

Standards for Shooting Dog, Retrieving Dog, Versatile & Versatile Excellent Ratings

The following standards for shooting dog and retrieving dog ratings are for use in rating the hunting and field ability of individual Weimaraners, to be used as a permanent record for purposes of breeding, advertising, etc., *after* confirmation from WCA. These ratings will show the degree of training the dog has been able to achieve.

The ratings are divided into two separate classifications: one covering pointing and upland bird field work, and the other covering retrieving. The two classifications are completely independent from, and not related to each other. However, a dog showing outstanding ability by obtaining degrees in both classifications would be greatly desired.

The ratings are not successive, and any dog can be entered in any test, provided he meets the eligibility requirements as stated in Section II.

The chairman shall announce at the test, those dogs who have qualified, and are being recommended to WCA for approval and issuance of certificate. No ratings are to be considered official, and cannot be used until confirmed by the national office.

Each dog being recommended for a rating will be awarded an official WCA qualifying ribbon. (Qualifying ribbons to be supplied by sponsoring club, purchased from the national office.) *Note:* This ribbon only acknowledges the performance qualifications and is not to be considered confirmation from the W.C.A.

Any dog earning a Rating will be issued the appropriate Certificate by the Executive Secretary and signed by an Officer of the Club.

Entries must give ***registered name of dog, call name, AKC registration number, whelping date, sire, dam, breeder, stake in which entered, name and address of owner, name of handler. The WCA DQF Number (certification of spay/neuter) must be given if required.***

A public drawing, at a time and place previously announced, shall be held no later than the evening prior to the test to establish the order of running of the dogs in the test. No entry or substitution can be made after the draw. The required information on each dog entered in the test must be recorded on forms supplied by the national office. Within **seven (7) days** after the completion of the test, these results must be forwarded to the national office for review, approval, and issuance of certification.

Rating Standards

SECTION I

The Ratings offered by the Weimaraner Club of America are the following:

Novice Shooting Dog	NSD	Novice Retrieving Dog	NRD
Shooting Dog	SD	Retrieving Dog	RD
Shooting Dog Excellent	SDX	Retrieving Dog Excellent	RDX
Versatile	V		
Versatile Excellent	VX	Versatile Excellent	5VX5
Versatile Excellent 2	VX2	Versatile Excellent 6	VX6
Versatile Excellent 3	VX3	Versatile Excellent 7	VX7
Versatile Excellent 4	VX4		

SECTION II—Eligibility of Dogs

- A. Any Weimaraner with an individual AKC number, including an AKC Limited Registration, or an ILP number who has obtained the age of six (6) months on the first day of the tests may compete for any or all of the ratings offered.
- B. Ratings Tests are open to all Weimaraners whose owners and co-owners are **all** members of the Weimaraner Club of America in good standing. Any member with an outstanding balance owed to the WCA may not compete in any WCA event until the balance is paid in full.
- C. Spayed bitches or neutered males may compete for and receive ratings.
- D. Weimaraners that have disqualifying faults (as listed in the current standard for the breed) shall be eligible to compete for or receive ratings provided they are spayed or neutered. ***PRIOR*** to being ***entered*** in a ratings test, Weimaraners with disqualifying faults must be certified by the National Office as being spayed or neutered and receive a DQF Number. All Weimaraners with AKC ILP numbers are allowed to participate without applying to the National Office.
 1. To receive a DQF Number owners must present a copy of the dog's AKC Registration Certificate or AKC recognized foreign registration certificate, and a copy of the dog's spay or neuter verification from their veterinarian to the WCA National Office, PO Box 489, Wakefield, RI 02880, Fax# 401- 789- 8279.

SECTION III—Eligibility of Club and Procedure

- A. Any Weimaraner club recognized by the Weimaraner Club of America shall be eligible to conduct rating tests provided that the club complies fully with all portions of these rating standards. All tests shall be witnessed by a WCA representative. The WCA reserves the right to appoint a representative of their choice to observe any test sponsored by any club.

