

IGCA Versatility Program

Objective for Revising the Program

- Expand and enhance the current program to create a comprehensive Versatility program that encourages owners to engage with their IGs through training and competition; that supports responsible dog ownership; and that recognizes both versatility and achievement in the various performance activities where Italian Greyhounds and their owners are actively and successfully engaged today.

Revisions made to the performance activities, categories, and organizations

- New performance activities added: Nosework, Barn Hunt, Flyball, Trick Dog, Free Style Obedience, Rally Free Style, Dog Scouts of America, Dock Diving, AKC ACT (agility) and AKC Fast Cat (racing).
- Existing performance activities expanded to include more sanctioning organizations (where IGs are currently competing) such as UKC, ASCA, CPE, World Cynosport (formerly APDT).
- Existing performance activities also updated with a comprehensive list of available titles (that IGs are currently achieving), such as GCH for Conformation, TDU (Urban Tracking), CGCA (advanced CGC), and updates to Agility, Rally, and Obedience titles.
- More entry level opportunities: Certifications for Coursing, Tracking, and Therapy work (all of which require passing a certification test) are now recognized with proof of certification.
- Agility and Obedience points revised to be consistent with all other sports so that higher level titles earn more points than entry level titles, making it easier for IGs that perform in these sports to advance to higher levels of Versatility titles.
- Therapy Work is expanded from one level to five levels to recognize increasing visitations, and to be consistent with both the TDI title requirements and the AKC Recognition Program.
- Reformatted into an “easy to read” table instead of a list.

Revisions to the requirements for earning the Versatility titles

- To encourage greater entry level participation in the program, requirements for the first level of versatility have been revised so that whether an IG earns their 6 points across two categories or five or six categories, they will be eligible for the VC title. Under the current program, an IG that earns six points across five or six categories is not eligible for the VC.
- To encourage more IG owners to work towards the different levels of Versatility titles, the requirements are revised so that points earned at each level will count towards the next level. Under the current program, an IG that starts at the VC level is penalized for working towards higher levels because he would need to earn 27 points to level up to the VCM (6 for VC + 9 for VCX + 12 for VCM), whereas an IG that goes straight to VCM only needs 12 points.
- A fourth level of versatility title (Versatility Certificate Master Excellent or VCMX) has been created to provide more opportunities for participation in the versatility program, and to recognize both versatility and achievement.
- The point system for performance titles is expanded from a three point system to a five point system to better align with the levels of versatility titles.

About the IGCA Versatility Program

In August, 1998, IGCA voted to implement the Versatility Program to recognize achievement in conformation and performance activities with a point schedule for titles earned, and Certificate Awards provided when achievement levels have been met.

Since 1998 the landscape for canine sports has changed significantly. More activities to compete in, more sanctioning organizations, and more titles to work towards means more opportunities for owners to bond with their IGs through training and competition. Today IGs and their owners are competing across a broad range of venues, and achieving success at all levels, showing just how truly versatile the breed really is.

In response to this changing landscape, IGCA has launched an expanded and updated Versatility Program that seeks to encourage enthusiasm for training and working with IGs, and that recognizes both versatility and outstanding achievement. You do not need to be a member of IGCA to participate, you just need to get out there and get active with your IG!

Versatility Titles and Requirements

Versatility Title	Requirements
Versatility Certificate (VC)	6 points Minimum of 2 categories
Versatility Certificate Excellent (VCX)	9 points Minimum of 3 categories Minimum of 1 title earned from the Intermediate or higher levels
Versatility Certificate Master (VCM)	12 points Minimum of 3 categories Minimum of 2 titles earned from the Advanced or higher levels
Versatility Certificate Master Excellent (VCMX)	15 points Minimum of 4 categories Minimum of 2 titles earned from the Advanced or higher levels

Points are additive. For example, an IG that has both a CH and a GCH earns 2 points for the CH plus 3 points for the GCH for a total of five points within the Conformation category.

Points cannot be awarded more than once for the same title. Points earned for each versatility level count towards higher levels of versatility. For example, an IG that has a VC needs only an additional 3 points and one more category to earn the VCX as long as at least one of the titles earned is at the Intermediate or higher level.

Once your IG has earned the required points, you can submit copies of the official records to the Versatility Chair. Official records are defined as either certificates, official records from the sanctioning organization (such as the official

grading guide for racing), written and signed documentation as deemed official by the sanctioning organization (such as therapy visit records, K9 Nosework record booklet) or records posted on the sanctioning organizations' website.

Once the application has been received, reviewed, and approved by the Versatility Chair, the Versatility Certificate will be mailed to the applicant. All certificates awarded will be published on the IGCA website, and announced annually at the IG National Specialty. In addition, each year's award recipients will be listed in the Nov/Dec Performance issue of *The Italian Greyhound Magazine*, and posted on the IGCA Facebook page.

