

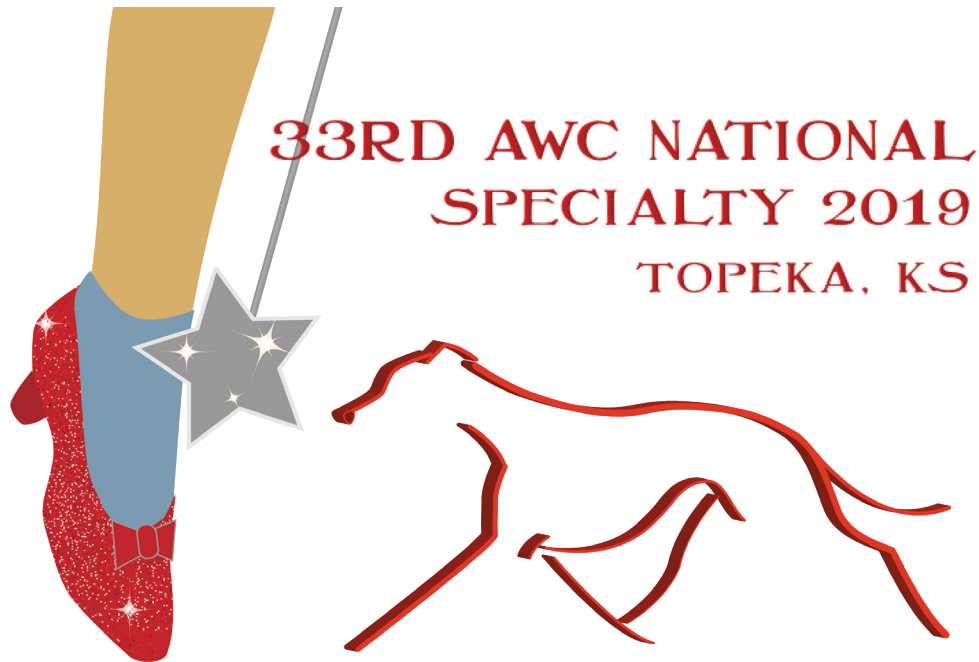
# 33RD AWC NATIONAL SPECIALTY 2019 TOPEKA, KS



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**33RD AWC NATIONAL  
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**The American Whippet Club Judges Education**

Capital Plaza Hotel and Convention Center Topeka

<https://www.americanwhippetclub.net/national/hotel-information>

**Sign up Deadline April 1, 2019**

The American Whippet Club will hold our judges education program

Friday, April 19, 2019 6:00PM

A power point presentation of the Whippet Illustrated Standard.

Followed by a Hands On Seminar

Saturday, April 20, 2019

Numerous mentors will provide individual ringside mentoring throughout the day.

There is no charge for this judges education opportunity.

Ringside mentoring will be available everyday of regular class judging beginning on

Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

To purchase a catalog:

<https://www.americanwhippetclub.net/national/catalog>

Additional educational opportunities: mentors will be available at both

Lure Coursing events Saturday and Sunday April 13-14, 2019.

Please let me know if you need transportation to the Lure Course.

Any questions, please contact

David Samuelson [612-201-3930/samuelsond@aol.com](mailto:612-201-3930/samuelsond@aol.com)

AWC Judges Education Coordinator



*American Whippet Club*  
**VERSATILITY**  
**RULES**

*December 31, 2018*



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The AWC has held the Versatility Competition in conjunction with its National Specialty since 2007. Versatility combines four events (lure coursing, conformation, rally, and agility) to showcase the versatility of Whippets. The Versatility's scoring system ranks the success of each Whippet's overall performance in comparison to the other Whippets competing. Participants do not have to be AWC members to enter the Versatility competition.

After each event is completed, participating Whippets are ranked from first to last, based on the scores received (a higher score equates to a lower rank). Upon completion of all four events, each Whippet's four individual event rankings are averaged to produce a total final rank. The ranks of all participating Whippets are then ordered from first to last to determine placements. The Whippet with the final lowest rank (numerical ranking average) is the AWC Versatility Champion and is awarded the TJ Challenge Trophy and Calvin Trophy and is eligible to participate in future AWC Parades of Honor at National Specialties. Whippets ranked first through tenth place receive special awards and rosettes.

Whippets competing in the Versatility competition must be eligible to compete in all Versatility events. Whippets with disqualifying faults as indicated in the AKC standard are not eligible to compete in lure coursing trials; therefore, they are not eligible for the Versatility competition. Whippets must complete all four events (agility, lure coursing, rally and conformation) to earn a final score and ranking. Spayed/neutered Whippets are eligible to compete. Whippets with ILP/PAL numbers are ineligible to compete. If a Whippet does not complete all four events, it will be disqualified from the Versatility competition (without entry refund). The criteria for evaluating whether your Whippet completed an event are based on AKC regulations. For lure coursing, see AKC Regulations for Lure Coursing Tests and Trials, Chapter IV, Sections 9-14. For rally, see AKC Rally Regulations, Chapter I, Sections 17-19. The Whippet must also compete in the conformation competition. The Versatility competition is not an AKC titling event, but an AWC scoring/ranking event. A non-qualifying score in agility or rally does not eliminate your Whippet from the competition. Non-qualifying scores will be placed in order from high to low after all qualifying scores have been ranked.

Refunds of your Versatility entry fee will be provided if you withdraw your Whippet before the day of the first Versatility event, typically the AKC agility trial.

