

NAMASCUSA - MOST VERSATILE AUSSIE

Conformation, Herding & Performance Scores

NATIONAL SPECIALTY RULES - 2010

MVA-10

The winning MVA dog is a true and honest representation of the breed when evaluated against the breed standard. The Most Versatile Aussie award is offered to recognize the dog which best combines willingness to please, trainability and the desire to work livestock, as well as demonstrates a high level of skill in select performance events.

The following MVA Rules are specific for 2010 Nationals MVA. Please refer to the generic MVA Rules for additional information on venues that may be offered in the future.

Entrant dogs must obtain at a minimum a score in the Conformation Evaluation and must qualify in the NAMASCUSA Herding Trial. Entrant dogs must also qualify in at least one of the offered performance events. MVA 2010 performance events include Agility, Rally, and Disc Dog. Herding ability and the conformation evaluation (conformity to the breed standard), are based on program rules established by NAMASCUSA. The performance events shall be judged according to the program rules of the venue hosting each event. The results of a dog's performance and evaluation will be recorded on scorecards established by NAMASCUSA for the individual events and shall serve to recognize and award the winning "Most Versatile Aussie."

Most Versatile Aussie Award – General Rules

1. Only Miniature Australian Shepherds registered with NAMASCUSA are eligible for MVA competition.
2. To qualify for the Most Versatile Aussie Award, each entrant dog must earn a score from the Conformation Evaluation event, a qualifying score from the NAMASCUSA Herding event and they must also qualify in at least one of the offered performance events.
3. MVA Points will be totaled from Conformation, Herding and Performance scores earned. MVA Placements will be given for 1st through 4th place.
4. A Minimum of One performance event is required to Qualify for MVA. A Maximum of two performance events will be used for total MVA points. A competitor does NOT have to qualify in all performance events offered. In the event that a competitor qualifies in more than two performance events, only the top two scores will be used for MVA Points. The lowest remaining scores will not be used and a 10 point Bonus will be awarded instead.
5. Performance events include Agility, Rally, and Disc Dog.
6. **Scoring will be tabulated by the MVA secretary. The 2010 MVA Secretary is Sally Thomas. The MVA Chair is Traci Phillips.**
7. The Host Club/MVA Secretary will provide a centralized location where scores will be posted as soon as possible after each offered event is completed. It is the owner/competitor's responsibility to check the posted scores and report to the MVA secretary with any discrepancy as soon as it is seen and/or after each event and/or no later than two hours prior to the time scheduled for the MVA awards ceremony.
8. Awards for MVA are final after MVA presentation.
9. All entrants will be presented with a participant ribbon for the Conformation Evaluation event. During a Nationals Specialty show, the participant ribbons will be given immediately upon completion of individual evaluation. Immediately thereafter, the entrant may leave the ring.
10. All entrants who earn qualifying scores in the 2010 Conformation Evaluation and the 2010 NAMASCUSA Herding event, and at least one of the other performance events offered, as required by these rules, will be presented with a qualifying ribbon and certificate at the MVA awards ceremony. All qualifying Dogs will earn the title "MVA-Q10" where 10 designates the year qualified - 2010. The 1st place MVA dog will earn the title Champion MVA and will be noted as: ChMVA-10.
11. All MVA Qualifiers will receive a title certificate after Nationals from the NAMASCUSA Registrar.

12. In the event that there is a tie when scores are tabulated for MVA, the scores from the Herding event will be used as the tie breaker. In the event that a second tie breaker is needed, scores from the conformation evolution will be used. In the event that a 3rd tie breaker is needed the highest Performance score will then be used as the tie breaker.
13. Move-Ups: Typically move-ups are at the discretion of the hosting club. For MVA move-ups will NOT be allowed. Example: Herding – Competitor qualifies in herding run and completes title for that level. The participant has the option to stay at the current level and attempt to earn a higher score in the trial OR they may choose to move up to the next level to work on the next level title. If they move up to the higher lever, that score is NOT for allowed for their base MVA points in Herding. Although if they qualify at the higher level they are entitled to the 10 point bonus for an additional qualifying run.
14. MVA entries will be on NAMASCUSA approved MVA entry forms and must be received by the hosting club prior to the closing date as posted by the Nationals hosting club.

Please note that competitors will be accommodated so that they can complete the runs in each event. We will address any conflicts and will work with competitors so they can successfully compete. Please let the show office know when you are running into a conflict.

