Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA, Inc. (*Approved 08/03/2017*)

Most Versatile Miniature American Shepherd
2017 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, 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 altered dogs and bitches. AKC 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.

REQUIREMENTS: To qualify in the Most Versatile Miniature American Shepherd Competition, a dog must:
- Earn a qualifying score in the Versatility Conformation class.
- Earn a score in 1 of the Herding Test or Trial classes as set forth below.
- Earn a qualifying score in at least 1 of the Companion classes (obedience, rally or agility). Although 1 qualifying companion score is required to qualify, a dog may receive up to 3 scores, 1 qualifying score from each of the 3 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 (with the exception of Herding Test/Trial classes as noted in the rules).

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 raw 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 Tests (including Instinct Test, Herding Tested and Pre-Trial Tested) or Herding Trials (including level (Started/Intermediate/Advanced), stock (Sheep, Cattle, Ducks), course (A, B, C)) 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
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> MV-MAS Trial Scores will be computed as follows:
> - Started raw score
> - Intermediate raw score + 5 points
> - Advanced raw score + 10 points
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> MV-MAS who are existing AKC Herding Title/Certificate holders, who are 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

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

If dog is entered in both Trial and Tested classes, 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 will 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
- Preferred Open: 50% of raw score plus 6 points
- Open: 50% of raw score plus 8 points
- Preferred Utility: 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 will be used):
- Novice: Raw score
- Advanced: Raw score plus 5 points
- Excellent: Raw score plus 10 points

AGILITY: Highest qualifying score, including bonus, from a Standard (STD) or Jumpers With Weaves (JWW) class, Regular or Preferred (dog must be a veteran 7+ years for preferred).

MV-MAS Scores will be computed as follows (only qualifying scores will 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.

Scoring Examples:

Table Example: Dog 1
- Conformation = 83
- Herding Test Score: HT Q – 30, Herding Trial Score Started– 73 – Use higher of combined (2) test or trial scores = 73
- Rally – Use highest qualifying score = Rally Adv – 95 (95+5)=100
- Agility – Use highest qualifying score = Agility Nov JWW-100 = 100
- Obedience – Not entered = 0

- Total Score = 83 + 73 + 100 + 100 + 0 = **356**
- **Qualified – Conformation + Herding + Performance Score**

Table Example: Dog 2
- Conformation = 90
- Herding Test Score: Herding Instinct – Q-20 + Herding Instinct – Q-20 – Use higher of combined (2) test or trial scores = 40
- Rally – Use highest qualifying score = Rally Novice – 87 = 87
- Agility – Not entered = 0
- Obedience – Use highest qualifying score = Obed-Utility -187 (.5*187)+12=105.5
- Total Score = 90 + 40 + 87 + 105.5 + 0 = **322.5**
- **Qualified – Conformation + Herding + Performance Score**

Table Example: Dog 3
- Conformation = 45   (Non-Qualifying Score)
- Herding Trial Score: Herding Inter. Removed has Herding Started Title – 35 + Herding Inter – 75+ 5 = 80 – Combined Score = 115
- Rally – Use highest qualifying score = Rally Nov. – 70 = 70
- Agility – Use highest qualifying score = Agility Std Excellent – 100 (100+8) = 108
- Obedience – Use highest qualifying score = Obed – Beginner Nov – 195 (195*.5) = 97.5
- Total Score = 45 + 115 + 70 + 108 + 97.5 = **435.5**
- **Non-Qualified – Conformation (NQ) + Herding + Performance Score**

Example of Scoring:

Dog 1	MVA - Highest Score(s) Pts	Dog 2	MVA - Highest Score(s) Pts	Dog 3	MVA - Highest Score(s) Pts
Conformation - 83	**83**	Conformation - 90	**90**	Conformation - 45 - NQ	**45**
Herding HT – Q - 30		Herding Instinct – Q-20		Herding Inter–removed with Herding Title - 35	
Herding Started–73	73	Herding Instinct – Q-20	40	Herding Inter – 75+ 5 = 80	115
Rally Adv – 95 (95+5)=100	100	Rally Novice – 87	87	Rally Nov – NQ- 0	
Rally Adv – NQ= 0		Rally Novice – 82		Rally Nov. – 70	70
Rally Exc–80 (80+10)=90					
Rally Exc–83 (83 +10)-93					
Agility Nov Std– 95		Agility – Not Entered	0	Agility Std Excellent – 100 (100+8)=108	108
Agility Nov JWW-100	100			Agility Std Excellent-NQ	
Other 2 Agility runs – NQ's				Agility JWW Open – 95 (95+5) = 100	
				Agility JWW Open – 100 (100+5) - 105	
Obed – Not entered	0	Obed-Utility -187 (.5*187)+12=105.5	105.5	Obed – Beginner Nov – 195 (195*.5) = 97.5	97.5
		Obed-Utility – NQ		Obed – Beginner Nov – 184 (184*.5) = 92	
		Obed Open – 175 (.5*175)+8 = 95.5		Obed – Novice Pref. – 175 (.5*175)+2 = 89.5	
		Obed Open - NQ		Obed-Novice Pref – NQ	
Total	356		322.5		435.5
Placement	1st place		2nd place	**Dog 3 will not qualify because it did not pass conformation portion**	NQ