NOTE: Whippets may participate in both the Triathlon and Versatility competitions. See AWC Triathlon Rules for details on the Triathlon competition.

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## HOW TO ENTER THE VERSATILITY COMPETITION

Submit **four** separate entries - one for coursing, one for agility, one for rally, and one for the Versatility Competition - by the required closing dates. Premium lists and the Versatility entry form are on the AWC National Specialty website at:

<http://www.americanwhippetclub.net/national/versatility>

1. **Lure Coursing.** Your Whippet must participate in the AKC Lure Coursing trial held in conjunction with the AWC National Specialty. Fill out the standard entry in the AKC Lure Coursing Premium and submit it by the closing date. On your Versatility entry form, indicate the stake in which your Whippet is entered.
2. **Rally.** Your Whippet must participate in the AKC rally trial held as part of the AWC National Specialty. Fill out the standard AKC rally entry in the AWC National Specialty Premium. You may enter multiple rally classes (e.g., rally Advanced, rally Excellent) but you must declare only one of these classes as your rally entry on your Versatility Competition entry form. If your Whippet has a title, or legs toward a title, in a higher level rally class in AKC, you may not enter a lower class for the Versatility Competition. To do so will result in disqualification from the Versatility Competition. For example, if your Whippet has a RA or leg towards a RA you may not enter Rally Novice and use that score for the Versatility Competition). If you are working on an RAE, you must use your Excellent class score for your Versatility Competition. If you are working on Rally Champion, you must use your Master class score for your Versatility Competition. Transfers, in accordance with AKC regulations, are permitted, but competitors must notify the Trial Secretary as well as the Versatility Chair at least thirty minutes before the rally trial begins.
3. **Agility.** Your Whippet must participate in the agility trial identified as part of the Versatility competition that is held in conjunction with the AWC National Specialty. Submit the standard agility entry in the identified premium. You must enter your Whippet in both the Standard (STD) and Jumpers with Weaves (JWW) classes to qualify for the Versatility Competition. If your Whippet has a title, or legs toward a title, in the STD or JWW Class in AKC, regardless of whether it is in the Regular or Preferred division, you may not enter a lower class for the Versatility Competition. To do so will result in disqualification from the Versatility Competition. For example, if your Whippet has an AKC Regular Excellent STD title or leg towards the title, you may not enter the AKC Preferred Novice STD class and use that score for the Versatility Competition. Likewise, a Whippet with a Preferred Excellent JWW title may not enter the Regular Novice JWW class and use that score for the Versatility Competition. However, if your Whippet has an AKC Regular Novice STD title or leg towards the title, you may enter the AKC Preferred Novice STD class and use that score for the Versatility competition.
4. **Versatility Conformation Competition.**
  - a. Submit your Versatility Conformation entry, along with the \$10 entry fee, to the AWC Versatility Chair by the closing date using one of the following methods:
    - i. (Preferred Method) Online Entry and payment via PayPal:  
<http://www.americanwhippetclub.net/national/versatility>
    - ii. Mail entries and checks made payable to the AWC, in US funds drawn from a US bank. Entry and check must be received (not just postmarked) by the closing date to be eligible to compete in the Versatility Competition.  
**Do NOT Mail Entries Requiring A Return Signature.**

- b. Your Whippet is automatically entered in the Versatility conformation competition upon receipt of your Versatility entry and fee. Triathlon and Versatility conformation judging is conducted simultaneously by one judge. All Whippets enter the ring for group examination until the judge directs the group to exit the ring. Then each Whippet enters the ring, one at a time, for individual judging and scoring by the judge. After individual judging is completed, the entire group re-enters the ring for additional judging when the judge may make several cuts before the final scoring of all Whippets is completed. The four top-scoring Versatility Whippets are determined by their scores and receive first through fourth placement rosettes. Versatility judging is separate from other conformation judging at the National. (Please see the AWC National Premium for other conformation classes, e.g., Futurity, Sweepstakes, regular classes).

## SCORING AND RANKING

### LURE COURSING

1. **Scoring.** Your Whippet's scores from the AKC lure coursing trial are used to compute this portion of the Versatility Competition. The base score for lure coursing is the total score from preliminary and final runs, regardless of the stake entered or any additional scores earned in run-offs for best of breed.
2. **Ranking.** Whippets are then ranked according to their numeric scores. The Whippet receiving the highest score is ranked 1; the second highest score is ranked 2 and so on until all Versatility Competition competitors are ranked. (Note: A high score = low rank)

### CONFORMATION

1. **Scoring.** Your Whippet's score from the Versatility Competition Conformation judging is used in this portion of the Versatility Competition. Using the Whippet Breed Standard as a baseline for a maximum score of 100, and a special Versatility Competition scoring sheet, the judge gives each Whippet its individual conformation numeric score. If a Whippet is excused from the ring, it will be disqualified from the Versatility Competition.
2. **Ranking.** Whippets are then ranked according to their numeric score. The highest numeric score is ranked 1; the second highest numeric score is ranked 2 and so on until all Versatility Competition Whippets are ranked. (Note: A high score = low rank)