Qualifying Events (Additional rules specific for each event)

Conformation Evaluation (Refer to the NAMASCUSA Conformation Evaluation Worksheet)

- A. The Conformation Evaluator must be an ASCA breeder judge and/or AKC Herding Judge. A senior breeder judge is preferred but not mandatory. An ASCA provisional breeder judge cannot be the Conformation Evaluator.
- B. Two hundred points are available for the Conformation Evaluation. The point schedule worksheet will be provided to the Conformation Evaluator and be used to tabulate conformation points.
- C. There will be no bonus points given for Conformation.
- D. This class will not be placed, but entrants will receive a participant ribbon after their evaluation at which point they may leave the ring.
- E. Point scoring assigned by the Conformation Evaluator will be used to determine total points assigned to each entrant.
- F. This class is open to NAMASCUSA registered intact dogs as well as to spayed and neutered NAMASCUSA dogs.

Herding (Refer to the NAMASCUSA MVA Herding Spreadsheet)

- A. The NAMASCUSA Herding program will be used. Multiple trials will be offered.
 - Herding Trial 1
 - Course A – All levels
 - HCC1
 - HCC2
 - Course B – Junior/Started
 - Course C – Open/Advanced
 - Herding Trial 2
 - Course A – All levels
 - Course B – Junior/Started
 - Course C – Open/Advanced
 - HCC1
 - HCC2
 - HIC
 - Duck Trial
 - Course A – Junior/Started
 - Course B – Junior Started
- B. Refer to the NAMASCUSA Herding program rules for information for entering levels, rules and regulations, etc. www.herdtrial.homestead.com

- C. Scores will be taken from the NAMASCUSA Nationals Herding Specialty Trials (Trial 1, Trial 2 & Duck Trial). The one highest qualifying score from the NAMASCUSA Herding Specialty Trial(s) will be used to compute base points. You must mark the level you are entering on the registration form.
Your highest score will only count for the initial level you enter, even if you move up during the trial.
Raw Score multiplied by Weight Percentage equals Base Points. Refer to the MVA Herding Spreadsheet for weighted percents. Percentages are based on level and number of stock used.
- D. Maximum Base Points available are listed in the following chart:

Level	Course Title	Max Base Points Possible
Advanced	Herding Advanced Dog (HAD)	210
Open	Herding Open Dog (HOD)	200
Started	Herding Started Dog (HSD)	180
Junior	Herding Junior Dog (HJD)	162
Capability	Herding Capability Certificate (HCC)	120
Instinct Test	HIC Instinct Certificate (HIC)	84
Bonus	For Additional Qualifying Run Max Bonus – 10pts; no bonus for HIC	10

- E. 10 bonus points will be given for a single additional qualifying leg if dog qualifies in two or more legs.
Bonus - Additional Qualifying Run (must be same level or higher on same stock as initial qualifying run, or a qualifying run on the different type stock in order to receive bonus)
Note: Maximum Bonus is 10 Points.
- F. **The HIC test run must be done at the National Specialty – certificates will not be accepted. No bonus points are allowed for HIC runs.** You may enter the HIC even if your dog has already earned their HIC at an earlier event (and they not earned a higher NAMASCUSA Herding Title). You may NOT enter HIC if your dog has already acquired a higher NAMASCUSA Herding Title or has already Q'd at a higher NAMASCUSA Herding Level.
- F. Dogs may enter the highest level they have titled in and are not required to move up a level for MVA unless they have already earned a qualifying leg at a higher level. If a qualifying leg has been earned at a higher level that is the level they must enter. Example; If a dog has earned a Junior Herding dog title they may enter Junior at Nationals unless they have either earned a title higher than Junior OR earned a qualifying leg at a level higher than Junior.
Note: Titles earned and qualifying legs are in respect to the NAMASCUSA Herding Program only. Titles and legs earned in other venues have no bearing on the NAMASCUSA Herding Program.
- G. Bitches in heat WILL be allowed to run at the Nationals Specialty at the end of the day.

Agility - NADAC

- A. When the NADAC Agility program is used, the following guidelines will apply.
- B. Refer to the NADAC Agility Web Site for registration, jump heights, criteria for entering levels, rules and regulations, etc. <http://www.nadac.com>
- C. Qualifying Scores will be taken from the NADAC Agility - Nationals Specialty Trial. NADAC Standard results will be used for both Proficient and Skilled categories (regardless of the Division entered – Standard, Veterans, Junior Handlers). Only Qualifying runs will be used from the NADAC Agility – Nationals Specialty Trial.
- D. Max Base Points available are based on level running and qualifying Regular run per the table below:

Level	Regular Course Level	Max Base Points Possible
Elite	Elite - Proficient	200
Elite	Elite - Skilled	190
Open	Open - Proficient	180
Open	Open - Skilled	170

Novice	Novice – Proficient	160
Novice	Novice – Skilled	150
Bonus	For Additional Qualifying Run Max Bonus – 10pts	10

- E. 10 bonus points will be given for a single additional qualifying leg (at the same level) if dog qualifies in two or more legs. Note: Maximum Bonus is 10 Points.
- F. Bitches in heat will NOT be allowed to run at the NADAC - National Specialty Agility Trial. Failure to comply with this rule will result in dismissal from all agility trials held in conjunction with the NADAC -National Agility Specialty.

