

# ARC VERSATILITY (V) AND VERSATILITY EXCELLENT (VX) AWARD REQUIREMENTS

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In Effect for 2023 Awards

The Versatility (V) and the Versatility Excellent (VX) Titles are designed to spotlight the dog-handler teams who work with one another in a wide variety of events. They are awarded in recognition of the accomplishments of the dog in a wide range of activities: conformation, obedience, IGP, agility, herding, and other activities in which certification is earned.

## Versatility (V) Award

The Versatility (V) Title is awarded to dogs whose achievements have been recognized in at least three (3) conformation and/or performance event categories (A through J). Dogs receiving the Versatility (V) Title must have completed at least a CD or a BH (a BN or PCD does not meet this requirement) and must have attained an advanced title in obedience (CDX, or PCDX earned at 7 years or older, or PUDT), tracking (VST or TDX), IGP (IGP1), agility (OA or OAJ), herding (HI), carting (CX), Rally (RM), scent work (SWE) or barn hunt (RATS).

1. A minimum of 17 versatility points must be earned.
2. The dog must have completed a CD or a BH.
3. At least 5 of the required points must come from a single working category (obedience, tracking, IGP, agility, herding, carting, Rally, scent work or barn hunt), not a combination of working categories.
4. Points must be earned in no less than three (3) of the Categories A through J.
5. No more than 4 points may come from Category K.

## Versatility Excellent (VX) Award

The Versatility Excellent (VX) Title is awarded to dogs by demonstrating the ability to perform at the highest levels by accumulating at least 9 points in a single working category (obedience, tracking, IGP, agility, herding, carting, Rally, scent work or barn hunt).

1. A minimum of 21 versatility points must be earned.
2. A Versatility (V) Award must have been earned.
3. At least 9 of the required points must come from a single working category (obedience, tracking, IGP, agility, herding, carting, Rally, scent work or barn hunt).
4. No more than 5 points may come from Category J.

**Any dog that has been disqualified by AKC under Chapter 11, Section 8-A or Section 15, and has not been reinstated, shall be not be eligible for these awards. And should such disqualification occur after a V and/or VX has been granted, the award(s) shall be rescinded and the dog's name removed from the ARC record of recipients.**

## Point Schedule

Points in all categories are cumulative, i.e., UD Title entitles the dog to a total of 9 points: CD + CDX + UD = 9 points (2 + 3 + 4).

### **Category A: AKC Conformation**

Grand Champion	1 point
Champion	3 points
OR	
Spay/Neuter	1 point
<u>Only counts for bitches/dogs who are age 7 or older as of 1/1/2023 (born before 1/1/2016)</u>	

### **Category B: AKC Obedience**

<u>Regular Titles *</u>		<u>Preferred Titles *</u>	
OTCH	6 points	POC	6 points
UDX or OM	5 points	PUDX	5 points
UD	4 points	PUDT	4 points
GO	1 point **		
CDX	3 points	PCDX	2 points
		(1 point additional for dog 7 years or older when title is earned.)	
GN	1 point **		
CD	2 points	PCD	1 point
BN	1 point **		

\* Points will be given for Regular OR Preferred Titles at each level, but not for both.

\*\* Not counted once higher title is earned: dog with CD + GN = 3 points (2 + 1); dog with CD + GN + CDX = 5 points (2 + 0 + 3).

AKC Virtual Titles are not eligible to earn any points in the Obedience Category.

**Category C: AKC Tracking**

TDX	6 points
VST	6 points
TD or TDU *	3 points

\* Points will be given for the TD or TDU, but not for both.

**Category D: IGP (Internationale Gebrauchshunde Prüfungsordnung - International Working Dog)**  
**Only Titles earned thru DVG or AWDF Member Clubs will be recognized**

IGP3	4 points	
IGP2	4 points	
IGP1	4 points	
IFH2	4 points	
IFH1	3 points	
BH	2 points	
AD	2 points	
FPr1,2 or 3 *	1 point for each level	Maximum of 3 points may be earned from the
UPr1,2 or 3 *	1 point for each level	Pr Titles: dog with a SPr 2, FPR3 = 3 points
SPr1,2 or 3 *	1 point for each level	

\* These points do not count towards the category requirements and will be overridden once the IGP level Title is earned.

