



2023 Triple Crown Versatility Challenge

Once again, we will celebrate the versatility of our breed with the Triple Crown Versatility Challenge. We would like to honor those handler/dog teams that successfully compete in multiple disciplines by offering a challenge meant to inspire more of us to get out there and accomplish great things with our dogs! We challenge you to start training now in order to meet our challenge to qualify and/or place in a *minimum* of **three different classes across at least two different NSS disciplines.**

To meet the Triple Crown Challenge, a dog might place and/or qualify in Novice B, Team Obedience and the WDX. Another dog might qualify in the WD, a sweepstakes class, and in a Bred-By Exhibitor Class.

Dogs who meet the Triple Crown Challenge will receive a special award and the dog's Triple Crown accomplishments will be published in the ACC Bulletin. All prizes will be presented at the banquet on Saturday evening. Prizes will be presented to each dog's owner of record, if present; otherwise, the awards will go to the handler.

Entering is easy and it's only \$25 to play, but dogs must be pre-registered by August 14th (when entries close). **To pre-register, complete the Google Form on the Triple Crown page of the 2024 NSS website by August 14th** with the name of the Owner/Handler and the registered name of the dog....

We are offering some new ways to pay your \$25 entry..

- PayPal Gina at theweatherdeck@gmail.com.
- Venmo to @Gina-Downin
- Send a check to Gina Downin at 4007 33rd Street, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

Dogs that meet the challenge must submit a completed Triple Crown Record Form to Lynda Barber-Wiltse, Mel Phillips, or Gina Downin at the show AFTER competing and before the banquet. Please download and print a copy of the record form from the ACC NSS website.

Any questions? Please contact: Gina Downin – theweatherdeck@gmail.com – 301.254.8222

Qualifications for the Triple Crown Versatility Challenge

(Qualify and/or place in any three classes, across a minimum of two NSS disciplines.)

(Please note: For the purposes of this Challenge, Obedience & Rally = 1 discipline and Conformation & Sweepstakes = 1 discipline)

Agility: Qualifying score in any agility class offered.

Obedience/Rally: Qualifying score in any regular or optional titling obedience and/or rally class offered or placement in non-regular class.

Conformation/Sweepstakes: Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog/Bitch, a Judge's Award of Merit or by making the cut in the Best of Breed competition, Placement in any regular or non-regular conformation class. (Please note: in Stud Dog and Brood Bitch classes, placements are awarded only to the parent dog, not to any of the representative offspring.) Placement in any Puppy, Gundog, or Veteran Sweepstakes class also qualifies.

Dock Diving: Any qualifying jump counts. (Limit of one leg earned in this discipline.)

Example 1: "Fido" is entered in Rally Advanced B, Rally Excellent B, Open Dog in conformation. Fido qualified in Rally Advanced B and qualified/placed third in Rally Excellent B. In Open Dog, he places 4th. He qualifies for the Triple Crown!

Example 2: "Ripple" is entered in Veteran Obedience, 8+ Year-Old Bitch in Veteran Sweeps, Veteran Bitch 8-10 Years in Conformation. She places in Veteran obedience, is second in her Sweeps class, and goes first in her Veteran conformation class. She qualifies for the Triple Crown!

Example 3: Birdie gets a qualifying jump in Dock Diving the weekend before the National. Then, on Friday, she places in her Gundog Sweeps class. On Saturday, she makes the cut in Best of Breed Competition. She qualifies for the Triple Crown!