### RALLY

1. **Scoring.**
  - a. Your Whippet's score from the AKC rally trial is used in this portion of the Versatility Competition. All points earned are applied whether your Whippet earns a qualifying score or does not qualify. While qualifying in rally will result in a better rally ranking, it is not a Versatility Competition requirement. The Versatility Competition is not an AKC titling event but an AWC scoring/ranking event. Whippets with qualifying scores are always ranked higher than those with non-qualifying scores.
  - b. For non-qualifying scores, the Versatility Chair will calculate scores based on the numerical scores written on each Whippet's rally score sheet by the judge and use these scores to rank the dogs with non-qualifying scores. If a Whippet is excused from the ring, it will be disqualified from the Versatility Competition.
  - c. The Versatility Chair will ensure the rally judge is made aware that Whippets entered in the Rally Trial may also be participating in the Versatility Competition and will require a score (whether qualifying or non-qualifying) if possible at the end of their exercise.
2. **Ranking.** All qualifying Whippets in Rally are ranked before non-qualifying Whippets. (Note: A high score = low rank)
  - a. First, all qualifying Whippets are ranked from the highest to the lowest score by class in the following order: Master, Excellent, Advanced, Intermediate, and Novice.

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- b. Second, all non-qualifying Whippets will be ranked by class in the following order: Master, Excellent, Advanced, Intermediate and Novice. Non-qualifying Whippets shall always be ranked after qualifying Whippets.

An example of the scoring and Final Rally Ranking for Whippets by class follows:

Entry #	Class	Score	Qualifying Score	Ranking
7	Master	80	Yes	#1
2	Excellent B	75	Yes	#2
5	Advanced A	80	Yes	#3
8	Novice A	85	Yes	#4
1	Novice B	85	Yes	#4
9	Excellent A	65	No	#6
3	Advanced B	69	No	#7
10	Advanced A	60	No	#8
4	Novice B	60	No	#9
6	Novice A	55	No	#10

## **AGILITY**

### **1. Scoring.**

- a. Your Whippet's STD (Regular or Preferred) and JWW (Regular or Preferred) scores from the Agility Trial are used to compute this portion of the Versatility Competition. All points earned are applied whether your Whippet earns a qualifying score or does not qualify. While qualifying in agility will result in a better agility ranking, it is not a requirement. The Versatility Competition is not a titling event but an AWC scoring/ranking event. Whippets with qualifying scores are always ranked higher than those with non-qualifying scores.
- b. The Versatility Chair will ensure the agility judge is made aware that Whippets entered in the trial may also be participating in the Versatility Competition and will require a score (whether qualifying or non-qualifying) if possible at the end of their exercise.

### **2. Ranking.** All qualifying Whippets in agility are ranked before non-qualifying Whippets. (Note: A high score = low rank)

- a. First, all qualifying Whippets are ranked separately in the STD Class (Regular or Preferred) and JWW Class (Regular or Preferred) from the highest to lowest score then prioritized by class in the following order: Master, Excellent, Open and Novice.
- b. Second, all non-qualifying Whippets are ranked separately in the STD Class (Regular or Preferred) and JWW Class (Regular or Preferred) from the highest to lowest score then prioritized by class in the following order: Master, Excellent, Open and Novice. Non-qualifying Whippets are always ranked below all qualifying Whippets, regardless of class entered.
- c. Third, each Whippet's two class rankings (STD and JWW) are added together then divided by two, and the resulting averaged rank is used to determine each Whippet's final agility ranking (see examples below).

- d. Prior to the agility trial, the Versatility Chair will inform the agility judge that some Whippets entered in the trial may also be participating in the Versatility Competition and will require a score (whether qualifying or non-qualifying) if possible at the end of their run.

An example of the scoring and agility class ranking for Whippets follows:

STANDARD						JWW					
Entry #	Level	R/P	Score	Q/NQ	Rank	Entry #	Level	R/P	Score	Q/NQ	Rank
5	Master	R	100	Q	#1	7	Excellent	P	100	Q	#1
1	Excellent	R	100	Q	#2	9	Open	R	100	Q	#2
7	Excellent	P	100	Q	#2	10	Open	R	95	Q	#3
10	Open	R	97	Q	#4	2	Novice A	R	100	Q	#4
3	Open	R	95	Q	#5	5	Master	R	85	NQ	#5
2	Novice A	R	100	Q	#6	1	Master	R	80	NQ	#6
6	Master	R	85	NQ	#7	6	Excellent	R	75	NQ	#7
4	Open	P	70	NQ	#8	3	Open	R	60	NQ	#8
9	Open	R	60	NQ	#9	8	Novice B	R	60	NQ	#9
8	Novice B	R	65	NQ	#10	4	Novice B	P	55	NQ	#10

A matching calculation of the final agility ranking for Whippets follows:

Entry #	Standard Ranking	JWW Ranking	Total Ranking Divided By 2	Combined Averaged Ranking	Final Ranking
1	#2	#6	8 / 2	4	4
2	#6	#4	10 / 2	5	5
3	#5	#8	13 / 2	6.5	7
4	#8	#10	18 / 2	9	9
5	#1	#5	6 / 2	3	2
6	#7	#7	14 / 2	7	8
7	#2	#1	3 / 2	1.5	1
8	#10	#9	19 / 2	9.5	10
9	#9	#2	11 / 2	5.5	6
10	#4	#3	7 / 2	3.5	3

## **TIES**

For lure coursing, conformation, rally and agility, Whippets receiving the same score will receive the same rank, with the next highest scoring Whippet receiving the rank following the tied Whippets. For example, if Whippet A and Whippet B both receive a score of 285 and Whippet C receives a score of 283, Whippets A and B are ranked 1 and Whippet C is ranked 3.

