the Year Award



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A sportsman is an individual whose conduct and attitude embodies the spirit of the sport, sets a positive tone of graciousness in winning or losing, and demonstrates knowledge and achievement of working with the breed of sporting dogs known as German Shorthaired Pointers. A sportsman must exhibit self-control and exemplary demeanor towards the sport, his competitors and dog(s).

Good Sportsman Rules

1. *The "Golden Rule" — show respect for your competitor and dog to the standard that you expect it for yourself.*
2. *Have a good understanding and appreciation of the rules of the sport. The spirit of good sportsmanship depends on conforming to the intent of the rule and not looking for the loop hole.*
3. *Enjoy yourself and encourage enjoyment of others.*
4. *Take responsibility for your actions.*
5. *Recognize and appreciate good performances, especially by your opponent.*
6. *Exhibit respect for the judges and officials.*
7. *Expect proper behavior from yourself and others.*

Criteria

The form for nominating an individual will appear in the November newsletter. Entries are due by December 1st and mailed to the Club's secretary. The award will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet in February and held for one year.

- 🐾 *The nominee must be in good standing with the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Ohio.*
- 🐾 *The nominee must have held an office or participated in a committee within the Club.*
- 🐾 *The nominee must have displayed with good intent as an ambassador for "Good Sportsmanship" in the areas of competition for German Shorthaired Pointers.*
- 🐾 *All past recipients of this award will serve as screening committee members.*