



**Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA, Inc**

**Most Versatile Miniature American Shepherd  
2016 MV-MAS Rules**

**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,
- Must earn a score in 1 of the Herding classes as set forth below, and
- Earn a qualifying score in at least 1 of the Companion classes (obedience, agility, or rally). Although 1 qualifying companion score is required, a dog may receive 3 scores, 1 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 2 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 will be used for dog not retired or removed. If a dog is retired or removed from a class and has proof of an existing AKC Herding title or certificate from the class immediately below that in which it is participating, on the same type of stock, the dog will be given credit for its herding capability by receiving points as outlined below.

MV-MAS Tested Scores will be computed as follows for dogs PASSING the test:

- 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
- Intermediate raw score + 5 points
- Advanced raw score + 10 points

MV-MAS who are existing AKC Herding Title/Certificate holders, who as retired/removed will be computed as follow:

- Herding Test Participant with Instinct Certificate: 15 points
- Pre-Trial Test Participant with Herding Tested Title: 25 points
- Started Participant with Herding Pre-Trial Title: 35 points
- Intermediate Participant with Started Title: 35 points
- Advanced Participant with Intermediate Title: 35 points

**If there is an injury to stock it will result in a 0 score regardless of title**

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 2 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 1 trial for MV-MAS purposes.

**OBEDIENCE**: 50% OF highest qualifying score, including bonus, from a Regular or Preferred class, or Beginner Novice. (Beginner Novice, Preferred Novice, Novice A & B; Preferred Open, Open A & B; Preferred Utility, Utility A & B.)

MV-MAS Scores will be computed as follows (only qualifying scores can be used):

- Beginner Novice: 50% of raw score
- Preferred Novice: 50% of raw score plus 2 points
- Novice: 50% of raw score plus 4 points
- Open Preferred: 50% of raw score plus 6 points
- Open: 50% of raw score plus 8 points
- Utility Preferred: 50% of raw score plus 10 points
- Utility: 50% of raw score plus 12 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: Raw score
- Advanced: Raw score plus 5 points
- Excellent: Raw score plus 10 points

**AGILITY**: Highest qualifying score, including bonus, from the Regular or Preferred Standard

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 + 8 points
- Master: raw score + 10 points

**TIES**: If there is a tie, the highest combined herding score will be used. If there is still a tie, the highest movement score from the conformation evaluation will be used. If a third tie breaker is required, the highest number of classes qualified in shall be used.

Example of Scoring:

Dog 1	Highest Score(s) Pts	Dog 2	Highest Score(s) Pts	Dog 3	Highest Score(s) Pts
Conformation - 83	83	Conformation - 90	90	Conformation - 101	45
Herding PT – Q-30		Herding Instinct – Q-20		Herding Inter.–dismissed 35	
Herding Started–73	103	Herding Instinct – Q-20	40	Herding Inter – 75+ 5 = 80	115
Rally Adv – 95 (95+5)=100		Rally Novice – 87		Rally Nov – NQ- 0	
Rally Adv – NQ= 0		Rally Novice – 82		Rally Nov. – 70	
Rally Exc–80 (80+10)=90					
Rally Exc–83 (83 +10)-93	100		87		70
Agility Nov Std– 95		Agility – Not Entered		Agility Std Excellent – 100 (100+10)=110	
Agility Nov JWW-100				Agility Std Excellent-NQ	
Other 2 Agility runs – NQ's				Agility JWW Open – 95 (95+5) = 100	
	100		0	Agility JWW Open – 100 (100+5) - 105	110
Obed – Not entered		Obed-Utility -187 (.5*187)+12=105.5		Obed – Beginner Nov – 195 (195*.5) = 97.5	
		Obed-Utility – NQ		Obed – Beginner Nov – 184 (184*.5) = 92	
	0	Obed Open – 175 (.5*175)+8 = 95.5		Obed – Novice Pref. – 175 (.5*175)+2 = 89.5	
		Obed Open - NQ	105.5	Obed-Novice Pref – NQ	97.5
Total	386		279		437.5
Placement	1st place		2nd place	Dog 3 will not qualify because it did not pass conformation portion	0