## **FINAL RANKINGS**

A Whippet's rank (not scores) from lure coursing, conformation, rally and agility will be added together and then divided by 4 to calculate the Whippet's average and that average is used to determine the overall final rank and placement in the Versatility Competition. For ties in final rankings, lure coursing scores (not rankings) will determine final rankings. If the tie continues because the Whippets earned equal scores in coursing, then scores (not rankings) in conformation will determine final rankings. If the tie continues, agility scores (not rankings) will be the tiebreaker. The last determination if the tie continues will be made based on rally scores (not rankings).



## **AWC VERSATILITY CHAIR**

The Local National Specialty Chair will appoint an AWC Versatility Chair when appointing local committee chairs. Separate Triathlon and Versatility Chairs may be appointed if desired. Any AWC member in good standing may be appointed to this position even if previously appointed.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

1. Assist National and Local Specialty Chairs in selecting a conformation judge for the Triathlon/Versatility Conformation event.
2. Ensure the current Versatility Competition Rules and Entry Form are included in the Supplemental to the Premium for the National Specialty.
3. Respond to questions and provide information about the event. For clarification on an issue not specifically addressed in the rules, Chair will consult with the AWC BOD prior to responding.
4. Receive online entry information as well as mailed paper entries and checks and review for completeness before consolidating entry information in the entry database using an application such as Microsoft Excel. NOTE: This database will be made available for review by participants in the Versatility, the BOD, National and Local Show Chairs, etc. upon request at any time during or after the Versatility.
5. Forward checks and entry refund requests (received prior to the lure coursing trial) to the AWC National event accountant for processing.
6. Provide catalog entry information to National Show Chair.
7. Receive and process move ups for the lure coursing and transfers for rally trials (in coordination with the relevant trial secretary).
8. Create an AWC Versatility board, if one is not available from the prior year, and board tags for each Whippet entered in the Versatility. The board is used to display the Whippet's event scores and ranks for each event as well as their final ranking.
9. Set up the Triathlon/Versatility display table in the assigned location at the National. The table will hold the Triathlon and Versatility boards, display a current AWC Triathlon/Versatility banner (also to be acquired by the Chair) and hold rosettes, prizes and trophies to be awarded for these competitions, plus a photo of the prior National's winners.
10. Collect judging sheets and calculate the scores and ranks and update the Versatility board as soon as possible after each Versatility event.
11. Ensure: (a) the conformation judge has a ring steward(s) and a judging sheet for each entered Whippet with catalog number; (b) armbands with catalog numbers are available to the conformation exhibitors before the event begins; (c) the judge is properly introduced before exhibitors enter the

ring. At the conclusion of the judging, and while exhibitors are still in the ring, thank the judge and present a small gift of appreciation.

12. Finalize the results of the Versatility with the help of an assistant of the Chair's choosing, double-checking the scoring/ranking of each event and the final rankings for compliance with these rules.

13. Collect rosettes, plates and special prizes/trophies for Versatility award presentation and ensure the show photographer is available for the award ceremony.

14. Announce and make award presentations for the top 10 Versatility placements and assist with win photos as requested by the photographer and exhibitors.



American Whippet Club  
**VERSATILITY**  
**ENTRY FORM**



**ENTRY CLOSING DATE: 3/13/2019**

Entry must be received (not just postmarked) by the closing date for your Whippet to compete.

Whippet's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC #: \_\_\_\_\_

Whippet's Registered Name (list all titles including non-AKC titles):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Lure coursing Stake entered (**circle one**): OPEN / SPECIALS / VETERAN

Rally Class Entered for Versatility Scoring (**circle one**):  
MASTER / EXCELLENT / ADVANCED / INTERMDIATE / NOVICE

Agility Class Entered for Versatility Scoring (**circle appropriate selections**):  
**STD:** MASTER / EXCELLENT / ADVANCED / INTERMDIATE / NOVICE (**Regular or Preferred**)  
**JWW:** MASTER / EXCELLENT / ADVANCED / INTERMDIATE / NOVICE (**Regular or Preferred**)

Conformation: This entry automatically enters your Whippet in the Versatility Conformation Class.

**Note: Entries in any other conformation class, agility class, rally class, and lure coursing stake are solely the owner's responsibility.**

Online Entry and payment via PayPal are available at:  
<http://www.americanwhippetclub.net/national/versatility>

You may also send this entry form and your \$10 entry fee (checks made **payable to AWC**, in US funds drawn from a US bank) to the following address:

Lauri Austin, AWC Triathlon/Versatility Chair  
592 Pulis Ave., Mahwah, NJ 07430, 201-960-8877, lauri.austin@gmail.com

***Do Not Mail Your Entries Requiring A Return Signature.***



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## **TRIATHLON RULES**

*December 31, 2018*



The AWC has held the Triathlon in conjunction with its National Specialty since 1995. The Triathlon combines three events (lure coursing, conformation, and obedience) to showcase the versatility of Whippets. The Triathlon's scoring system ranks the success of each Whippet's overall performance in comparison to the other Whippets competing. Participants do not have to be AWC members to enter the Triathlon.

After each event is completed, participating Whippets are ranked from first to last, based on the scores received (a higher score equates to a lower rank). Upon completion of all three events, each Whippet's three individual event rankings are averaged to produce a total final rank. The ranks of all participating Whippets are then ordered from first to last to determine placements. The Whippet with the final lowest rank (numerical ranking average) is the AWC Triathlon Champion and is awarded the Cora Miller Perpetual Trophy and Jack McManus Perpetual Trophy and is eligible to participate in the AWC Parades of Honor at National Specialties. Whippets ranked first through tenth place receive special awards and rosettes.