1. It shall be the responsibility of the WCA representative to review all rules with the judges and rating test Committee to be sure that all points are fully understood, prior to the test.
2. It is the duty of the WCA representative to assure that the test is conducted in accordance with the rules. The rating test chairperson of the sponsoring club shall be responsible to the WCA representative.
3. Results for all competitors, both pass and fail, must be returned within **seven (7) days** to the WCA and the local club shall retain a copy completely and correctly filled out. A \$3.00 per entry donation to the WCA, will be required from local clubs sponsoring rating tests. Of this, \$2.00 per entry shall go to the Weimaraner Foundation Fund, and \$1.00 per entry will go to the General Fund to defray the expenses associated with sponsoring the rating test program. This donation must be received before result forms can be processed.
4. Failure to comply will result in the host club being fined \$5 per day for every day beginning the 10th day after completion of the event. (The three intervening days allow for postal delivery and should not be interpreted as allowing the required results to be mailed during that period.)

B. Requirements

1. Rating chairperson and secretary (two people) must be members of the WCA.
2. The rating secretary of each Weimaraner club desiring to conduct such Rating Tests shall make a written request to the WCA Executive Secretary on official forms from the National Office.
3. Each request will be delivered to the National Office a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the proposed tests.
4. The local club shall recommend one or more individuals to represent WCA for the purpose of witnessing the tests. These individuals may not be the chairman nor the secretary.
5. Each request shall include:
 - a. Date or Dates with the starting time of first event.
 - b. Exact location.
 - c. Names of judges and brief qualifications.
 - d. Types of birds to be used.
 - e. Names of club rating test chairperson, rating test secretary, and WCA representative.
6. No dog is permitted to practice on the rating test grounds on the day of the rating test.
7. No dog may be judged for a rating while under judgment in a field trial. They may be judged for a rating at the same trial.
8. In all ratings tests requiring shoot to kill of a bird; official guns shall be used. Break open gun required 20 or 12 gauge. Blaze Orange will be worn by all participants in vicinity (handlers, gunners, judges, etc.).

9. In Shooting Dog and Shooting Dog Excellent ratings (2 only) official gunners will be used.
10. Only a leather or nylon collar and/or a red, yellow or green reflective collar can be worn by dogs participating in ratings tests. No training aids (i.e., no check cords; pinch, spike or choke collars; weighted collars; electronic devices or dummy devices; or flushing whips, etc.) are permitted.
11. Owner/handlers are responsible for complete knowledge of and compliance with all rules.
12. If possible, shooting dogs are to be run in BRACES. Dogs who fail to appear for testing within five minutes of being called to the line will not be tested and shall forfeit entry fee.
13. Bitches in season may/may not be tested at the discretion of the local ratings test committee. The club's decision shall be included in the premium list.
14. Where not specifically addressed in the WCA Rating Rules, rules applying to AKC events will apply.

C. Protests, conduct & rule interpretations

1. The sponsoring club's rating test committee and WCA representative shall have the authority to decide upon any rule interpretations, protest or problems arising during the testing time. These decisions must be made in accordance with these *WCA Standards for Shooting Dog, Retrieving Dog, V and VX Ratings*; most current revision.
2. Individuals who do not abide by or comply with these rules or act in an unsportsmanlike manner may have any titles withheld or rescinded.
3. If a question arises about the intent of a rule, the toughest interpretation will govern.
4. In cases of misconduct and/or unsportsmanlike conduct, charges may be filed with the WCA by an individual. The procedure to bring charges is stated in the "Bylaws of the Weimaraner Club of America" Article VII - Discipline.

SECTION IV—Judges

- A. Two Judges are required and shall be selected by the local club rating test committee; and shall be in good standing with AKC. Judges starting a stake must judge all dogs in that stake. It is highly desirable that both judges be persons experienced with our breed, and our rating tests program. However, when impossible to arrange, the committee should be sure that at least one of the judges has these qualifications.