The IGCA encourages participation in performance activities by IGs and their owners to the greatest extent, so if you don't see your sport or title listed in the Performance Activities and Titles table, please contact the Versatility Chair to find out about using those titles to fulfill requirements. When requesting credit for sports that are not listed, some factors to consider are:

- Does the sport have a titling or certification program?
- Can you provide evidence that the requirements of a program have been fulfilled (i.e. certificate or title issued by a sanctioning organization)?
- Can you provide a link to their online rules and regulations so that we can assess the requirements and place earned titles into the appropriate levels?

Performance Activities and Titles Table

Categories	Levels of Achievement: Points:	Novice 1	Intermediate 2	Advanced 3	Excellent 4	Master 5
Conformation	Conformation AKC UKC	CM	CH CH, ALCH	GCH GRCH, ALGRCH	GCH Bronze, GCH Silver	GCH Gold, GCH Platinum
Agility	Agility AKC UKC NADAC USDAA CPE	NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, NF, NFP ACT1, ACT2 UAGI NAC, NJC AD, PD, SG, SPG, PG2 CL2-R	OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, OF, OFP, T2B, T2B2 UAGII OAC, OJC AAD, APD, AG, APG, PG3 CL3-R	AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, XF, XFP UACH EAC, EJC MAD, MPD, GM, PGM, AGD CL4-R	MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, MXF, MXP UACHX CL5-R	MACH, PACH UGRACH NATCH ADCH, PDCH, GCH, PGCH CATCH
Obedience	Obedience AKC UKC Free Style Obedience CFF WCFO Trick Dog Do More with Your Dog	BN, PCD UCD CFF Level I W-FD, W-PFD, W-TFD, W- BFD, W-SSFD, W-HDFD NTD	CD, GN, PCDX UCDX CFF Level II W-FDX, W-PFDX, W-TFDX, W-SSFDX, W-HDFDX ITD	CDX, GO, PUD, VER UUD CFF Level III W-FDM, W-PFDM, W- TFDM, W-BFDM, W- SSFDM, W-HDFDM ATD	UD UOCH CFF Level IV W-CHFD, W-CHPFD, W- CHTFD, W-CHBFD, W- CH.SSFD, W--CH.HDFD ETD	UDX, OM, OTCH GOCH, UUDX CFF Champion W-CH.PDP, W-PCH.PDP TDCH
Rally	Rally Obedience AKC UKC World Cynosport Rally Freestyle RFE	URO1 RL1, RLV, RLP, RJR1 R-FE/N, R-FE/Alt-N	RN URO2 R2, RJR2 R-FE/X, R-FE/Alt-X	RA URO3 R3, RJR3 R-FE/M, R-FE/Alt-M	RE UROC AOE R-FE/CH, R-FE/Alt-CH	RAE+ URX, UROG RLX, RLVX, RLPX R-FE/GrCH
Coursing	Lure Coursing AKC ASFA	JC, CA, QC QC	SC, CAA, CAX	FC, MC FC, VFC, TCP	LCX LCM, VLCM, CPX	NFC
Racing	Straight Racing LGRA AKC Oval Racing NOTRA	BCAT JOR	GRC DCAT SOR	SGRC FCAT ORC	SGRC5 SORC	SGRC10 SORC2
Scent Work	Tracking AKC ASCA Nosework NACSW Barn Hunt Barn Hunt Assoc.	QC QC ORT RATI, RATN	TD, TDU TD, TDU NW1 RATO	TDX TDX NW2 RATS	VST MT NW3 RATM	CT NW3 Element, NW3 Elite RATCh, RATChx
Miscellaneous	Flyball NAFA U-FLI Weight Pull UKC Dock Diving NADD Dog Scouts of America	FDX, MBDX TF, TFE, TFP UWP DN, AN, VN	FDCh, MBDCCh TFFC UWPCH DJ, AJ	FDCh-S, FDCh-G, MBDCCh- S, MBDCCh-G TFWC UWPCHX, UWVPV, UWPO, UWPS DS, AS, VS DSA	FM, FMX, MBM, MBMX, Iron Dog TFX UGWPCH DM, AM 10 Badges earned	FMCh, Onyx, FGDCh, Hobbes, MBMCh, MB Onyx, MBGDCh TFU UGWPC1 DE, AE, VE Honor Scout
Public Service	Canine Good Citizen AKC Therapy Dog TDI Any Other Therapy Org. Temperament Test ATTS	Proof of Certification Proof of Certification TT	CGC TDIA (50) 50 visits	CGCA TWT, TDIAOV 100 visits	TRIRVA 200 visits	TDIEVA 350 visits

IGCA Versatility Program Application

Instructions

Complete the application form below and submit to the Versatility Chair via mail or email along with the following:

- Handling fee of \$10 (IGCA members) or \$15 (non-members) in the form of a check or money order payable to IGCA or
- PayPal payment sent to paypal@italiangreyhound.org. If paying through PayPal, forward your receipt to the Versatility Chair as proof of payment.
- Hard copies of all proof of title documents, or scanned images of the documents if applying via email.

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Applicant Information

Name:
 Mailing Address:
 Email Address:
 Phone Number:

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Call Name:
 Registered Name:

Indicate the Versatility Title you are applying for: VC___ VCX___ VCM___ VCMX___

Category	Performance Activity	Organization	Title	Points
			Total Points:	_____