

NOVA SCOTIA DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER CLUB (USA)  
**REQUIREMENTS FOR NSDTRC (USA) CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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*An NSDTRC (USA) Championship may be awarded to any Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever (Toller) that has met the criteria outlined below.*

**ELIGIBILITY**

A dog must be registered with the American Kennel Club and documentation of AKC registration must be on file with Records to be eligible for Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) titles. For dogs registered with AKC after May 1, 2000 that earn AKC titles and registration information is published in the **AKC New Titles of Record Report**, no copy of the AKC registration is necessary for club titles to be recorded; for dogs that earn a club field test title prior to any AKC titles, a copy of the AKC registration Certificate must be sent to Records for the title to be recorded.

**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Dogs that had not earned any NSDTRC (USA) points before August 11, 2003, shall be recorded as an NSDTRC Champion only after earning an AKC championship and having passed an approved field test. The AKC championship shall be recorded from the **AKC New Titles of Record Report**, and no Conformation Title Forms need to be submitted to Records.

All dogs shall be required to pass a basic hunting test. This may be at an NSDTRC (USA) event or one sponsored by any recognized field organization whose written field test standard meets the NSDTRC (USA) minimal requirements of

1. Two land retrieves of birds approximately 25-30 yards in light cover
2. Two water retrieves of birds approximately 20-25 yards in light or open cover
3. The dog is not required to deliver to hand but to cross a line designated by the judges.

An **Alternative Field Qualification Form** must be completed and submitted to Records to record a field test pass from organizations running tests utilizing established rules other than NSDTRC (USA). A **WC/WCI/WCX Qualification Title Form** must be completed and submitted to Records to record a field pass from another field organization approved to hold an event under NSDTRC (USA) rules. No form is required for a field test pass at an NSDTRC (USA) sponsored event.

**Points Prior to August 11, 2003**

- On August 11, 2003, NSDTRC (USA) was licensed to hold AKC point shows, and all pre-existing NSDTRC (USA) points were grandfathered. Dogs with grandfathered points may complete their NSDTRC (USA) points only at AKC shows. NSDTRC (USA) shall match the AKC points awarded for each win.
- Any dog with grandfathered points which has qualified in the field and which has won fifteen points shall become an NSDTRC Champion of Record if three or more of said points have been won at a show with a rating of three or more championship points under one judge, and some one or more of the balance of said points have been won under some other judge or judges than the judge referred to above. Five of these points must be earned after the age of 18 months.
- All applications for individual NSDTRC (USA) points earned in AKC shows must be submitted to Records on a Conformation Title Form within 30 working days of the event for a dog to receive points towards an NSDTRC (USA) championship. The form should be filled out by the owner of the dog and should not be signed by the judge. Once Records is able to verify the show, the win and the entry numbers, NSDTRC (USA) points shall be awarded.
- Dogs with grandfathered NSDTRC (USA) points may instead fulfill the NSDTRC (USA) point requirement by completing an AKC championship under AKC rules. The AKC championship shall be recorded from **AKC New Titles of Record Report**, and no Conformation Title Forms need to be submitted to Records.

Upon completion of these requirements, a dog shall be granted the title of "NSDTRC Champion." A dog becomes an NSDTRC Champion when it is so officially recorded by the NSDTRC (USA) and shall be entitled to a championship certificate.