Whippets competing in the Triathlon must be eligible to compete in all Triathlon events. Whippets with disqualifying faults as indicated in the AKC standard are not eligible to compete in lure coursing trials; therefore, they are not eligible for the Triathlon. Whippets must complete all three events (lure coursing, conformation, and obedience) to earn a final score and ranking. Spayed/neutered Whippets are eligible to compete. Whippets with ILP/PAL numbers are ineligible to compete. If a Whippet does not complete all three events, it will be disqualified from the Triathlon (without entry refund). The criteria for evaluating whether your Whippet completed an event are based on AKC regulations. For lure coursing, see *AKC Regulations for Lure Coursing Tests and Trials, Chapter IV, Sections 9-14*. For obedience, see *AKC Obedience Regulations, Chapter I, Sections 17-18*. The Whippet must also compete in the conformation competition. The Triathlon is not an AKC titling event, but an AWC scoring/ranking event. A non-qualifying score in obedience does not eliminate your Whippet from the competition. Non-qualifying scores will be placed in order from high to low after all qualifying scores have been ranked.

Refunds of your Triathlon entry fee will be provided if you withdraw your Whippet before the day of the first Triathlon event, typically the AKC lure coursing trial.

NOTE: Whippets may participate in both the Triathlon and Versatility competitions. See AWC Versatility Rules for details on the Versatility competition.

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## HOW TO ENTER THE TRIATHLON

Submit **three** separate entries - one for AKC lure coursing, one for AKC obedience, and one for the Triathlon - by the required closing dates. Premium lists and the Triathlon entry form are on the AWC website at:

<http://www.americanwhippetclub.net/national/triathlon>.

1. **Lure coursing.** Your Whippet must participate in the AKC lure coursing trial held in conjunction with the AWC National Specialty. Fill out the standard entry in the AKC lure coursing Premium and submit it by the closing date. On your Triathlon Entry form, indicate the stake in which your Whippet is entered.
2. **Obedience.** Your Whippet must participate in the AKC obedience trial held as part of the AWC National Specialty. Fill out the standard AKC obedience entry in AWC National Specialty Premium. You may enter multiple obedience classes (e.g., Veterans, Novice B) in the trial, but you must declare only one of these classes for purposes of an obedience Triathlon score on your Triathlon entry form. If your Whippet has a title or legs toward a title in an obedience class in AKC, you are not permitted to enter a lower-level class for purposes of a Triathlon score. To do so will result in disqualification from the Triathlon. For example, if your Whippet has a CD or leg towards a CD you may not enter Beginner Novice and use that score for the Triathlon. Move ups, in accordance with AKC regulations, are permitted, but competitors must notify the Trial Secretary as well as the Triathlon Chair at least thirty minutes before the obedience trial begins.
3. **Triathlon Conformation Competition.**
  - a. Submit your Triathlon entry, along with the \$10 entry fee, to the AWC Triathlon Chair by the closing date using one of the following methods:
    - i. (Preferred Method) Online Entry and payment via PayPal:  
<http://www.americanwhippetclub.net/national/triathlon>
    - ii. Mail entries and checks made payable to the AWC, in US funds drawn from a US bank. Entry and check must be received (not just postmarked) by the closing date to be eligible to compete in the Triathlon Competition.  
**Do NOT Mail Entries Requiring A Return Signature.**
  - b. Your Whippet is automatically entered in the Triathlon Conformation competition upon receipt of your Triathlon entry and fee. Triathlon and Versatility conformation judging is conducted simultaneously by one judge. All Whippets enter the ring for group examination until the judge directs the group to exit the ring. Then each Whippet enters the ring, one at a time, for individual judging and scoring by the judge. After individual judging is completed, the entire group re-enters the ring for additional judging when the judge may make several cuts before the final scoring of all Whippets is completed. The four top-scoring Triathlon Whippets are determined by their scores and receive first through fourth placement rosettes. Triathlon judging is separate from other conformation judging at the National. (Please see the AWC National Premium for other conformation classes, e.g., Futurity, Sweepstakes, regular classes).

# SCORING AND RANKING

## LURE COURSING

1. **Scoring.** Your Whippet's scores from the AKC lure coursing trial are used to compute this portion of the Triathlon. The base score for lure coursing is the total score from preliminary and final runs, regardless of the stake entered or any additional scores earned in run-offs for best of breed.
2. **Ranking.** Whippets are then ranked according to their numeric scores. The Whippet receiving the highest score is ranked 1; the second highest score is ranked 2 and so on until all Triathlon competitors are ranked. (Note: A high score = low rank)

## CONFORMATION

1. **Scoring.** Your Whippet's score from the Triathlon Conformation judging is used in this portion of the Triathlon. Using the Whippet Breed Standard as a baseline for a maximum score of 100, and a special Triathlon scoring sheet, the judge gives each Whippet its individual conformation numeric score. If a Whippet is excused from the ring, it will be disqualified from the Triathlon.
2. **Ranking.** Whippets are then ranked according to their numeric score. The highest numeric score is ranked 1; the second highest numeric score is ranked 2 and so on until all Triathlon Whippets are ranked. (Note: A high score = low rank)

