

NSDTRC (USA) Policy for Club Sponsored Supported Entries

Supported Entries are intended to focus on conformation and building entries to achieve major points for dogs and bitches in the regular conformation classes. Only Specialty Clubs having met the requirements and sanctioned by the AKC may support the entry of its breed at an All-breed or Group Club event. Therefore, NSDTRC (USA) must give permission in writing to all-breed/group clubs to list the entries of Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers in their shows as being supported by NSDTRC (USA). It must be remembered that the event itself is hosted by another club and is not technically an NSDTRC (USA) event or specialty.

Because the entries in the show are being supported by the NSDTRC (USA) through its members, it is imperative that the membership in the entire Region be involved in the process in order to ascertain if there is enough interest and support for a Supported Entry. This should be ascertained prior to making application. Although not required, it is encouraged to consider all-breed/group club shows that offer other venues in association with their conformation show because of the versatile nature of the Toller. However, the ultimate success or failure of the Supported Entry is determined by the number of class entries in conformation and will be the primary determinant for approval of Supported Entries at a particular location.

Application for a Supported Entry must be made with the NSDTRC (USA) Event Chair and Regional Director a minimum of 6 months before the show for "repeat" events occurring with the same all breed/group club at least every two years and 8 months before the show for "new" events, which are with all-breed/group clubs that our club has not supported previously or when more than two years has elapsed since the last Supported Entry. Further, for a particular all breed/group club to be considered, Toller entries must have been at least 2 class dogs of each sex for the last two years. Entries that awarded a major are preferred.

1. Application is made by filling out the form **APPLICATION FOR HOLDING A SUPPORTED ENTRY.** The form is available on the club website.
2. Application must be made by the Supported Entry Chair who is a NSDTRC (USA) member.
3. No Supported Entries may be held within 30 days of each other if within a 200 mile radius. (taken from the AKC Judging ruling)
4. No more than two club sponsored Supported Entries may be held per calendar year in each AKC division. *Additional Supported Entry applications above the limited number allowed will be reviewed and handled on an individual basis by the Event Chair and then sent to the Board with a recommendation.* A Supported Entry held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting Weekend will not count towards the two Supported Entry limit per AKC division per year requirement.
5. There should be reasonable assurance from the membership in the area that the number of dogs showing will provide **majors for dogs and bitches**. The Point Schedule for each Division is revised by AKC annually and published in April. The Point Schedule may be found on the AKC website. (www.akc.org)
6. Once the Event Chair in consultation with the Regional Director approves the application it will then be sent on to the Secretary in a timely fashion to "notify" the Board of the approved **Supported**

Entry. The Secretary will send the letter to the AKC all-breed club approving the Supported Entry with a copy going to the Supported Entry Chair.

7. The membership is responsible for donating the trophies for the Supported Entry. Trophies must be offered for Best of Breed, Best Opposite, Best of Winners, Winner's Dog, Winner's Bitch at a minimum. At the option of the membership in the area, trophies may be offered for Reserve Winner's Dog and Bitch, and class placements, and in other events such as Obedience. NOTE: Special Trophies for Best Puppy, Best Bred-by and Best Veteran may be offered by the Regional Committee ONLY if the hosting kennel club is holding one of the specific competitions for all breeds entered on the day of the Supported Entry.
8. The following non-regular classes for dogs/bitches may be offered upon approval of the all-breed hosting club. Specific wording for the premium is as follows:

a. **Hunting Retriever Class:** A Class for Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Dogs/Bitches that have a Working Certificate Excellent (WCX) from the NSDTRC(USA) or an AKC Senior Hunter title (SH), Master Hunter title (MH) or Master Hunter Upland title (MHU). This is a single dog entry class, eligible for Best of Breed (if otherwise undefeated). Dogs must be intact– no spayed or neutered dogs are allowed. The Hunting Retriever class shall be divided by sex.

b. **Working Retriever Class:** A Class for Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Dogs/Bitches that have a Working Certificate (WC), Working Certificate Intermediate (WCI), AKC Junior Hunter Title (JH), Junior Hunter Upland Title (JHU) or Senior Hunter Upland Title (SHU). This is a single dog entry class, eligible for Best of Breed (if otherwise undefeated). Dogs must be intact– no spayed or neutered dogs are allowed.

The Working Retriever class shall be divided by sex, and is for any dog that has earned an NSDTRC(USA) WC or WCI, or AKC JH title or higher. Dogs eligible to enter the Hunting Retriever Class may also enter the Working Retriever Class. The winners of Working Retriever Dog, Working Retriever Bitch, Hunting Retriever Dog and Hunting Retriever Bitch classes would all go on to compete for Best of Breed if still undefeated, similar to the way the veterans class is split by age.

c. **Veterans Class:** *A class for Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Dogs/Bitches that are seven (7) years old & over. This is a single dog entry class, eligible for Best of Breed (if otherwise undefeated). Dogs must be intact – no spayed or neutered dogs are allowed.*

a. If host club approves either or both classes, please give this wording to the host club.

8 Month Calendar Example

Show held 2024	Application submitted	Show held 2024	Application submitted
January	May 2023	July	November 2023
February	June 2023	August	December 2023
March	July 2023	September	January 2024
April	August 2023	October	February 2024
May	September 2023	November	March 2024
June	October 2023	December	April 2024

6 Month Calendar Example

Show held 2024	Application submitted	Show held 2024	Application submitted
January	July 2023	July	January 2024
February	August 2023	August	February 2024
March	September 2023	September	March 2024
April	October 2023	October	April 2024
May	November 2023	November	May 2024
June	December 2023	December	June 2024