Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA, Inc

Most Versatile Miniature American Shepherd
2015 MV-MAS Rules
(Board Approved 7-6-15)

PURPOSE: The Most Versatile Miniature American Shepherd (MV-MAS) Competition offered at a MASCUSA National Specialty recognizes those dogs that exemplify the true meaning of the word versatility by successfully competing in herding and companion competitions and meeting the AKC Miniature American Shepherd Breed Standard in the Versatility Conformation class.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all AKC registered Miniature American Shepherds, including neutered dogs and bitches. PAL/ILP dogs are ineligible. Bitches in heat will be allowed to run with possible restrictions (running last, wearing protective panties, etc.) to be determined by the Versatility Committee, as dictated by AKC Rules and Regulations, or, in their absence, the Versatility Chair.

To qualify in the Most Versatile Miniature American Shepherd Competition, a dog must:
- earn a qualifying score in the Versatility Conformation class,
- pass a Herding Test or earn a score in a Herding Trial, and
- earn a qualifying score in at least one of the Companion classes (obedience, agility, or rally). Although one qualifying companion score is required, a dog may receive 3 scores, one qualifying score from each of the companion categories.

Only scores from events designated as MV-MAS qualifying events in the Nationals Premium will count.

SCORING: Only qualifying scores in Conformation, Herding, Obedience, Rally and Agility will be counted.

CONFORMATION: This class will be held at a time and place designated by the National Specialty Show Committee. All dogs competing for the versatility awards will be judged against the AKC Miniature American Shepherd Breed Standard. One judge, who is eligible to judge or who has judged conformation, will judge the class. Details on ring procedure will be included in the premium each year.

MV-MAS Score will be computed as follows:
- The conformation score given by the judge – maximum 110 points.
- Dog must earn a minimum of 50 points to qualify in Conformation.

HERDING TESTS & TRIALS: COMBINED TOTAL OF TWO HIGHEST SCORES/POINTS FROM HERDING TESTED INCLUDING INSTINCT TEST, HERDING TESTED AND PRE-TRIAL TESTED OR TRIAL INCLUDING STARTED/INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED, SHEEP, CATTLE, OR DUCKS, ANY COURSE OFFERED. NON-QUALIFYING SCORES FROM THE "TRIAL" CLASSES CAN BE USED AS LONG AS DOG IS NOT RETIRED OR REMOVED.

MV-MAS Tested Scores will be computed as follows (only dogs that PASS the test can earn points):
- Instinct Test: 20 points
- Herding Test: 30 points
- Pre-Trial Test: 40 points

MV-MAS Trial Scores will be computed as follows
- Started raw score #1 + Started raw score #2
- Intermediate raw score #1 + Intermediate raw score #2 + 5 points
- Advanced raw score #1 + Advanced raw score # + 10 points

If dog is entered in both Trial & Tested, only the combined trial scores or combined tested points will be used, whichever is higher. If a dog qualifies on more than one type of stock or course, the two highest scores will apply for Trial Levels. When there are separate trials or courses for the different types of stock, these will be treated as one trial for MV-MAS purposes.

OBEDIENCE: 50% OF HIGHEST QUALIFYING SCORE INCLUDING BONUS FROM A REGULAR CLASS (NOVICE A & B, OPEN A & B, or UTILITY A & B).
> MV-MAS Scores will be computed as follows (only qualifying scores can be used):
> - Novice: 50% of raw score
> - Open: 50% of raw score plus 5 points
> - Utility: 50% of raw score plus 10 points

RALLY: HIGHEST QUALIFYING SCORE INCLUDING BONUS FROM A REGULAR CLASS (NOVICE A & B, ADVANCED A & B or EXCELLENT A & B).
> MV-MAS Scores will be computed as follows (only qualifying scores can be used):
> - Novice: 50% of raw score
> - Advanced: 75% of raw score plus 5 points
> - Excellent: 100% of raw score plus 10 points

AGILITY: HIGHEST QUALIFYING SCORE INCLUDING BONUS FROM THE REGULAR STANDARD CLASS (for all dogs) OR PREFERRED STANDARD CLASS (only for dogs 7 years or older).
> MV-MAS Scores will be computed as follows (only qualifying scores can be used):
> - Novice: raw score
> - Open: raw score + 5 points
> - Excellent: raw score + 10 points

TIES: If there is a tie, highest combined herding will be used. If there is still a tie, the highest movement score from the conformation evaluation will be used.

Example of Scoring:

Dog 1	Highest Score(s) Pts		Dog 2	Highest Score(s) Pts	
Conformation - 83	83		Conformation - 90	90	
Herding PT – Q			Herding Instinct – Q	20	
Herding PT – Q			Herding Instinct – Q	20	
Herding Started– 73			Obed. Adv. - NQ		
Herding Started - 80	153		Obed. Adv. - NQ		
Rally Adv – 90			Rally. Excellent - NQ		
Rally Adv – NQ			Rally. Excellent - NQ		
Rally Exc – 80			Agility – Not Entered		
Rally Exc - 80	90				
Agility Nov – 95 for one run, NQ other 3 runs	95				
Obed – Not entered					
Total	421	Dog #1 is the Winner	Total	110	Dog #2 does not qualify because he did not get a Q in Obed/Rally or Agility