



Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA, Inc
Most Versatile Miniature American Shepherd
MV-MAS Rules

PURPOSE: The Most Versatile Miniature American Shepherd (MV-MAS) competition is only offered at a MASCUSA National Specialty, EXCEPT when all companion events are not offered. When all companion events are not offered at the Nationals Specialty, then the MV-MAS will be awarded as a year end award with a mandatory conformation evaluation required at Nationals. The Most Versatile Miniature American Shepherd (MV-MAS) recognizes those dogs that exemplify the true meaning of the word “versatility” by successfully competing in herding and companion competitions as well as 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. 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 qualifying score in a Herding Trial, and
- ^ earn a qualifying score in at least one of the Companion classes (obedience, agility, or rally).

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

“If the National Specialty does not offer companion or herding events-all or partial-, specialty-specific rules may apply. Definitions and point schedules for MV-MAS events will remain the same (see below).”

SCORING: Only qualifying scores in each of the three divisions (Conformation, Herding and Companion) 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 100 points.
- ^ Dog must earn a minimum of 50 points to qualify in Conformation.

HERDING: HIGHEST PASSED TEST OR HIGHEST QUALIFYING SCORE FROM THE TRIAL CLASSES, SHEEP, CATTLE, OR DUCKS, ANY COURSE OFFERED, STARTED THROUGH ADVANCED. If a dog qualifies on more than one type of stock or course, the highest score will apply, with additional points awarded for the additional qualifying score (as noted below). When there are separate trials or courses for the different types of stock, these will be treated as one trial for MV-MAS purposes.

MV-MAS Scores will be computed as follows:

- ^ Instinct Test: 20 points

- ⤴ Herding Test: 30 points
- ⤴ Pre-Trial Test: 40 points
- ⤴ Started: raw score
- ⤴ Intermediate: raw score plus 5 points
- ⤴ Advanced: raw score plus 10 points

Additional Qualifying Score Points will be computed as follows:

- ⤴ Started: 5 points
- ⤴ Intermediate: 7.5 points
- ⤴ Advanced: 10 points

COMPANION: HIGHEST QUALIFYING SCORE FROM ONE OF THE COMPANION CATEGORIES OF OBEDIENCE, AGILITY, AND RALLY. The one qualifying score with the highest MV-MAS score value will be the Companion Base Score. Any and all additional qualifying scores in the Companion categories will each count (as noted below) and will be added to the Companion Base Score. The overall total will be the Companion Score.

OBEDIENCE: 50% OF HIGHEST QUALIFYING SCORE FROM A REGULAR CLASS, NOVICE A & B, OPEN A & B, UTILITY A & B. If a dog competing for High Combined qualifies in both Utility and Open B, the highest score will apply, with an additional 5 points awarded for the additional qualifying score.

MV-MAS Scores will be computed as follows:

- ⤴ Novice: 50% of raw score
- ⤴ Open: 50% of raw score plus 5 points
- ⤴ Utility: 50% of raw score plus 10 points

RALLY: 50% OF HIGHEST QUALIFYING SCORE FROM A REGULAR CLASS, NOVICE A & B, ADVANCED A & B and EXCELLENT A & B. If a dog competing for High Combined qualifies in both Advanced and Excellent B, the highest score will apply, with an additional 5 points awarded for the additional qualifying score.

MV-MAS Scores will be computed as follows:

- ⤴ Novice: 50% of raw score
- ⤴ Advanced: 50% of raw score plus 5 points
- ⤴ Excellent: 50% of raw score plus 10 points

AGILITY: HIGHEST QUALIFYING SCORE FROM A STANDARD RUN:

Only one qualifying run will accrue points toward the total for Agility. A time bonus is calculated for each run as the greater of zero or the standard course time minus the run time.

MV-MAS Scores will be computed as follows:

- ⤴ Novice: raw score + time bonus
- ⤴ Open: raw score + 5 points + time bonus
- ⤴ Excellent: raw score + 10 points + time bonus

Additional Qualifying Score Points, to be added to the Companion Base Score, will be computed as follows:

- ⤴ Obedience Novice, Rally Novice: 5 points
- ⤴ Obedience Open, Rally Advanced, Agility Open: 7.5 points
- ⤴ Obedience Utility, Rally Excellent and Agility Excellent: 10 points

TIES: The entire Companion Score will be used to break any ties. If there is still a tie, then the entire Herding Score will be used.

The 2013 MASCUSA Nationals will not offer agility or herding. However, the 2013 MV-MAS award will be given. In order to meet the terms of the annual MV-MAS award, the following additional rules regarding acceptable qualifying scores will apply:

MV-MAS Qualifying scores for agility and herding, are subject to the following conditions::

- 1) AKC agility – Obtain a qualifying score from: standard class from an AKC event held between September 1, 2012 and December 31, 2013.
- 2) AKC herding – Obtain a qualifying score from: Herding Instinct up to Advanced trial classes, sheep, cattle, or ducks, any course offered, between September 1, 2012 and December 31, 2013.

MV-MAS Qualifying scores for obedience & rally, are subject to the following conditions held at Nationals:

- 3) AKC Obedience, - Obtain a qualifying score from: regular class, novice A & B, open A & B, or utility A & B . *Only the highest qualifying scores obtained from June 20th, 2013 AKC sanctioned trial in OK will apply.*
- 4) AKC Rally – Obtain a qualifying score from: Regular class, novice A & B, advanced A & B & excellent . *Only the highest qualifying scores obtained from the June 21th, 2013 AKC sanctioned trial in OK will apply.*