

## **Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc. (GSCA) Awards Programs**

The following awards, presented at the National, are based on American Kennel Club (AKC) records, AKC titles, IGP titles, and GSCA points earned in the previous calendar year by Giant Schnauzers whose primary owner is a club member (i.e. for a Giant Schnauzer to be eligible for the 2016 awards presented at the 2017 National, the physical owner needs to be a member in 2016 and 2017). Membership affiliation due to a breeder co-ownership does not qualify. Awards will not be distributed prior to the National. For those members unable to attend the National, awards will be mailed to the member, in a reasonable time frame, following the National.

An owner must be a GSCA member at the end of the award year and by March 31 of the year receiving the award. This requirement is to facilitate the administrative processing of awards and to clarify that new members are eligible for awards even though their membership did not start at the beginning of the calendar year.

All trophies and awards will use the dog's official AKC name and titles at the end of the award period (i.e. December 31, of the award period). If a member's Giant Schnauzer is recognized in multiple award programs, only one award per year will be given which will be an 8 x10 plaque.. All awards for the defined award period will be printed on one plaque. Members, at their full expense ( including shipping and handling), may request additional separate awards, as offered by the Club and subject to change at the discretion of the GSCA Board from time to time.

### **GSCA Conformation Awards Programs**

#### **Top Ten & Conformation Giant Schnauzer of the year Dog & Bitch**

The top ten members and **Conformation Giant Schnauzer of the year Dog & Bitch** in the GSCA rating systems (breed points) for conformation are awarded for their Giant Schnauzer's accomplishment.

#### **Conformation Giant Schnauzer of the year Owner Handled Dog & Bitch**

The top dog and bitch in the GSCA conformation rating system (all breed points) that were Owner Handled by a GSCA member for the entire year are presented an award for their Giant Schnauzer's accomplishment.

Any club member with a Giant Schnauzer that is owner handled needs to notify the breed point tabulator by March 1 to qualify for this award.

#### **Top Producing Giant Schnauzer of the year Dog & Bitch**

Also known as Stud Dog and Brood Bitch

Top Dog and Bitch owned by a GSCA member that has the most offspring finish championships, as published by AKC are presented an award for their Giant Schnauzer's accomplishment.

### **GSCA Combined (Conformation and Working) Awards Programs**

#### **AKC breed Champion and select working titles**

Select working titles are defined as AKC performance or companion program first level titles from the highest regular or preferred class, with both Tracking Program pathways being included. Optional titling classes are not included in these select working titles.

Any club member with a Giant Schnauzer that earns a qualifying combination of titles needs to notify the awards/trophies committee or performance events committee by March 1 to be presented an award for their Giant Schnauzer's accomplishment earned in the previous calendar year.

### Current Title Combinations

Champion and Utility Dog (CH/UD)

Champion and Preferred Utility Dog (CH/PUTD)

Champion and Master Agility Excellent (CH/MX)

Champion and Master Excellent Jumper (CH/MXJ)

Champion and Master Agility Excellent Preferred (CH/MXP)

Champion and Master Excellent Jumper Preferred (CH/MJP)

Champion and Variable Surface Tracker (CH/VST)

Champion and Tracking Dog Excellent (CH/TDX)

Champion and Rally Master (CH/RM)

Champion and Herding Excellent (CH/HX)

Champion and Scent Work Detective (CH/SWD)

### **GSCA Versatility Program**

The GSCA Versatility Program recognizes Giant Schnauzers that demonstrate ability in a range of performance sports, conformation and/or working trials and venues. Points are allotted to titles earned in the various categories in Table 1. With the exception of Detection, Street Service, Carting, Barn Hunt, IGP 1-3, IFH1-2, all titles are AKC titles (earned from either AKC programs or AKC recognized programs).

There are 4 award levels:

GSCA Versatility: Requires 14 or more points across 3 or more categories

GSCA Versatility Excellent: Requires 22 or more points across 3 or more categories

GSCA Versatility Master: Requires 30 or more points across 3 or more categories

GSCA Versatility Elite: Requires 40 or more points across 6 or more categories

Points accumulated based on the highest level earned within each category (Table 1). The titles must be earned while the owner of the Giant Schnauzer is a member of GSCA.

Any member with a Giant Schnauzer that earns one of the Versatility awards must provide notification to the Performance Chairperson by March 1 to be presented with an award for their Giant Schnauzer's accomplishment in the previous year. Please include a list of the titles that qualify the GS for the award in your email.

