

WCA Junior Program Rules

The following Junior Handling Program will be in effect from January 1, - December 31 of the current year, subject to the approval of the WCA Board of Directors each year. The Board has the power to make changes in the following Junior Handling Program as they deem necessary without notice.

The purpose of the Junior Handling Program is to encourage and promote interest in Weimaraners in our Young adults. Also, to honor those who show outstanding qualities in furthering the capabilities of the Weimaraner. These rules can assist Junior Members in setting goals and working towards those accomplishments.

To be eligible for Junior Handling awards, the following rules and regulations must be adhered to:

- A. Junior's Age - The age of the participant in this program must match that of the AKC Junior Showmanship regulations.
- B. Membership status - Any youngster whose parents hold a FAMILY membership or who holds a JUNIOR membership in the WCA is eligible to compete for Junior Handling awards.
- C. Dogs - Only work with a Weimaraner will be accepted.
 1. In AKC events Limited Registrations, ILP/PAL numbers and disqualifying faults are allowed where AKC rules permit.
 2. For WCA Rating Tests see "WCA Standards for Shooting Dog, Retrieving Dog Ratings and Versatile Titles." (Available on the WCA website: www.weimaranerclubofamerica.org)
- D. Categories of Competition - There are **five (5)** areas in which to compete.
 1. Junior Showmanship
 2. Conformation
 3. Field, Hunting Tests and WCA Ratings (including Versatile ratings)
 4. Obedience & Tracking
 5. Agility
- E. It is the responsibility of each participant to get all necessary information listed below to the Junior Program Chairman.
 1. Junior's name and address
 2. Junior's Date of Birth
 3. Dog's registered Name, Sex, and Date of Birth
 4. Name of Club and Date of event.
 5. Area of competition—Junior Showmanship, Conformation, Obedience, Field or Agility
 6. Class entered—Open Bitch, Novice Junior, Derby, etc.

7. Placement, score or title--1st Open Senior, Utility 184, etc.
 8. Number defeated (MUST--very important)
 9. Special awards--Best Junior Handler, High in Trial, etc.
- F. Each win, score, title, or placement submitted within three (3) months will be awarded Junior Program points based on the scale below. At the end of each year, as per the *AKC Awards*, (usually March issue), the Best Junior Handler in each category of competition will be decided according to the highest number of Junior Program points.
- G. To honor our Best Junior Handlers, the WCA has set aside a page of *The Weimaraner Magazine*. The page will be divided so that all of the Best Junior Handlers will appear.
- H. The WCA has requested that the local clubs support our Junior Handlers by offering Junior classes at their events. Contact your local club to see if they sponsor any Junior activities.
- I. We hope that all of our Juniors will take advantage of the Junior Handling Program, as well as the articles used in the Junior Column that appears each month in *The Weimaraner Magazine*.

Junior Program Point Scale

***NOTE: The Junior Handler MUST handle the dog to all points, legs, or ratings for a given title to qualify for these points.**

A. Junior Showmanship Classes:

1 pt. for each opponent defeated
+1pt Reserve Best Jr Handler (All-Breed)
+2pts Best Junior Handler (All-Breed)

B. Conformation Classes:

Points**
1 pt. for each dog defeated
3 pts. for a MAJOR / GCH win**
5 pts. for a Championship / GCH title*

**Points may also be awarded towards a Grand Championship title.

BOB – Count all dogs competing in classes and Champions of BOTH sexes and subtract 1

BOS – Count all dogs competing in classes and Champions of same sex and subtract 1

SD/SB – Count all dogs competing in classes and Champions of same sex then subtract 2

C. Field Trial Stakes:

1 pt. for each dog defeated
3 pts. for a MAJOR win
5 pts. for a Championship title*
1/2 pt. for honorable mention
1/2 pt. for water certification

D. AKC Hunting Titles:

1 point for each leg of JH / JHR
3 points for each leg of SH / SHR
5 points for each leg of MH / MHR
5 pts. for each title*

**Legs used towards an Advanced title are awarded the same points as for a regular title.

E. WCA Ratings:

Title	Points
NSD or NRD	1
SD or RD	3
SDX or RDX	5
V	7
VX**	10

****Add 3 points for each additional Versatile Excellent level.**

F. Obedience: computed by scores and titles*:

Score	Points
198 1/2 - 200	10
195 1/2 - 198	9
192 1/2 - 195	8
189 1/2 - 192	7
186 1/2 - 189	6
183 1/2 - 186	5
179 1/2 - 183	4
176 1/2 - 179	3
173 1/2 - 176	2
170 1/2 - 173	1

Title*	Points
BN	3
PCD	3.5
CD	4
GN	4.5
PCDX	5
CDX	6
GO	6.5
PUD	7
UD	8
UDX	10
POC	12
OTCH	15
TD	3
TDU	3.5
TDX	4
VST/CT	6
CGC	1
RN	1
RA	2
RE	3
RAE	4

G. Agility Titles

Title	Points
NA, NAJ, NAP or NJP	1
OA, OAJ, OAP or OJP	3
AX, AXJ, AXP or AJP	5
MX or MXJ	7
MACH	10

H. Miscellaneous: Barn Hunt, Nosework, Lure Coursing - 1 Pt. for each title earned.

I. Bonus Points: A Junior earning an AKC title not listed here may contact the Junior Program Chairman to be considered for additional points.

Awards

The Weimaraner Club of America will honor each Best Junior Handler and runner-up with a special Rosette. Each participant will receive a certificate.

Any Junior Handler who qualifies and competes in Junior Showmanship at Westminster may apply for an award of \$300. The Junior should request this award through the Junior Program Chairman.

Any Junior Handler who qualifies and competes in Junior Showmanship at the AKC/Eukanuba Championship may apply for an award of \$300. The Junior should request this award through the Junior Program Chairman.

Any Junior handler who qualifies and competes in at the AKC National Obedience Competition may apply for an award of \$300. The Junior should request this award through the Junior Program Chairman.

Any Junior handler who qualifies and competes in at the AKC National Agility Competition may apply for an award of \$300. The Junior should request this award through the Junior Program Chairman.

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Scholarships

On occasion members of the WCA, or the WCA itself, may offer scholarships to Juniors meeting certain criteria. Criteria necessary to win will be detailed when the scholarship is announced.

Scholarships will be held by the WCA for the winning Junior until it is requested by the Junior. Scholarships will be paid to the degree program or trade school the Junior is attending, not to the Junior. A Junior has until the age of 25 to claim their scholarships. After the age of 25, scholarships will be forfeited and the unclaimed funds will be put back into the Junior program to fund new / additional scholarships.

Juniors may obtain the form to request their scholarship(s) from the current WCA Executive Secretary.