Sponsoring club members may judge a rating test for their club only if they have previously judged WCA rating tests *or* AKC field trials *or* AKC hunting tests, or at least one judge must qualify as above. Neither judge, nor any member of their immediate family nor any person living in the same household may either own or co-own any dog for which he will act as judge.

B. Any change in judging from the original application requires notification to the National Office as soon as the change is known.

C. Responsibilities

1. Honesty and complete impartiality.
2. Undivided attention to each dog being tested and independence from the other judge.
3. Thorough knowledge of the written rules.
4. Dignified and courteous attitude with handler, club and fellow judges.

D. Duties

1. The judges shall be given printed copies of the rating test standards before any test at which they officiate.
2. Review the rules and grounds with the WCA Representative before any tests begin.
3. Bring any problems with rules application to the attention of the WCA Representative.
4. Witness examination of dogs for disqualifying faults.
5. The judges shall be in charge of the event when the judging begins.
6. The decisions of the judges shall be final in all matters relating to the performance of the dogs.
7. To maintain an adequate view of each dog's performance and to keep notes as needed on the performances.
8. To rejudge without bias any dog who has a mis- test.
9. To judge all dogs in any given test on the same grounds on the same day.
10. To impose no criterion not stated in the rules.
11. To accurately transfer any notes into the pass/fail system of scoring.
12. To give the benefit of the doubt to any dog, especially in Novice levels where the inexperience of the handler interferes with the dog's performance.
13. To remember the intentions of the rating test program and good sportsmanship throughout the tests.

SECTION V—Shooting Ratings—General

The purpose of the rating test program is to evaluate the hunting, field and retrieving ability of individual Weimaraners on a common and equal basis. All dogs in a particular stake should be run on the same course.

A. The Novice Shooting Dog may contain dogs that may not show the manners or training that is normally seen at field trials. These novice stakes are where many people are introduced to field work. Judging in these stakes should be concentrating on evaluating the natural hunting aptitude of the dogs entered.

The novice stakes are not to be taken lightly, however, and if the judges do not see what they consider to be good natural ability, the dog should be scored accordingly.

- B. In any brace where a dog aggressively intimidates or hampers its braced mate's performance, if reasonable attempts to keep the dogs separated are unsuccessful, the dog should be ordered up by the judges and may not be retested during this rating test. The dog that has been interfered with may be rerun at the end of the event if the judges feel its performance was affected by the above occurrence.
- C. In a rating where a retrieve is required, a shot is missed, or through other circumstances, the bird is lost for the retrieve, at judges' discretion, a hand released bird may be shot so that the dog may be marked on a retrieve.
- D. Horseback handling is optional at the discretion of the local club. No horseback handling is allowed in the bird field, in all of the rating tests.
- E. The decision of the judges will be final.
- F. Method of scoring will be on a pass- fail basis.
- G. All dogs MUST be run the total time allowed in each shooting event.

NSD—Novice Shooting Dog

The purpose of this classification is to determine whether young or inexperienced dogs have field and hunting aptitude.

A. Range and Performance

1. The dog must have the DESIRE TO HUNT and the ability to range out to a practical hunting distance. He is not required to work in a systematic manner.

B. Point and Shot

1. Dogs to be run in braces, if possible.
2. Dogs must point (flash point accepted) and a .22 blank (no crimps) will be fired by handler on bird contact. Gun shy dog cannot pass, catching or chasing will not be penalized.
3. Birds should be planted in a manner to allow visibility of the dog for the judges (Novice Dog only). Flags, ribbons, etc. shall not be used to indicate the location of the bird.

C. Recognized game birds "preferred" or pigeons, a minimum of three (3) birds per brace shall be used. Flight of bird shall not be impaired by caging, hobbling, wing clipping, brailing or any other manner.

D. Dogs are to be run for a total of 20 minutes. If birdfield is used, no more or less than eight (8) minutes permitted in birdfield.

