



ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2026 ARMBRUSTER

Verein Deutsch-Drahthaar Group North America

24th International Armbruster Zuchtprüfung

16-19 September 2026

Brimley, Michigan

Email completed entries to:

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Entries must be received by **August 16, 2026** (the entry deadline), late entries will not be accepted. Entries must include the following:

NOTE: Your entry packet must be sent electronically. All forms below must be PDF scanned (**no pictures, no phone app created PDF files**) and emailed to GNA Breed Warden. Payment receipt must be forwarded to GNA Breed Warden. All forms must be clear and high quality.

1. Signed Formblatt 1 ([Click Here](#)).
2. Scans of both sides of dog's Ahnentafel.
3. The Pre-Evaluation form (next page), completed and signed by appropriate VR and ZR Judges **AND** Handler.
4. Entry fee paid online via GNA webstore.
5. Scan of the dog's VJP Formblatt 3 (score sheet) and scan of any other JGHV test that the dog may have completed, this includes any HZP or VGP pass or fail prior to the Armbruster.

***** **IF THE DOG ENTERS A HZP or VGP PRIOR TO THE ARMBRUSTER (PASS OR FAIL),
YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY EMAIL THE GNA BREED WARDEN THAT FORMBLATT 5.**

6. Scan of the dog's HN certificate returned and signed by JGHV.
7. Scan of the dog's HD, OCD, ED ([link to submission form](#)). Only send the RESULTS received from Germany with stamp and signature.
8. Scan of the completed Neogen blood draw form.

Items 1-5 MUST have been sent to the GNA Breed Warden no later than the entry deadline - **August 16, 2026**.

** A copy of the Formblatt 1 (entry form) and Ahnentafel must also be sent to Blaine Eickelschulte, the Test Director.

* Application for the HN certificate MUST be submitted to the HN coordinator by **August 1, 2026**.

* X-ray evaluation forms MUST be submitted to the HD coordinator by **August 1, 2026**.

* **These dates are not flexible.***

Only completed paperwork can confirm your entry. Entries are not complete until all of the required forms and certifications have been received and confirmed by the GNA Breed Warden.

* VDD-GNA reserves the right to limit entries, if necessary.

* Entry Fee refund policy:

The GNA refund policy is specified in the GNA Rules of Procedure. However handlers who have submitted their Armbruster Test Entry and entry fee, whose dog subsequently does not receive a HD- frei, OCD-frei, ED-frei rating, will be eligible for a full refund.

Armbruster 2026 Pre-Evaluation

Name of Dog _____

Name of Handler _____

Owner/Hander Chapter _____ ZB# _____

Whelp date: _____ Sex: _____

VJP Score: _____ Hare Score: _____

* Owner **AND** Handler must be a member of the VDD

Bite	Scissors (4), Partial (5) Plier (6)	Over or under bite
Teeth Extra or Missing:		
Eyelids	Entropium (2)	Close Lying (4), Slightly open (5),
	Ectropium (7)	
Color of Iris	Glass-eye (2), Variegated (3)	
	Dark Brown (4)	
	Medium brown (5), Light Brown (6),	
	Light (7)	
Muzzle	Too (3) Long (4), Medium Long (6), Short (8)	
	Broad (2), Medium Broad (4),	
	Somewhat Narrow (6), Narrow (7),	
	Somewhat Pointed (8), Pointed (9)	
Backline	Nearly Straight (5), Straight (4)	
	Raised Lumbar - Slightly (6), Heavily (8)	
	Roached Back - Slightly (9), Severely (11),	
	With Distinct Indent (12),	
	Overbuilt - Slightly (13), Severely (15)	
	Swaybacked - Slightly (16), Severely (18)	
Croup	Long (4), Medium Long (6), Short (8)	
	Straight (2), Slightly Sloping (4) ,	
	Sloping (6), Steeply Sloping (8)	
Shoulder	Too Much (2), Correct (4) ,	
Angulation	Somewhat Steep (6), Steep (8)	
Elbow	Turned in (2), Straight (4) ,	
Joints	Turned out - Somewhat (5), Severely (6)	
Hind Legs	Base Narrow (2), Straight (4) , Base Wide (6)	
	Cow hocked - Somewhat (7), Severely (9) ,	
	Bow legged - Somewhat (10), Severely (12)	
	Straight Stifled (13)	
Rear	Too Much (2), Correct (4) ,	
Angulation	Somewhat Steep (6), Steep (8)	

Guard Hair Length

Too Short (2): <1.8 cm

Too Long (6): >4.4 c



Height: _____ Length: _____

Males: 61-68 cm. Females: 57-64

I understand this is a non-binding preliminary evaluation. No guarantees have been made or implied as to a final breedshow score. Furthermore I understand that even though my dog may receive a favorable preliminary evaluation, it may later not receive a ZR number, be disqualified from the Armbruster, and or, may ultimately be disqualified from breeding, without regard to the findings of this initial evaluation.

Handler Signature _____

Gunfire stable in water: **YES** **NO**

Freely enters water, swims, and searches without the presence of a duck or bumper. **YES NO**

VR Signature

Guard	Too Short (2), Short (3), Medium Long (4) , Long (5), Too Long (6)
Hair	Dense (4), Medium Dense (6), Thin (8)
Undercoat	Hard (4), Medium Hard (6), Soft (8), woolly (10)
Beard	Close Lying (4), Somewhat Open (6), Sticking Up (7), Open (9)
Pigmentation	Very Good (4) , Good (6), Poor (8)
Walk	Long (4) , Medium Long (6), Short (8) , Pacing - Part Time (9), Full Time (10)
Trot	Long (4) , Medium Long (6), Short (8) , Pacing - Part Time (9) , Full Time (10)
Gallop	High and Far (4) , Far (6), Short (8)
Sex	According to Sex - Well Defined (4)
Type	Not Fully Developed (6), Opposite Sex Type (8)
Temperament	Listless (2), Well Balanced (4) Self Controlled (6), Very animated (8), Restless (10) , Nervous (12)
Character	Self Confident (4) , Insecure (6), Fearful (8) , Aggressive (10) , Fearbiter (11)

Yellow is Armbruster disqualification. Red is breed disqualification.

APPROVED NOT APPROVED

ZR Signature

- Bite - all lower incisors must be correct and in contact with the upper incisors. Make sure to check all molars and premolars.
- Eyes - color of iris is the same within each eye and the same color for both eyes.
- Eyes - eyelids must be close lying.
- Backline - all roached back, severely overbuilt or swayback is DQ for the Armbruster. Heavily raised lumbar is questionable.
- Thin, wooly or open guard hairs are DQ. Sticking up guard hairs are questionable for the Armbruster.
- Missing undercoat is a DQ.
- Thin undercoat is questionable for the Armbruster.
- Too little or missing beard is a DQ for Armbruster.
- Pure white patches are a DQ.
- Pigmentation should be good or better.
- Opposite sex type is a DQ for Armbruster
- Restless, or Fearful dogs are a DQ for the Armbruster.
- Nervous, or aggressive dogs are a DQ. Dogs that are difficult to examine are questionable for the Armbruster.
- Short at any gait is a DQ for Armbruster.
- Any pacing at the trot is a DQ for Armbruster
- Pacing at the walk is fine.