

NOVA SCOTIA DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER CLUB (USA) VERSATILITY PROGRAM

The NSDTRC-USA versatility program is open to all members of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA). This program provides two levels of achievement, the Versatility Certificate (VC) and the Versatility Excellent Certificate (VCX). Please note this is not a title, rather a certificate program that recognizes the versatility of Tollers. The Versatility Certificates can be earned on achievement in the following areas: Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Barn Hunt, Coursing Ability, Dock Diving, Field, Flyball, Nosework, Therapy, Tracking and any special recognitions or achievements not included in any of these categories. Please note that you can't double count titles in any category. For instance, in the agility category, if a dog earns a UKC Ag-2 and a NADAC EAC, we will only count the EAC, since it is the highest level achieved.

Certificates will be awarded after submission of proper documentation to support the dog's achievement. Certificates can be awarded retroactively and/or posthumously with proper documentation.

The **Versatility Certificate** requires 6 points with titles in at least three different areas of achievement with at least two areas in category I and no more than one area in category 2, however all three titles can come from areas in category 1.

The **Versatility Certificate Excellent** requires 12 points titles in at least 4 different areas of achievement. At least two of the titles must in areas in category 1 and no more than 2 of the titles can be in areas in category 2. Three or all four areas can be from category 1.

Category 1

Conformation
Field
Agility
Tracking
Obedience

Category 2

Rally
Coursing Ability
Barn Hunt
Dock Diving
Flyball
Therapy Dog
Scent Hurdles
Nosework

Category 1

Novice (CH, JH, WC, NA, CD) = 2 points
Open/Advanced (GCH, WCI, OA) = 3 points
Excellent (GCHB, GCHS, WCX) = 4 points
Beyond Excellent (MACH) = 5 points

Category 2

Novice (RN, RATN, TDN) = 1 point
Open/Advanced (RA, RATO) = 2 points
Excellent (RE, RATS) = 3 points
Beyond Excellent = 4 points

Process for Application

- All applicants must be members of the NSDTC-USA, and all dogs must have an AKC registration number.

ATTACHMENT G – 2

- Any Toller owner who feels that his/her dog has achieved a Versatility title must submit proper documentation. This document must consist of one of the following:
- A photocopy of the title or award certificate received from any recognized or accredited organization or club
 - A print out of your AKC my dog's record for all AKC titles
 - A photocopy of test results in NAHRA News or the UKC Hunting Retriever publication
 - A photocopy of a certificate or participation in a special event
 - A photocopy of a newspaper article or certificate or commendation for any special achievements
 - A certificate or letter from the sponsoring organization or institution visited for therapy work
- If a dog has achieved a title that is not listed above, but the applicant feels that it merits inclusion in our program, the Board will be happy to review the paperwork and achievement. If the Board determines that the title should qualify, a level of achievement will be assigned and the applicant informed of the decision.
- After proper documentation has been compiled, the request must be submitted to the Records Chairperson with the proper application form filled out. If more points are needed, the Records Chairperson will notify the applicant.

Application for VC/VCX Certificate

Dog's Registered Name _____

AKC Registration No. _____

Call Name _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____

Breeder _____

Sire _____ Dam _____

Owner _____

Address _____

Application for: _____ Versatility Certificate _____ Versatility Excellent Certificate

Application Date: _____

Please indicate the highest title achievement earned in each category and area below, and attach appropriate documentation. The Versatility Committee will review the achievements as outlined in the Program Rules and notify you and the NSDTRC Records of your award.

Category 1

Category 2

Conformation

Rally

Field

Coursing Ability

Agility

Barn Hunt

Obedience

Dock Diving

Tracking

Flyball

Scent Hurdles

Therapy

Nosework

Anything not included above that is a special skill or achievement

From Francine Kaplan:

Comments:

1. Application.

- a. Delete Sire and Dam line. Do not need.
- b. Add a line for telephone # and very important: Email address

Otherwise this app is WAY better.

2. Proposed Category and point schedule. Great idea! Love it in theory. No idea how to execute it.

- a. The points schedule as written is not workable to me. If I am confused so will everyone else
- b. Here is my suggested fix:

Conformation

Field

Agility

Tracking

Obedience

Category 1

ATTACHMENT H - 2

Novice title in category = 2 points (Example, CH, JH, WC, NA, TD, CD)

Open/Intermediate/Advanced = 3 points (Example GCH, WCI, OA, TDU, CDX)

Excellent = 4 points (Example GCHB, WCX, AX, TDX, UD)

Beyond Excellent = 5 points (Example GCHS, FTCH, MH, MX, MACH, OTCH, OM)

What I am suggesting is putting in the top title in the category as an example following the point schedule -in order of the categories listed -as an "example". So for conformation(easiest) The top novice title is CH, Field JH WC, Agility NA, Tracking TD, Obedience CD)

I think the committee has to look at the actual AKC rules for each category, then look at the title progression in that category and the example should be the top title in the novice/open/excellent/beyond excellent categories. You could probably leave out examples of beyond Excellent since they are too numerous.

Reasons for my confusion, as currently written I cannot tell what to award a GCHS or Gold, I cannot tell what to award a SH or MH, Where does MX fall on the schedule?

Where do I plug in TD TDU TDX VST?

What do I do with the Obedience optional titles?

Is everything from MX up pushed into the beyond excellent category?

Same comments and even more so for the Category 2 events.