E. Dogs are to be run on a pass- fail basis, and must pass in all the following categories to qualify:

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| 1. Desire to hunt. | 5. Reasonable obedience to handlers commands. |
| 2. Boldness. | 6. Gun shy dogs cannot pass. |
| 3. Initiative and search. | |
| 4. Point. | |

SD—Shooting Dog

This rating is to establish that a dog of any age has definite hunting ability, bird sense, and show some field training.

A. Range and Performance

1. Dogs to be run in braces, if possible, and must show a keen desire to hunt, be bold and independent, have a fast and yet attractive style of running, and demonstrate not only intelligence in seeking objectives, but also ability to find game.

B. Point and Shot

1. Shooting Dogs must point and must not flush the bird before the handler makes an honest effort to flush bird, if the dog then breaks and catches or flushes the bird, this will be deemed an acceptable performance. If the bird flushes wild due to no fault of the dog, the judges may allow the dog to re-demonstrate pointing ability. Also see Section V Item C.
2. Dog need not be steady to wing and shot.
3. A dog encountering its braced mate on point must honor. Failure of a dog to honor when it sees its braced mate on point must be penalized, and a dog that steals its braced mate's point shall be disqualified. Dog may be held after establishing an honor.
4. Dog interfered with on point will be allowed to re-demonstrate ability.
5. Retrieve
 - a. The dog must make a direct retrieve of all birds. Delivery to hand is not required but the bird must be brought to within reach of the handler.
Serious hard mouthing can disqualify the dog, if the bird is examined and found seriously damaged by both judges.

C. Recognized game birds, a minimum of three (3) birds per brace shall be used. Flight of bird shall not be impaired by caging, hobbling, wing clipping, brailing or any other manner.

D. Dogs are to be run for a total of 30 minutes. If bird field is used, no more or less than eight (8) minutes permitted in bird field.

E. .22 caliber blanks, or larger, shall be fired on "back course" contact with birds (no .22 caliber crimps allowed).

F. Dogs are to be run on a pass- fail basis, and must pass in all the following categories to qualify:

- A. Keen desire to hunt.
- B. Boldness and independence.
- C. Cover ground quickly in an attractive style.
- D. Seek objectives.
- E. Locate and point game.
- F. Retrieve.
- G. Reasonable obedience to handlers commands.
- H. Gun shy dogs cannot pass.

SDX—Shooting Dog Excellent

This is the top award offered under the field ratings and dogs qualifying must be finished, fully broken bird dogs.

A. Range and Performance

1. Their field work should show the class and style expected of top Weimaraners. As some of these dogs may be field trial dogs, their range may vary between All Age Dogs and Gun Dogs. Each dog should be judged accordingly and on an individual basis, with neither being penalized as long as they remain under the control of the handler.

B. Point and Shot

1. Dogs shall be run in braces, if possible. The stake shall be a retrieving stake, with all the manners associated with that type of stake.
2. The dog must find a bird and establish a staunch point.
3. A dog encountering its bracemate on point must honor. Failure of a dog to honor when it sees its bracemate on point must be penalized, and a dog that steals its bracemate's point shall be disqualified. Honoring dog cannot be physically restrained.
4. A reasonable move of a dog to mark a bird flushed after point is acceptable; but this shall not excuse a break or a delayed chase: Dog may be collared out of the area if applicable to the situation.
5. Retrieve
 - a. The dog must make a direct retrieve of all birds. Delivery to hand is required. **Serious hard mouthing can disqualify the dog, if the bird is examined and found seriously damaged by both judges.**

C. Recognized game birds, a minimum of three (3) birds per brace shall be used. Flight of bird shall not be impaired by caging, hobbling, wing clipping, brailing or any other manner.

D. Dogs are to be run for a total of 30 minutes. If bird field is used, no more or less than eight (8) minutes permitted in bird field.