**Category E: AKC Agility**

MACH	5 points
MX or MXJ *	4 points (1 point additional for MXF or MFP Title.)
AX or AXJ *	4 points
OA or OAJ *	3 points
NA or NAJ *	2 points

\* 1 point additional for each additional title at each level: dog with NA, NAJ = 3 points (2 +1).  
Points will be given for Regular OR Preferred Titles at each level, but not for both.

**Category F: AKC Herding**

HC *	5 points
HX *	4 points
HI *	3 points
HS *	2 points
PT *	2 points
HT *	1 point

\* 1 point for each additional course and/or additional stock: dog with HSAs, HSBs, HSAd = 4 points. (2 + 1 + 1).

**Category G: ARC Carting**

CX	4 points	CX-T	2 points
CI	2 points	CI-T	1/2 point
CS	1 point	CS-T	1/2 point

**Category H: AKC Rally**

RACH	4 points
RM	3 points
RAE	2 points (not counted once RACH Title earned)
RE	2 points
RA	1 point
RI (Optional Title)	1/2 point (not counted once RA Title is earned)
RN	1 point

## Category I: AKC Scent Work

### Odor Search

SWM	4 points
SWE	3 points
SWA	2 points
SWN	1 point

### Handler Discrimination

SHDM	1/2 point *
SHDE	1/2 point *
SHDA	1/2 point *
SHDN	1/2 point *

### Detective

4 points

\* 1/2 point will be awarded for the Handler Discrimination Title earned at each level, but not until the Odor Search Title at that particular level has been earned. The Handler Title does not have to be earned before the Odor Title, but no Handler points will be awarded until the Odor Title has been earned.

AKC Virtual Titles are not eligible to earn any points in the Scent Work Category.

## Category J: BHA Barn Hunt

RATCH	4 points
RATM	3 points
RATS	3 points
RATO	2 points
RATN	1 point

## Category K: Miscellaneous

CGC or Temperament Test	1 point	1 point maximum
Farm Dog Certified (FDC)	1 point	
Registered Therapy Dog - minimum 20 hrs. service	1 point	plus 1 point each additional 20 hours
<b>OR</b>		
AKC Therapy Dog Titles (THDN, THD, THDA, THDX, THDD)	1 point	
Search & Rescue Certification	3 points	
Draft Dog Certification (or other Breed's Certification)	1 point	Only counts if no ARC Carting Title
Flyball Certification	1 point	
Ztpr or BST	1 point	1 point maximum
Coursing Ability (CA, CAA, CAX)	1/2 point	1 1/2 point maximum
Fast CAT (BCAT, DCAT, FCAT)	1/2 point	1 1/2 point maximum
NACSW Nose Work (NW1, NW2, NW3)	1 point	3 point maximum. Only counts if no AKC Scent Work Title
NADD Dock Diving (DN, DJ, DS, DM, DE)	1/2 point	1 1/2 point maximum
NADD Air Retrieve (AN, AJ, AS, AM, AE)	1/2 point	1 1/2 point maximum

## Updating of Titles

The updating of titles to a dog's name (new certificate/Master List) will only be for a dog that has earned the VX Title **AND then only if the new title(s) will add to the dog's total number of points.**

## Applying For Awards

**You must make application for these awards.** Awards are presented each year at the Annual Awards Banquet, held in conjunction with the ARC National Specialty Show. All Awards will be based on titles earned by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the award presentation.

The owner applying for the award must be an ARC member in good standing both at the time of application and at award presentation. (Example - to apply for a V to be awarded in 2020, the owner applying must be an ARC member in good standing on the deadline for applications – March 2020 - as well as on the date of the Awards Banquet – June 2020.)

There is no application form. Applications must include the following:

- Name of the dog or bitch
- AKC registration number
- Name of owner(s) and owner's address, phone number and email
- Proof of spay or neuter (where applicable)
- List of titles to be considered for the award with appropriate proof as follows:
- Copies of the title certificate, award or scorebook and/or
- Verification of therapy hours in the form of signed documentation on letterhead of respective facility or facilities

If you have problems with the verification, please contact Teresa Bradley – [neurodesrotts@yahoo.com](mailto:neurodesrotts@yahoo.com)

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