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# AWC NATIONAL VERSATILITY COMPETITION

The AWC Versatility Competition was developed to recognize Whippets that excel in four areas of competition: conformation, lure coursing, rally and agility. The annual competition is held in conjunction with the AWC National and is open to all Whippets entered in Triathlon/Versatility conformation, rally, agility and lure coursing at the National specialty. Regardless of the number of dogs entered, there are 10 placement awards.

## **AWC National Versatility Rules and Scoring**

Teams will be given ranks based on their scores in the respective competitions. The ranks will be averaged and the team with the lowest total average will be declared the Versatility Champion. Awards will be given for 10 placements. All dogs must be handled by their owner in each event (including conformation).

### **Conformation**

A numeric score will be given by the judge in the Triathlon/Versatility conformation class utilizing the breed standard as a perfect score of 100. Dogs will be ranked according to the raw score received with the highest scoring dog getting a rank of 1, the second highest score receiving a rank of 2 and so on until all competitors are ranked. Handlers with multiple dogs need to find helpers to exhibit their dogs during the group portion of the class. Otherwise, you may handle each of your dogs during the individual inspection. The 4 top scoring dogs will receive first through fourth place ribbons.

### **Lure Coursing**

The official AWC National specialty lure trial is usually held Sunday at the beginning of national week. The scores from this trial are used for computing this portion of Versatility. The base score for lure coursing is the total score from preliminary and final runs, regardless of stake entered. The triathlon dog getting the highest score will receive a rank of 1, the second highest score will receive a rank of 2, and so on until all competitors are ranked.

### **Rally**

Dogs that qualify will be ranked according to their class and then their raw score. Qualifying dogs competing in Rally Excellent A and B will be ranked first, then qualifying dogs in Rally Advanced A and B, and finally qualifying dogs in Rally Novice A and B. Non-qualifying dogs will be ranked by class with all NQ dogs in the same class receiving the same rank. Only ONE class is allowed for Versatility scoring and must be declared at the time of entry.

### **Agility**

Dogs must enter both the Standard and JWW classes. Qualifying dogs will be ranked in the same manner as Rally according to class (Excellent, Open, Novice, in that order) and then raw score. Non-qualifying dogs will also be ranked as in Rally. Dogs entering preferred classes will be scored in the corresponding class (Excellent, Open, Novice.) However, dogs that normally run in regular classes may not enter a lesser preferred class solely for the purposes of this competition. The raw scores from the Standard and JWW classes will be added together and divided by 2 to get a final agility ranking.

## Ties

For tie scores, each dog will receive the same rank with the next highest scoring dog receiving a lower rank depending on how many dogs tie. For example, if dog A and dog B receive a score of 285 and dog C receives a 283, dog A and B would receive a rank of 1 and dog C would receive a rank of 3.

## Overall Placement

The ranks from lure coursing, rally, agility and conformation will be added together and divided by 4 to receive the final score for overall placements. In the case of ties, raw scores will be used in this order: lure coursing, conformation, agility and rally.

## Example scoring spreadsheet from 2013 AWC Versatility Competition

Call Name	Coursing		Agility Standard			Agility JWW			Agility	Rally			Conformation		Final
	Raw	Rank	Raw	Class	Rank	Raw	Class	Rank	Avg. Rank	Raw	Class	Rank	Raw	Rank	Avg
Farrah	302	1	NQ	Open	2	NQ	Open	3	2.5	87	Ex	1	76	2	1.625
Pickles	301	2	NQ	Nov B	3	96	Nov B	1	2	91	Adv	2	51	3	2.25
Destry	149	3	NQ	Nov B	3	NQ	Open	3	3	77	Adv	3	84	1	2.5

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