E. .22 caliber blanks, or larger, shall be fired on "back course" contact with birds (no .22 caliber crimps allowed).

F. Dogs must have a class and stylish performance to pass.

SECTION VI—Retrieving Ratings**A. Requirements for retrieving dog tests**

1. Recognized game birds, ducks, or pigeons must be used for the NRD, RD, and RDX tests. Whichever is selected must be used throughout the stake for all dogs entered in that stake. A freshly killed bird shall be used for each NRD entrant in the land series.
2. Dead birds may be used for the RD and RDX test, BUT at least one live bird per dog must be shot in each land test. Dead bird required for NRD.
3. At each station where a live bird is shot the bird thrower should be backed by at least two gunners. The judges are to arrange the gunners

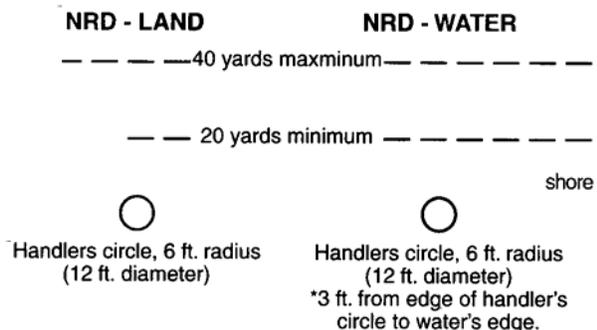
stations depending on the test. On double or triple retrieves, the birds are to be thrown from separate stations.

4. Novice dogs may be worked upwind. In RD or RDX stakes dogs should be worked across or downwind to show ability to work and hunt.
5. On land retrieves the cover should be sufficient to completely hide the birds, but not so high and/or dense as to block judges' view of the dog.
6. If, at the judges' discretion, a bird is declared to be out of bounds, the dog should be passed over and another dog run before the former dog returns for judgment. Birds can float out of bounds due to drifting and dog not entering the water to complete the retrieve in a timely manner. Only in extreme cases should the dog be retested more than once as a result of drifting.
7. Handling is permissible in all tests, but overhandling, either voice or whistle, shall be penalized at the judges' discretion.
8. If on a water retrieve the dog reduces the time required to complete the retrieve by the intelligent use of land, he shall not be penalized. Use of land for the mere purpose of avoiding water will be penalized.
9. Calibers of gun used in all tests shall be 20 gauge or larger shotguns or .22 caliber blank cartridges (.22 caliber crimp not allowed).
10. Objects may not be thrown to encourage a dog to enter water or to direct dog. This is a disqualification in any stake.
11. All shots to be fired AFTER bird is released or thrown and *in the air* in all retrieving dog tests.
12. In the case of mis-tests, the dog shall be passed over, and brought up to be retested later the same day. Any retest shall require the dog to do all of the required retrieves for that test.
13. A circle of rope, hose, or other material is to be laid out with a radius of six (6') feet (12' diameter) clearly defining boundaries. For water retrieves the circle must come no closer than three feet (3') from water's edge. Handler must remain within the circle until the retrieve is completed. Dog must deliver bird to circle with at least the dog's front feet in the circle in all retrieving tests.

NRD—Novice Retrieving Dog

A. Requirements for dogs competing for NRDs shall be as follows:

1. Land Retrieve
 - a. Dog is required to retrieve a single dead bird on land, a shot will be fired.
 - b. Retrieve shall be a minimum of 20 yards, but shall not exceed 40 yards.
2. Water Retrieve
 - a. Dog is required to retrieve



a single dead bird in the water with a minimum swim of 20 yards, a shot will be fired. At judges' discretion, a bird drifting more than 40 yards from shore may be declared "out of bounds," and be re-thrown. See #6 above.