## OBEDIENCE

1. **Scoring.**
  - a. Your Whippet's score from the AKC obedience trial is used in this portion of the Triathlon. All points earned are applied whether your Whippet earns a qualifying score or does not qualify. While qualifying in obedience will result in a better obedience ranking, it is not a Triathlon requirement. The Triathlon is not an AKC titling event but an AWC scoring/ranking event. Whippets with qualifying scores are always ranked higher than those with non-qualifying scores.
  - b. For non-qualifying scores, the Triathlon Chair will calculate scores based on the numerical scores written on each Whippet's obedience score sheet by the judge and use these scores to rank the dogs with non-qualifying scores. If a Whippet is excused from the ring, it will be disqualified from the Triathlon.
  - c. Prior to the obedience trial, the Triathlon Chair will inform the obedience judge that some Whippets entered in the obedience trial may also be participating in the Triathlon and request that all exercises be scored to the extent possible.
2. **Ranking.** All qualifying Whippets shall be ranked before non-qualifying Whippets. (Note: A high score = low rank)

- a. First, all qualifying Whippets are ranked from the highest score to lowest score then prioritized by class in the following order: Utility, Preferred Utility, Versatility, Open, Preferred Open, Veterans/Novice, Preferred Novice and Beginner Novice.
- b. Second, all non-qualifying Whippets are ranked from the highest score to lowest score then prioritized by class in the following order: Utility, Preferred Utility, Versatility, Open, Preferred Open, Veterans/Novice, Preferred Novice and Beginner Novice. Non-Qualifying Whippets are always ranked below all qualifying Whippets, regardless of class entered.

An example of the scoring and ranking of qualifying and non-qualifying by class appears below:

First, Qualifying Scores are ranked by Class: (a score of at least 170 with at least 50% of available points for each exercise performed):

Entry #	Class	Score	Q or NQ	Ranking
3	Open A	170	Q	#1
2	Veterans	180	Q	#2
1	Novice B	180	Q	#2
5	Novice A	175	Q	#4
4	Beginner Novice B	185	Q	#5

Second, Non-Qualifying Scores are ranked by Class (a score below 170 and/or fewer than 50% of available points for each exercise performed):

Entry #	Class	Score	Q or NQ	Ranking
7	Utility A	170	NQ	#6
9	Open A	75	NQ	#7
10	Novice B	80	NQ	#8
8	Beginner Novice B	85	NQ	#9
6	Beginner Novice A	80	NQ	#10

## **TIES**

For lure coursing, conformation, and obedience, Whippets receiving the same score in an event will receive the same rank, with the next highest scoring Whippet receiving the rank following the tied Whippets. For example, if Whippet A and Whippet B both receive a score of 285 and Whippet C receives a score of 283, Whippets A and B are ranked 1 and Whippet C is ranked 3.

## **FINAL RANKINGS**

A Whippet's rank (not scores) from lure coursing, conformation, and obedience will be added together and then divided by 3 to calculate the Whippet's average and that average is used to determine the overall final rank and placement in the Triathlon Competition. For ties in final rankings, lure coursing scores (not rankings) will determine final rankings and placements. If the tie continues because the Whippets earned equal scores in coursing, then scores (not rankings) in conformation will determine final rankings. The last determination if the tie continues will be made based on obedience scores (not rankings).

## **AWC TRIATHLON CHAIR**

The Local National Specialty Chair will appoint an AWC Triathlon Chair when appointing local committee chairs. Separate Triathlon and Versatility Chairs may be appointed if desired. Any AWC member in good standing may be appointed to this position even if previously appointed.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

1. Assist National and Local Specialty Chairs in selecting a conformation judge for the Triathlon/Versatility Conformation event.
2. Ensure the current Triathlon Competition Rules and Entry Form are included in the Supplemental to the Premium for the National Specialty.
3. Respond to questions and provide information about the event. For clarification on an issue not specifically addressed in the rules, Chair will consult with the AWC BOD prior to responding.
4. Receive online entry information as well as mailed paper entries and checks and review for completeness before consolidating entry information in the entry database using an application such as Microsoft Excel. NOTE: This database will be made available for review by participants in the Triathlon, the BOD, National and Local Show Chairs, etc. upon request at any time during or after the Triathlon.



5. Forward checks and entry refund requests (received prior to the lure coursing trial) to the AWC National event accountant for processing.
6. Provide catalog entry information to National Show Chair.
7. Receive and process move ups for the lure coursing and obedience trials (in coordination with the relevant trial secretary).
8. Create an AWC Triathlon board, if one is not available from the prior year, and board tags for each Whippet entered in the Triathlon. The board is used to display the Whippet's event scores and ranks for each event as well as their final ranking.
9. Set up the Triathlon/Versatility display table in the assigned location at the National. The table will hold the Triathlon and Versatility boards, display a current AWC Triathlon/Versatility banner (also to be acquired by the Chair) and hold rosettes, prizes and trophies to be awarded for these competitions, plus a photo of the prior National's winners.
10. Collect judging sheets and calculate the scores and ranks and update the Triathlon board as soon as possible after each Triathlon event.
11. Ensure: (a) the conformation judge has a ring steward(s) and a judging sheet for each entered Whippet with catalog number; (b) armbands with catalog numbers are available to the conformation exhibitors before the event begins; (c) the judge is properly introduced before exhibitors enter the ring. At the conclusion of the judging, and while exhibitors are still in the ring, thank the judge and present a small gift of appreciation.
12. Finalize the results of the Triathlon with the help of an assistant of the Chair's choosing, double-checking the scoring/ranking of each event and the final rankings for compliance with these rules.
13. Collect rosettes, plates and special prizes/trophies for Triathlon award presentation and ensure the show photographer is available for the award ceremony.
14. Announce and make award presentations for the top 10 Triathlon placements and assist with win photos as requested by the photographer and exhibitors.



