

Weimaraner Club of America

Most Versatile Weimaraner Award

Purpose:

To offer a Most Versatile Weimaraner Award at the National Specialty Week events to recognize the overall versatility of the Weimaraner. This prize will be awarded to the Weimaraner who accumulates the most points by placing/qualifying in at least three of the various venues offered at the WCA National Specialty.

Offered annually beginning with the 2015 National Specialty.

Rules & Scoring for Most Versatile Weimaraner (MVW) Award

Entries and Scorekeeper:

- 1) A handler can enter a dog for the Most Versatile Award by filling out the MVW form available online. The form must be submitted online by the last closing date.
- 2) The WCA Companion Committee will appoint a committee member or representative at the specialty as scorekeeper to track the points based on the Show/Trial Secretary results.
- 3) Points for each dog entered will be posted daily.
- 4) The top five contenders will be announced at the National Specialty Awards Banquet. The winner of the award need not be present to win. If the winner is not present, awards will be mailed.

Qualifications for the Most Versatile Weimaraner Award:

- 1) Dogs must participate and earn points in at least three of the following eight venues (not all venues may be offered every year, only WCA events qualify):
 - a. Agility
 - b. Conformation
 - c. Obedience
 - d. Rally
 - e. Tracking
 - f. Shooting Ratings
 - g. Retrieving Ratings
- 2) A dog may be entered in more than three venues. The single highest point value earned in each venue will be used in tabulating the points earned for that venue. Points within venues are not cumulative. Additional points will not be awarded for multiple placements/qualifying scores in each venue. The dog with the highest combined total score for all venues will be awarded Most Versatile Weimaraner. In the event of a tie see "Tie Breaking Criteria" at the end of the points list.

Special Awards – Recognizing the multi-talented Weimaraner

- 1) High Scoring Versatile Junior Weimaraner: For the high scoring Weimaraner under the age of 2 that qualifies in at least three venues under the MVW rules.
- 2) High Scoring Versatile Senior Weimaraner: For the high scoring Weimaraner over the age of 7 that qualifies in at least three venues under the MVW rules.
- 3) Versatile Tri-Athlete: To recognize all Weimaraners that qualify in at least three venues offered under the MVW rules.

Prizes:

- 1) Most Versatile Weimaraner will receive a rosette matching that of WCA Best of Breed.
- 2) High Scoring Versatile Junior and Senior Weimaraners will receive a rosette.
- 3) Versatile Tri-Athletes will receive a rosette.

Scoring:

Agility

POINTS: 2 – Q in any Novice/Preferred Novice Standard or Jumpers class
 3 – Q in Time 2 Beat
 4 – Q in any Open/Preferred Open Standard or Jumpers class
 5 – Q in any Excellent/Preferred Excellent Standard or Jumpers class
 6 – Q in any Masters/Preferred Masters Standard or Jumpers class
 7 – High in Trial Regular/Preferred
Maximum Agility Points = 7

Conformation

AKC Regular/Non-Regular classes that can move on to the Best of Breed competition

Does not include Sweepstakes, Futurity/Maturity, or classes such as Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Brace, etc.

POINTS: 1 – Place 1-4 in a Class
 1 – To all Champions of Record entered in any class at the National Specialty
 2 – Reserve Winners Dog/Bitch
 3 – Winners Dog/Bitch
 4 – Best of Winners or Award of Merit
 5 – Select Dog/Bitch
 6 – Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed
 7 – Best of Breed
Maximum Conformation Points = 7

Obedience

POINTS: 2 – Q in Beginner Novice
 3 – Q in Novice, Preferred Novice, or Graduate Novice
 4 – Q in Open, Preferred Open, or Graduate Open
 5 – Q in Versatility
 6 – Q in Utility or Preferred Utility
 7 – High in Trial and/or High Combined
Maximum Obedience Points = 7

Rally

POINTS: 1 – Q in Novice
 2 – Q in Intermediate
 3 – Q in Advanced
 4 – Q in Excellent
 5 – Q in Master or Advanced/Excellent (RAE)
 6 – High Combined
 7 – High Triple Combined
Maximum Rally Points = 7

WCA Shooting Ratings

POINTS: 1 – Q in Novice Shooting Dog
 4 – Q in Shooting Dog
 6 – Q in Shooting Dog Excellent

WCA Retrieving Ratings

POINTS: 2 – Q in Novice Retrieving Dog
 5 – Q in Retrieving Dog
 7 Q in Retrieving Dog Excellent

Tracking

POINTS: 3 – Pass TD/TDU
 5 – Pass TDX
 7 – Pass VST

If there are not enough tracks available to offer each Weimaraner cross entered in tracking and MVW and opportunity to track then the tracking points will not be awarded towards the Most Versatile Weimaraner. Tracking point will count towards a Tri-Athlete Award.

Additional Points:

An additional half point will be awarded to each dog that wins their class (in events that award placements). In the event of multiple classes in a single venue, only one additional half point will be awarded per venue (i.e. a dog winning both Novice Agility Jumpers and Novice Standard will only be awarded one additional half point along with their qualifying point).

TIE BREAKING CRITERIA

In the event of a tie, the following tie breaker rules will go into effect, in order:

- 1) The dog earning points in the greatest number of venues
- 2) If a tie still exists, all point values earned in each venue would be combined and totaled for each dog with the highest total score being the winning dog. For example, a dog that had earned a High in Trial in Obedience by winning the Novice B class would count 7 points for High in Trial, plus 1/2 point for winning Novice B, plus 2 points for qualifying in Novice B. In the event the dogs were still tied after this tally, WCA would recognize that an absolute tie occurred and dual awards would be given