

NOVA SCOTIA DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER CLUB (USA)

VERSATILITY PROGRAM

Certificate Information

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, Field, Tracking, Agility, as well as achievements in a Miscellaneous area that includes Flyball, Scent Hurdles, Therapy Work, Dock Diving and Special Recognition. A system of point values has been established based on the titles that can be earned in each of these areas (see Point Information below). Please note that double points in any category will not be awarded. For instance, in the agility category, if a dog earns a UKC Ag-2 and a NADAC EAC, they will only earn the points for the EAC, since it is the highest level achieved. There are a couple of exceptions to this rule. Points awarded in the Conformation category for BOB, Group 1, BISS, BIS, BP, BPIG are given in addition to points given for titles received. In the Obedience category, points received for a CGC are given in addition to any points earned for other obedience titles. Also points awarded for a HIT or HCS are incremental as well. Points are not rounded up.

Certificates will be awarded after submission of proper documentation to support the dog's achievement (outlined in the Process area below). Certificates can be awarded retroactively and/or posthumously with proper documentation.

The *Versatility Certificate* requires a minimum of 7 points from at least 3 of the areas of achievement. The *Versatility Certificate Excellent* requires a minimum of 14 points from at least 4 of the areas of achievement.

Point Information

Conformation

.5 points	Minor points (minimum of 2 dogs entered)
1 point	Major points
2.5 points	Championship
3.5 points	UKC Grand Championship
4 points	AKC Grand Championship, NSDTRC Championship
3 points	BOB (12 or more dogs entered), Group 1 (7 or more dogs entered), Best Puppy
3.5 points	Best in Specialty (50 or more entered)
5 points	Best in Show (100 or more entered)

Obedience

.5 point	CGC
1 point	Beginner Novice
2 points	CD
2.5 points	Grad Novice
3 points	CDX
3.5 points	Grad Open
4 points	UD, Versatility
6 points	UDX, U-OTCH
7 points	OM
8 points	OTCH, Obedience Grand Master
9 points	NOC

2.5 points HIT or HCS

Rally

1 point	RN
2 points	RA
3 points	RE
4 points	RAE

Field

1 point	BRT
2 points	WC
2.5 points	JH, NAHRA SR, HRC SHR
3 points	WCI
4 points	SH, HRC HR, NAHRA WR, HRC Upland Hunter
5 points	WCX
7 points	MH, NAHRA MHR, HRC HRCh
8 points	MNH, NAHRA GMHR or HRC GRHRCh

Tracking

1 point	TD
3 points	TDX
4 points	VST
6 points	Tracking CH

Agility

Note: Same point values for AKC JWW classes, or Preferred or Performance Classes

1 point	NA, U-AG1, NAC
1.5 points	AD
2 points	OA, U-AG2, OAC
2.5 points	AAD

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3 points	AX, EAC
3.5 points	U-ACH
4 points	MAD, U-ACHX
4.5 points	MX
5 points	NATCh
6 points	MACH, ADCH

Miscellaneous

Flyball:

.5 points	FD
1 point	FDX
1.5 points	FDCH
2 points	FM
3 points	FMX
4 points	FMCH
5 points	ONXY
6 points	FGDCH

Scent Hurdles:

1 point	First place finish in sanctioned event
2 points	Participation in State Championships

Dock Diving:

.5 points	Novice or Splash titles
1 point	Junior title
2 point	Senior title
3 points	Master or Pro title
3.5 points	Extreme or Elite/SuperElite title
4 points	Splash Dogs Bronze
4.5 points	UKC/UAC CH or Splash Dogs Silver/Gold
5 points	Splash Dogs Platinum

Therapy Dog:

1 point will be given for every 5 Therapy Dog visits in a formally constituted institution each year, up to a total of 2 points maximum from this category.

Other:

2 points will be given to Tollers with special trained skills, such as SAR, Guide Dogs, Hearing Dogs, etc. (regardless of whether they are working or not). 1 point will be given to any Toller who earns a special achievement, such as a "hero" Toller who gains recognition from the Police or Fire Department, or participating in an international show event.

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Process for Application

- All applicants must be members of the NSDTC-USA, and all dogs must have an AKC registration number.
- 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 photocopy of show results in an awards publication
 - 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 points in our program, the Board will be happy to review the paperwork and achievement. If the Board determines that the title should qualify, a point value 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 below, and attach appropriate documentation. For the Miscellaneous category, please note whether your points are from Scent Hurdles, Flyball, Therapy or other Special Achievements. The Versatility Committee will review points as outlined in the Program Rules and notify you and NSDTRC Records of your award.

Conformation: _____

Obedience: _____

Rally: _____

Field: _____

Tracking: _____

Agility: _____

Miscellaneous: _____

Please note that the NSDTRC (USA) year is July 1 through June 30. In order to have your Versatility achievements noted at the Annual Banquet, you must get your application in prior to August 25 of the year in question. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Simons.

Submit this form with appropriate back up to: *Francine Kaplan, Records, 362 Parkview Way, Newtown, PA 18940*