

USA SPORTS MEDAL PROGRAM

Guidelines for Awarding USA Sports Medals

1. Any USA member in good standing is eligible to earn USA Sports Medals.
2. Only USA-sanctioned trials or trials in which the participant is an official USA team representative are valid for awarding points toward a USA Sports Medal.
3. The SchH1, IPO1, AWD1 and SchH2, IPO2, AWD2 titles obtained on an individual dog may only be counted once in a club trial, but may be repeated and counted at championships; while the SchH3, IPO3, AWD3, FH1, FH2, IPO-FH, and HGH titles may be repeated and counted.
4. The AD and BH titles obtained on an individual dog may only be counted once. The WH, SchHA, OB1, TR1, STP1, RH1 and OB2, TR2, STP2 titles obtained on an individual dog may only be counted once in a club trial, but may be repeated and counted at championships; while the OB3, TR3, STP3, RH2, RH3 titles may be repeated and counted.
5. Dogs that possess the SchH3, IPO3, AWD3 and are older than six years can be shown in the lower categories for points.
6. A handler may show several dogs in the same trial and receive points for each dog.
7. Handlers less than sixteen years of age can earn points if they pass the examination with a trained dog even if they did not train the dog themselves.
8. The dog must have been trained and handled for the title by the applicant in order for points to be awarded. However, if the dog changes handlers, the new handler may receive points by repeating the SchH3, IPO3, AWD3, FH1, FH2, IPO-FH, and HGH titles if those titles under the previous handler are more than one year old. The same rule applies for the SchH1, IPO1, AWD1 and the SchH2, IPO2, AWD2 for dogs more than six years of age. The borrowing of SchH3, IPO3, AWD3 or FH1, FH2, IPO-FH or HGH, STP3, RH2, RH3 dogs to repeat those titles in order to earn points is not allowed.
9. Handlers may receive points for successfully handling dogs in other actual working dog evaluations including Search and Rescue Dog and Police Dog certification events when participation is confirmed in writing by the authorities responsible for the event. If more than one level of evaluation is used (such as PD1 and PD2), the lower level is treated as a SchH2 and the higher level is treated as a SchH3. Where ratings are given, they will be translated into the appropriate SchH/IPO/AWD rating for the awarding of points. If no ratings are given, five and seven points will be awarded for level one and two, respectively. If there is only one level of performance, eight points will be awarded.
10. An applicant must notify the USA Office to be considered for a Sports Medal. A photocopy of the identification page and performance pages from the scorebooks of each dog used in the accumulation of points and a fee of \$20 per Sports Medal claimed must accompany the letter of notification. The applicant must clearly indicate those scores to be used in the accumulation of points.
11. The official records of trial results as maintained by USA will be used to verify an applicant's claim. In the case of dispute, the official USA records will prevail.
12. The actual award will consist of the medal (pin), a certificate, and recognition in *Schutzhund USA*.
13. Members are listed under the year the application for the Sports Medal was received and processed. The year of accomplishment may differ from the year of application.
14. The following describes the Sports Medals to be awarded, the point requirements, and the basis upon which the points will be awarded:

Sports Medal Point Requirements

Sports Medal in Bronze	20 points within two years
Sports Medal in Silver	35 points within three years
Sports Medal in Gold	50 points within six years
Master Sports Medal	150 points plus Sports Medal in Gold

Sports Medal Point Schedule

Title	Rating	Points
SchH1/VPG1/IPO1	Good (G)	3 Points
SchH1/VPG1/IPO1	Very Good (SG)	4 Points
SchH1/VPG1/IPO1	Excellent (V)	5 Points
SchH2/VPG2/IPO2	Good (G)	5 Points
SchH2/VPG2/IPO2	Very Good (SG)	6 Points
SchH2/VPG2/IPO2	Excellent (V)	7 Points
SchH3/VPG3/IPO3	Good (G)	7 Points
SchH3/VPG3/IPO3	Very Good (SG)	8 Points
SchH3/VPG3/IPO3	Excellent (V)	9 Points
AWD1	Good (G)	3 Points
AWD1	Very Good (SG)	4 Points
AWD1	Excellent (V)	5 Points
AWD2	Good (G)	5 Points
AWD2	Very Good (SG)	6 Points
AWD2	Excellent (V)	7 Points
AWD3	Good (G)	7 Points
AWD3	Very Good (SG)	8 Points
AWD3	Excellent (V)	9 Points
FH1	Good (G)	3 Points
FH1	Very Good (SG)	4 Points
FH1	Excellent (V)	5 Points
FH2	Good (G)	5 Points
FH2	Very Good (SG)	6 Points
FH2	Excellent (V)	7 Points
IPO-FH	Good (G)	7 Points
IPO-FH	Very Good (SG)	8 Points
IPO-FH	Excellent (V)	9 Points
HGH	Good (G)	7 Points
HGH	Very Good (SG)	8 Points
HGH	Excellent (V)	9 Points
RH1	Good (G)	3 Points
RH1	Very Good (SG)	4 Points
RH1	Excellent (V)	5 Points
RH2	Good (G)	5 Points
RH2	Very Good (SG)	6 Points
RH2	Excellent (V)	7 Points
RH3	Good (G)	7 Points
RH3	Very Good (SG)	8 Points
RH3	Excellent (V)	9 Points

SchHA/VPGA	Good (G)	2 Points
SchHA/VPGA	Very Good (SG)	3 Points
SchHA/VPGA	Excellent (V)	4 Points
OB1	Good (G) or above	1 Point
OB2	Good (G) or above	2 Points
OB3	Good (G) or above	3 Points
TR1	Good (G) or above	1 Point
TR2	Good (G) or above	2 Points
TR3	Good (G) or above	3 Points
STP1	Good (G) or above	1 Point
STP2	Good (G) or above	2 Points
STP3	Good (G) or above	3 Points
WH	Pass	1 Point
BH	Pass	1 Point
AD	Pass	2 Points