### **GSCA Working Awards Programs**

#### **AKC performance Champion, AKC companion Champion or International Gebrauchshund Prufung 3 (IGP3)**

Any GSCA member with a Giant Schnauzer that earns a performance Championship, companion Championship or IGP3 title needs to notify the awards/trophies committee or performance events committee by March 1 to be presented an award for their Giant Schnauzer's accomplishment earned in the previous calendar year. GSCA member Giant Schnauzers will be honored each time of the accomplishment (e.g. OTCH2 is honored as another OTCH earned).

Current titles):

Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH)  
Preferred Obedience Champion (POC)  
Master Agility Champion (MACH)  
Preferred Agility Champion (PACH)  
Champion Tracker (CT)  
Rally Champion (RACH)  
Herding Champion (HC)  
International Gebrauchshund Prufung 3 (IGP3)

**Outstanding AKC Recognition at an All Breed Trial**

Any GSCA member with a Giant Schnauzer that earns one of the below AKC recognitions at an all-breed trial needs to notify the awards/trophies or performance events committee by March 1 to be presented an award for their Giant Schnauzer's accomplishment earned in the previous calendar year.

Outstanding AKC recognition is defined as (associated AKC program):

AKC Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes (obedience)  
AKC Highest Scoring Dog in the Preferred Classes (obedience)  
AKC Highest Combined Score in the Regular Classes (obedience)  
AKC Highest Combined Score in the Preferred Classes (obedience)  
AKC Highest Combined Score in the Advanced B and Excellent B Classes (rally)  
AKC Highest Scoring Triple Qualifying Score (rally)  
AKC High-in-Trial (herding)  
AKC Reserve High-in-Trial (herding)

Note: Although single or multiple High in Trial awards maybe offered at a scent work trial, they are not recorded by AKC. Therefore, these awards are not recognized by GSCA as an outstanding accomplishment for a Giant Schnauzer at an All- Breed trial.

**Top Ten**

The Top Ten Awards for GSCA members with Giant Schnauzers from each of the 8 GSCA rating systems will be presented an award for their Giant Schnauzer's accomplishment. The 8 GSCA rating systems are: obedience from the regular classes, obedience from the preferred and optional classes, agility from the regular classes, agility from the preferred classes, rally, tracking, herding, and scent work.

**Top Giant Schnauzer**

The GSCA members with the Top Giant Schnauzer in each GSCA rating system will be presented an award for their Giant Schnauzer's accomplishment. If there is a tie (2 or more recipients), all tied members will be awarded Top Giant Schnauzer.

**TABLE 1. GSCA Versatility Program Point Matrix**

**AKC Titles and BH/IGP/FHs<sup>1</sup>:**

<b>Agility</b>	<b>Obedience</b>	<b>Tracking</b>	<b>Herding</b>
ACT: 1	BN: 1	IGP 1: 3	HT: 2
Any Novice or Novice P: 5	PCD, CD, GN, or BH: 5	IGP 2: 4	PT: 3
Any Open or Open P: 6	PCDX, CDX, GO, VER, or IGP 1: 6	TD, TDU, or IGP 3: 6	HS or HS Masters: 5
Any Excellent or Excellent P: 8	IGP 2: 7	TDX or IFH 1: 8	HI: 6
Any Masters or Masters P: 10	PUTD, UD or IGP 3: 8	VST or IFH 2: 9	HI Masters: 7
MACH or PACH: 12	OM: 9	CT: 12	HX: 8
Agility Grand Champion: 13	PUDX , UDX , or OGM: 10		HX Masters: 10
	OTCH or POC: 12		HC: 12

<b>IPO<sup>1</sup> Protection</b>	<b>Rally</b>	<b>Scent Work</b>	<b>Conformation</b>	<b>Trick Dog/CGC/Farm dog/Therapy Dog/ Coursing Ability Tests (CAT &amp; Fast CAT)</b>
IGP 1: 5	RN: 2	SCN, SIN, SEN, or SBN: 1	CH: 7	TKN, any CGC, Farm Dog THDN, BCAT or CA: 1
IGP 2: 6	RI: 3	SCA, SIA, SEA, or SBA: 2	GCH: 8	TKI, THD, DCAT or CAA: 2
IGP 3: 8	RA: 4	SCE, SIE, SEE, or SBE: 3		TKA, THDX, FCAT or CAX: 3
	RE: 5	SCM, SIM, SEM, or SBM: 4		TKP, TKE, or THDD: 4
	RAE/RM: 6	SHDN, SWN, SWNE or SHDNE: 5		
	RACH: 7	SWA, SHDA, SWAE or SHDAE: 6		
		SWE, SHDE, SWEE or SHDEE: 7		
		SWM, SHDM, SWME or SHDME: 8		
		SWD: 10		