*American Whippet Club*  
**TRIATHLON**  
**ENTRY FORM**



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**ENTRY CLOSING DATE: 3/13/2019**

***Entry must be received (not just postmarked) by the closing date for your Whippet to compete.***

Whippet's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC #: \_\_\_\_\_

Whippet's Registered Name (list all titles including non-AKC titles):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Lure coursing Stake entered (**circle one**): OPEN / SPECIALS / VETERAN

Obedience Class Entered for Triathlon Scoring (**circle one**):

UTILITY / PREFERRED UTILITY / VERSATILITY / OPEN / PREFERRED OPEN  
VETERANS / NOVICE / PREFERRED NOVICE / BEGINNER NOVICE

Conformation: This entry automatically enters your Whippet in the Triathlon Conformation Class.

**Note: Entries in any other conformation class, obedience class, and lure coursing stake are solely the owner's responsibility.**

Online Entry and payment via PayPal are available at: <http://www.americanwhippetclub.net/national/triathlon>

You may also send this entry form and your \$10 entry fee (checks made **payable to AWC**, in US funds drawn from a US bank) to the following address:

Lauri Austin, AWC Triathlon/Versatility Chair  
592 Pulis Ave., Mahwah, NJ 07430, 201-960-8877, lauri.austin@gmail.com

***Do Not Mail Your Entries Requiring A Return Signature.***

# Whippet Health Foundation, INC.

## Health Clinic Information

The Whippet Health Foundation will be conducting health clinics in conjunction with the 2019 AWC National Specialty. OFA Eye Certification, BAER and cardiac echocardiogram clinics will be held as well as microchipping and AKC DNA testing. The Whippet Health Foundation will be subsidizing a portion of the per dog cost for BAER and cardiac testing for those dogs participating in the WHF database.

**All test results subsidized by and released to the WHF Database will be public record. It is up to you to enter your dog into the WHF database and to provide us with a copy of the test results.**

### HEALTH CLINIC SCHEDULE AT THE 2019 AWC NATIONAL

#### **EYE Clinic: Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 9pm to 5pm**

This clinic will be conducted by Dr. Jessica Meekins, DVM, MS, ACVO. Results can be sent to the Companion Animal Eye Registry (CAER) managed by OFA. This test fulfills the AWC Futurity requirement. Appointments will be pre-booked. The cost is \$35 per dog.

#### **BAER Hearing Clinic: Tuesday, April 16, 2019, with additional appointment time TBD by the doctor**

This clinic will be conducted by Dr. Susanne Hughes. Appointments will be pre-booked. The cost is \$55 per dog for confidential results, \$30 for results submitted to the WHF database.

#### **Cardiac Echocardiogram Clinic: Tues, April 16, Wed, April 17, and Thurs, April 18, 2019, 9am to 5pm**

This clinic will be conducted by Dr.'s Rebecca Stepien and Heidi Kellihan from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. They will be performing echocardiogram clearance (pre-breeding) examinations. All exams will take 15 to 20 minutes. These results will be acquired the day of the test. This exam will fulfill the requirements for the OFA Advanced Cardiac Database (ACA). You may sign up as many Whippets as you want, there is no limit. Appointments will be pre-booked. The cost of the exam is \$250 for confidential results, \$200 for results released to the database.

**AKC DNA Profile test:** (DNA cheek swab): \$40/sample. All swabs must be given to me at the national to qualify for this special rate, do not send to AKC on your own or they will charge you full price.

**Microchipping:** \$35 per dog. This service will be done by Dr. Hughes and will include an AKC ISO Chip as well as the registration. Dr. Hughes will schedule a time with you after your health clinic registration is received.

**DEADLINE TO PRE-REGISTER IS MONDAY, April 1, 2019**

SUBMIT FORM ON FOLLOWING PAGE

# HEALTH CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM



DEADLINE TO PRE-REGISTER IS Monday, April 1, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Eye Testing (include total # of dogs):**

OFA Eye exam..... # of dogs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 ea.= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Hearing Testing (check one box only, include total # of dogs):**

BAER testing: results released to WHF database.....# of dogs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 ea.= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BAER testing: results remain confidential.....# of dogs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Heart/Echo health clearance and/or pre-breeding exam (include total # of dogs):**

Echocardiogram results released to WHF database..... # of dogs \_\_\_\_\_ @\$200 ea.= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Echocardiogram results remain confidential..... # of dogs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$250 ea.= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose your preferred day:** (you will be contacted for appointment time prior to the national)

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, April 18, 2019 \_\_\_\_\_

**AKC DNA Profile Testing (include total # of dogs)**

AKC DNA cheek swab.....# of dogs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 ea.= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Microchipping**

Microchip.....# of dogs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 ea.= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total for all Health Testing:** \_\_\_\_\_