Rally - APDT Rally O

- A. When the APDT Rally-O program is used, the following guidelines will apply.
- B. Refer to the APDT program for, jump heights, criteria for entering levels, rules and regulations, etc. www.apdt.com/po/rally/rules/default.aspx
- C. Scores will be taken from the APDT Rally-O Nationals Specialty Trial. The one highest qualifying score from the APDT Rally-O Nationals Specialty Trial(s) will be used to compute base points. Raw Score multiplied by Weight Percentage equals Base Points. Refer to the MVA Rally Spreadsheet for weight percents. Weight Percentages are based on level.
- D. Max Base Points available are based on level running and qualifying run per the table below:

Level	APDT Rally-O Levels	Max Base Points Possible
L3	Level 3	200
L2	Level 2	180
L1	Level 1	160
Puppy	Level Puppy	140

- E. An additional 10 point bonus will be awarded for an additional qualifying leg earned. Max bonus allowed is for one additional qualifying leg.
- F. Bitches in heat will **NOT** be allowed to run at the National Specialty Rally-O Trials. Failure to comply with this rule will result in dismissal from all Rally-O trials held in conjunction with the NAMASCUSA National Rally-O Specialty.

Disc Dog – OKPAWS Custom Rules

- A. Rules and courses as designed by OKPAWS director Lee Fairchild.
- B. Toss & Catch and freestyle classes will be offered and used for MVA Points with a 10 point bonus available for either 2 qualifying runs in Toss & Catch **OR** for 1 qualifying run in Toss & Catch and 1 run in freestyle. Max of one 10 point bonus available.
- C. Two rounds of Toss & Catch will be scored. A competitor must score a min of 6 points to qualify in a round.
- D. Both rounds of Toss & Catch will be used for points – Competitor **MUST** qualify in at least one of the rounds to qualify in Disc Dog for MVA points.
- E. **If the competitor does NOT qualify in at least one of the two rounds they have not qualified for Disc Dog and will NOT earn any points for Disc Dog MVA Points.**
- F. Disc Dog Scoring Rules:
 - a. No points are awarded for catches under 10 yards
 - b. You must get a min of 6 points in a round to qualify

- c. Rounds will be 60 seconds each
- d. Each individual round will be scored as follows:
 - i. Zone 1 (10-20 yards) – 1 point
 - ii. Zone 2 (20-30 yards) – 2 points
 - iii. Zone 3 (30-40 yards) – 3 points
 - iv. End Zone (40-50 yards) – 5 points
 - v. Bonus Zone (over 50 yards) – 10 points
 - vi. Additional Bonus – 1 pt bonus point for each successful catch in which the dog makes a catch with all paws clearly off the ground in an obvious jumping effort and subsequently lands with all four paws in a scoring zone.
- e. 2 rounds will be run and points will be tabulated for each round and then added together for a final score.
- G. The total of the two rounds will be the score used for MVA Disc Dog calculations as follows
 - a. Combined Score (Toss & Catch – 2 rounds) 30+ points = 200pts
 - b. Combined Score (Toss & Catch – 2 rounds) 20-29 points = 150pts
 - c. Combined Score (Toss & Catch – 2 rounds) 12-19 points = 100pts
 - d. Combined Score (Toss & Catch – 2 rounds) 6-11 points = 50pts
 - e. Bonus Q (Q'd both runs of Toss & Catch OR Q'd 1 round and compete in Freestyle round) = 10 Points (max – 1 bonus Q (10 pts))

Bonus Points – Multiple Performance Scores

- A. A Minimum of One performance event is required to Qualify for MVA. A Maximum of two performance events will be used for total MVA points. In the event that a competitor qualifies in more than two performance events, only the top two scores will be used for MVA Points. The lowest remaining scores will not be used and a one time 10 point Bonus will be awarded instead.

Special Awards

The National Specialty Host Club for the NAMASCUSA Nationals shall include in their flyer any special awards to be given in the MVA competition.