B. Scoring - All scoring is on a pass/fail basis according to the official result forms.

C. Procedures

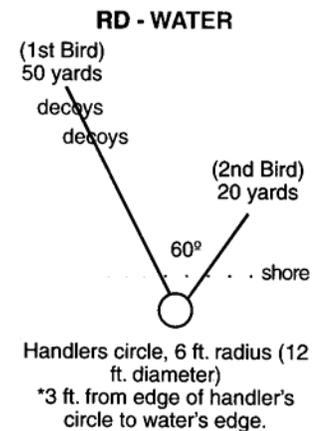
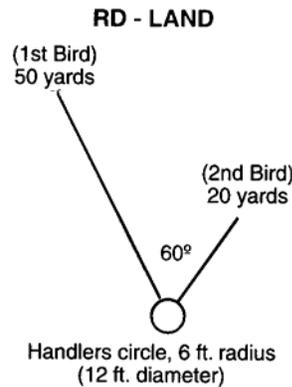
1. No dog may be sent to retrieve until the bird has hit the ground/water and handler has been directed to send dog by judges.
2. Steadiness on line is not required, and dog may be restrained by: 1) holding dog; 2) holding collar; 3) both 1 and 2; and 4) leashing dog.
3. Handler must remain within the circle until the retrieve is completed. Dog must deliver bird to circle with at least the dog's front feet in the circle in all retrieving tests.
4. Disqualifications
 - a. Hardmouthing (both Judges must declare the bird unfit).
 - b. Excessive delay of over two (2) minutes to enter water.
 - c. Loses interest, wanders around aimlessly, or up and down waters edge.
 - d. Refuses handlers commands to handle, over six (6) times.
 - e. Lift their leg on every bush, etc.

RD—Retrieving Dog

A. Requirements for dogs competing for RD shall be as follows:

1. Land Retrieve

- a. The dog is required to retrieve a wide-spaced (approximately 60 degree angle) double with the first fall at approximately 50 yards, and the second fall at approximately (but not less than) 20 yards, one bird will be shot.
- b. Caliber of gun shall be 20 gauge or larger or .22 caliber blank.



2. Water Retrieve

- a. The dog is required to retrieve a wide-spaced (approximately 60 degree angle) double through eight (8) decoys, with the falls being at distances of approximately 50 yards on the first fall through decoy, and 20 yards on the second fall.
- b. Dog must enter water promptly.

B. Scoring - All scoring is on a pass/fail basis according to the official result forms.

C. Procedures

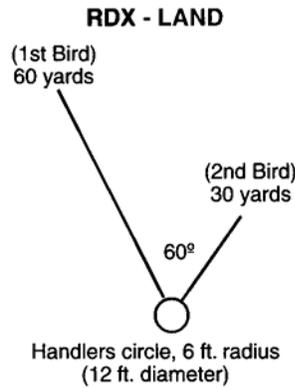
1. Handler **MUST** release from, and **MUST** remain within the circle, and dog **MUST** retrieve **TO HAND** in all retrieving tests.
2. No dog may be sent to retrieve until the last bird has hit the ground/water and the handler has been directed to send dog by judges.
3. The dog shall be steady on the line (controlled break allowed). Touch to release permitted, but restraint not permitted. Controlled break allowed means “Voice and/or hand signal may be used to stop dog, however, dog must have all four feet inside the circle to be defined as being under control.”
4. Handler must remain within the circle until the retrieve is completed. Dog must deliver bird to circle with at least the dog’s front feet in the circle in all retrieving tests.
5. Disqualifications
 - a. Hardmouthing (both Judges must declare bird as unfit.
 - b. Excessive delay of over two (2) minutes to enter or reenter the water.
 - c. Loses interest, wanders around aimlessly, or up and down water edge.
 - d. Refuses handler commands to handle, over five (5) times.
 - e. Lift their leg on every bush, etc.
 - f. Performance so bad, judge would not take hunting.

RDX—Retrieving Dog Excellent**A. Requirements for dogs competing for RDX shall be as follows:**

1. The dog shall give a finished performance, showing both class and style while competing for this title.
 - a. Dog will be brought to and into circle off leash and under control.
 - b. Handler may elect to have dog stand, sit or be downed, but the original position must be maintained for each individual series.
 - c. Handler **MUST** release from, and **MUST** remain within the circle, and dog **MUST** retrieve **TO HAND** in all retrieving tests.
 - d. A reasonable move of the dog to mark the fall of a bird is acceptable, but no other movement by the dog is allowed. Controlled break is not allowed.
 - e. No dog may be sent to retrieve until the last bird has hit the ground/water and handler has been directed to send dog by judges.
 - f. Dog must enter water immediately with eagerness.
 - g. Handler must remain within the circle until the retrieve is completed. Dog must deliver bird to circle with at least the dog’s front feet in the circle in all retrieving tests.