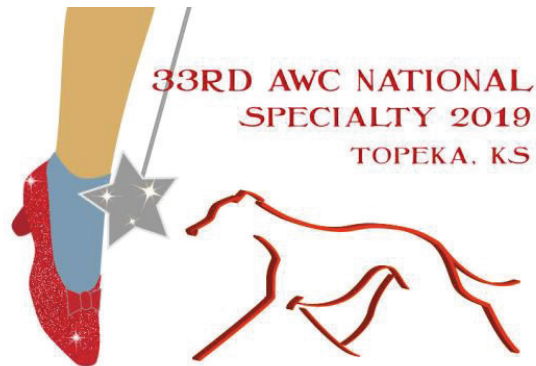
**How to Pay:**

1). Mail this form and a check made payable to "WHF" in US funds. (**Checks written on foreign banks will NOT be accepted**) to: Dr. Susanne Hughes, 503 Mason Rd., Durham, NC 27712

2). Go to [www.whippethealth.org](http://www.whippethealth.org), fill out the online form and pay via Paypal at the end of the form. Please remember to pay when you are done filling out the form!

**Appointments will not be scheduled until payment is received. You can reach me at [snowhillwhips@gmail.com](mailto:snowhillwhips@gmail.com) or (919) 608-1967. Email is preferred.**

**2019 AWC National Specialty**  
**Canine Good Citizen Testing Reservation Form**  
**Deadline: March 13, 2019**



The CGC Program is a program that is designed to certify dogs that have the training and behaviors needed to be reliable, well-behaved members of their families and communities. This is not an obedience trial, it is much more relaxed. The titles appear on the dog's AKC title record, registration papers and pedigree at the owner's request. For those who are not familiar with the exercises required for these tests: visit AKC.org for information.

We are asking that you pre-register so that we may schedule the testing when it is convenient.

Fee: \$10 – Whippets & \$15 – Non-Whippets

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

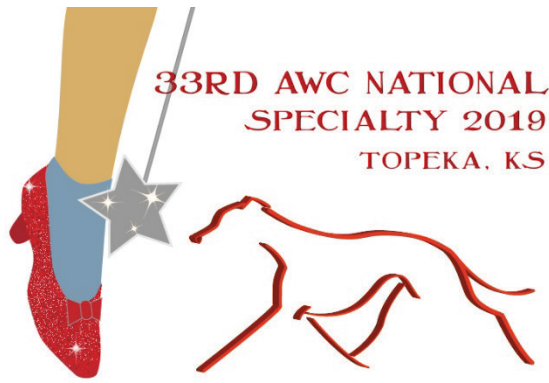
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dogs to be tested: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send checks payable to the "AWC" in US Funds to:

Irene Mullauer  
4291 W Beyer Rd  
Duluth, MN 55803  
218-721-4049  
Mull4291@yahoo.com



## PARADE OF HONORS

**Deadline: March 1, 2019 ~ Entry Fee: \$55.00** payable in US funds Eligibility

**Rules:** Please indicate the specific accomplishments that apply

- BOB or BOS at any AWC Specialty
- BOB at any Specialty in the United States
- AKC All-Breed Best in Show Winner
- AKC All-Breed Reserve Best in Show Winner
- BIS at an AKC Hound Group Show
- AKC Champion with any of the following: ORC, SORC, RCH, WRCH, WRCHX, ARX, SRA
- AKC Dual Champion (Breed & Field Championship)
- AKC Champion & LCM or LCX
- AKC Obedience Trial Champion (OTCh)
- AKC Champion & CDX, UD, UDX
- High in Obedience Trial at any AKC All-Breed Show or AWC National Specialty
- AKC Champion & TDX or VST (Variable Surface Tracking)
- AKC Champion & MX or AX (Master Agility Excellent or Agility Excellent)
- AKC Champion & DM (Dock Master)
- AKC Champion & RATM (Barn Hunt Master)
- AKC Champion & FMCh or FGDCh (Flyball Master Champion, Flyball Grand Champion)
- Whippet ranked #1 by a nationally recognized system
- Past AWC Triathlon/Versatility Winners
- Past AWC Futurity/Maturity Winners
- AWC ROMX

Entrants will receive: Half page catalog ad, exhibition in the parade, giant commemorative rosette, and inclusion of photo in the AWC library.

Name of Whippet: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Breeder(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit with your entry: This form, 50 words or less on another sheet of paper, a 4-generation pedigree and a photo, which will remain in the Parade Library after use in the catalog, and \$55.00 check payable to AWC in US funds. Camera ready preferred.

You may also pay via PayPal at the following link: <http://americanwhippetclub.net/national/poh>

Send information to: Donna Bennett  
581 Michael Dr, Sand Springs, OK 74063  
Email: AWCParade@gmail.com Phone: 918-671-7133

Entries received on or before the deadline date will be confirmed by e-mail. Entries received late will be returned.

# Trick Dog Seminar

Sunday, April 14, 2019

The American Whippet Club



Presented by: **Sami Hirko**

(361) 331-0030

[dediciwhippets@yahoo.com](mailto:dediciwhippets@yahoo.com)

Evening Seminar at Host Hotel will follow Lure Coursing

Evaluations will follow Seminar

Seminar is Free

Evaluation Pre-Entry \$10, Day-of \$15

Pre-Entry reservations due March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dogs achieving Trick Dog Titles will receive commemorative rosette

*Accommodations will be made throughout the week for additional evaluations*

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Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Dog \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_

Send Pre-entry forms and checks made payable to the "AWC" in US funds to:

*Sami Hirko, 14705 Calamity Ct., Corpus Christi, Texas 78410*