2. Land Retrieve

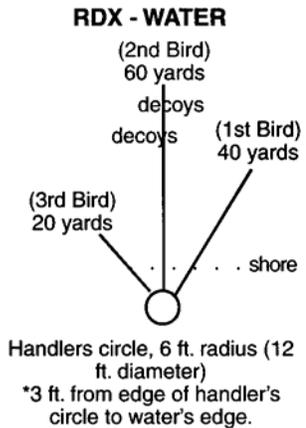
- a. Dog is required to retrieve to hand, a widely spaced (approximately 60 degrees) double with the first fall at approximately 60 yards and the second fall at approximately 30 yards, one bird will be shot.



3. Water Retrieve

- a. Dog is required to retrieve to hand, a triple, first fall to be at 40 yards to one side, second fall to be a minimum of 60 yards through decoys, third fall to be 20 yards landing to opposite side as the first fall.

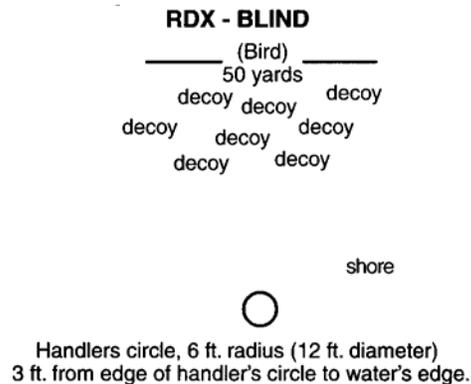
Example: First fall, 40 yards to right; second fall, 60 yards through decoys; third fall, 20 yards to left. (see diagram)



- b. Decoys (8) to be placed between 30 yards and 60 yards in water (see diagram).
- c. Dog must enter and reenter water without hesitation. Delays to be penalized, and excessive delays disqualified.

4. Blind Water Retrieve

- a. The dog is required to be brought to the line without seeing fall. Handler is to be advised of location of bird.
- b. Dog is required to retrieve, to hand, at a range of approximately 50 yards, through eight (8) decoys.
- c. No shot will be fired for this test.
- d. To be completed after triple water retrieve.
- e. Dog must enter and reenter water without hesitation. Delays to be penalized, and excessive delays disqualified.



B. Scoring - All scoring is on a pass/fail basis according to the official result forms.

C. Disqualifications

1. Lack of absolute steadiness on the line.
2. Hardmouthing (both Judges must declare the bird unfit).
3. Handler must not move from circle.
4. Excessive delay entering or reentering the water over two (2) minutes.
5. Handler cannot touch dog except tap to release.
6. Loses interest, wanders around aimlessly, or up and down water edge.

7. Refuse handler commands to handle, over four (4) times.
8. Lift their leg on every bush, etc.

DEFINITIONS

BACK COURSE: An area as close as possible to natural hunting conditions, with cover conducive to game birds and large enough to permit full time requirements for each level of the shooting dog test.

BIRDFIELD: An area of land of approximately five acres, similar to the backcourse with sufficient cover to hide and hold a planted game bird. The birdfield is at the end of and is a natural continuation of the backcourse.

BLANK GUN: A hand gun of at least .22 Caliber or larger **INCAPABLE** of firing live ammunition (.22 caliber crimp not allowed).

BLIND RETRIEVE: A retrieve in which the dog is prevented from seeing and does not see the fall of a bird and where not shot is fired. Handler will be advised of the location of bird.

COLLARED: The act of leading a dog away by the collar from an area after a shot has been fired over a dog on point or stop to flush on the backcourse or in a birdfield where a retrieve is required and the bird has been missed by Official Guns.

CONTROLLED BREAK: A dog that moves before commanded to retrieve may be stopped by voice and/or hand signal from handler. Dog must have all four feet inside of circle to be defined as being under control. Handler may not touch dog.

DELIVER TO HAND: A dog that has made a retrieve must stand or sit close to handler and not release the bird until commanded or handler touches bird.

HARDMOUTHING: Dog chews the bird during a retrieve in such a way that both judges declare bird unfit for the table.

HONOR: Dog stops with or without command from handler upon seeing brace mate on point.

LIVE BIRD: Any bird fully capable of flight.

PLANTED BIRD: Any live bird that is placed in cover.

RELEASE: Handler gives command to send the dog, and/or may touch the dog once.

RESTRAINED: Holding dog, holding collar, holding dog and collar or leashing dog.

STEADY TO WING AND SHOT: Dog on point does not move while handler flushes bird and shot is fired, and moves only when commanded to do so.

STOP TO FLUSH: Dogs stop without command when bird flushes wild.

WILD FLUSH: Bird flushes through no fault of dog or handler.

SECTION VIII- Versatile Rating Standards

I.	Schedule of Available Versatile Points	
A.	Bench Champion	8
	Ten Bench Points (includes major win).....	6
	Five Bench Points.....	4
	Bench Pointed.....	2
B.	Obedience Trial Champion.....	10
	UDX.....	8
	UD	6
	CDX.....	4
	CD	2
C.	Field Champion, AFC or MH.....	10
	Senior Hunter, SDX or 1 st place in AA/GD Retrieving Stake	6
	Junior Hunter, SD or 4 Field Points	4
	NSD or 1 Field Point.....	2
D.	RDX.....	6
	RD	4
	NRD	2
E.	Champion Tracker (CT).....	10
	Variable Surface Tracking (VST)	8
	Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX)	6
	Tracking Dog (TD)	4

F. Master Agility Champion	10
Master Agility Excellent (MX) or MXJ	8
Agility Excellent (AX) or AXJ	6
Agility Excellent Preferred (AXP) or AJP	5
Open Agility (OA) or OAJ	4
Open Agility Preferred (OAP) or OJP	3
Novice Agility (NA) or NAJ	2
Novice Agility Preferred (NAP) or NJP	1

II. Requirements for Award of Versatile “V”

- A. Twelve (12) versatile points minimum total.
- B. Above Twelve (12) points must be obtained from at least three (3) of the above six (6) groups.
- C. Points are not accumulative in any one group (i.e., a UD entitles a dog to six (6) points. His CDX and CD cannot be added.)

III. Requirements for Award of Versatile Excellent “VX”

- A. Eighteen (18) points minimum total
- B. Above eighteen (18) points may be obtained from three (3) of the above six (6) groups and must include a Bench Champion, Field Champion, Amateur Field Champion, Obedience Trial Champion, Master Agility Champion or Champion Tracker.

OR

Above eighteen (18) points may be obtained from at least four (4) of the six (6) groups.

- C. Points are not accumulative in any one group.

IV. Requirements for Award of Versatile Excellent 2 (VX2)

- A. Twenty four (24) points minimum total.
- B. Above twenty-four (24) points must be obtained from at least four (4) of the above six (6) groups.
- C. Points are not accumulative in any one group.

V. Requirements for Award of Versatile Excellent 3 (VX3) – VX7

- A. Must meet the requirements of Versatile Excellent 2 (VX2)

- B. Minimum total points required:

VX3 30 Points

VX4 36 Points

VX5 42 Points

VX6 48 Points

VX7 54 Points

VI. Procedure for Awarding Versatile Titles

A. The National Office will automatically award Versatile through Versatile Excellent 7 ratings to dogs with the appropriate titles to qualify. WCA members owning dogs with field or bench points that qualify the dog for a title will contact the National Office in writing to apply. The Office will request any copies of the awards, and/or certificates needed.