**AKC recognized Search and Rescue (SAR) titles, GSCA recognized detection and street service<sup>2</sup>, Carting<sup>3</sup> (offered by AKC parent clubs), and AKC recognition programs<sup>4</sup> (crossover title to AKC with application to be eligible):**

<b>Active Duty<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Carting<sup>3</sup>/Barn Hunt (BHA)/Dock Diving (NADD)</b>
Detection (drug/explosive/bug): 3	RATN, RATNX, Crazy 8 Bronze, or Any Novice dock diving title: 1
Street Service (police/military): 4	Any on-leash carting title, RATO, RATOX, Crazy 8 Silver, or any Junior dock diving title: 2
SAR-W or SAR-U: 5	RATS, RATSX, Crazy 8 Gold, or Any Senior dock diving title: 3
	Any off-leash carting title, RATM, Crazy 8 Platinum, Any Master or higher dock diving title: 4
	RATCH: 5
	RATCHX: 6

<sup>1</sup> IGP: IGP 1, 2, and 3 earn credit in 3 categories: Tracking, Obedience, and Protection. Note that IGP also offers the option of titling in the individual phases of Obedience and Tracking, in which case points will be earned in only the category tested. Copy of scorebook is required for verification of accomplishment.

<sup>2</sup> ACTIVE DUTY: AKC has a program to recognize SAR-W and SAR-U titles. To qualify in Detection or Street Service, the Giant Schnauzer's owner must provide documentation to the Performance Committee of their Giant Schnauzer having worked in the field for a minimum of 6 months, and also possess certification by a recognized state or national organization.

<sup>3</sup> CARTING: Various breed clubs hold Carting/Draft Work trials, and the trials are often open to all breeds. Dogs generally work on-leash for Novice level tests. Off-leash control is required for advanced titles. To earn points in this category, the Giant Schnauzer's owner must provide documentation of having qualified for a title from a breed club with an AKC-recognized carting/draft program.

<sup>4</sup> AKC recognition program: Includes all AKC crossover titles, except Fly Ball. The GSCA board, October 10, 2017, expanded the Versatility program and did not include AKC Fly ball titles due to this sport being a team sport and not based on the individual dog.

## **Appendix A: Structure of 8 GSCA rating systems**

### **GSCA rating systems:**

GSCA will rate the performance of Giant Schnauzers competing in the following 8 categories of AKC events: Obedience from the regular classes, Obedience from the preferred and optional classes, Agility from the regular classes, Agility from the preferred classes, Rally, Tracking, Herding, and Scent work.

**Time Period** Points are accumulated in each GSCA rating system over a calendar year.

**AKC qualifying runs and maximum class Qs counted per calendar year per Giant Schnauzer, please refer to the Top Ten**

**Tabulation sheets.**

**AKC placements:** Giant Schnauzers earning a qualifying run (see above for restrictions) with an AKC placement will also receive 5 points for each 1<sup>st</sup> place, 4 points for each 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3 points for each 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 2 points for each 4<sup>th</sup> place, and 1 point for each 5<sup>th</sup> place if there is an AKC 5<sup>th</sup> place (e.g. AKC herding regulations include 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place, but obedience, rally, agility and scent work have 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place).

Note: Although scent work is judged on a qualify/non-qualify basis, faults are used to rank qualifying entries with time breaking ties. If a tie still exists, a coin toss is used to determine the order.

### **AKC scores:**

Giant Schnauzers earning a qualifying run (see above for restrictions) with a high score will receive points based on the below directive.

**Obedience:** Scores are based on a 200 point system with scoring based on a half point system. -Giant Schnauzers will earn 3 points for each score of a 200, 2 points for each score of 195-199.5, 1 point for each score of a 190-194.5.

**Rally:** Scores are based on a 100 point system with scoring based on a whole point system. Giant Schnauzers will earn 3 points for each score of a 100, 2 points for each score of 95-99, 1 point for each score of a 90-94.

**Agility:** Scores are based on a 100 point system with scoring based on a whole point system, but dogs need to earn a 100 in the regular master classes to qualify. Giant Schnauzers will earn 2 points for each score of a 100, and 1 point for each score of 95-99.

**Herding:** Scores are based on a 100 maximum scoring system, with scoring based on a half number system. Giant Schnauzers will earn 3 points for each score of a 100, 2 points for each score of 95-99.5, 1 point for each score of a 90-94.5.

**AKC awards at multi breed Trials by GSCA rating system (points earned):**

Giant Schnauzers earning a qualifying run(s) (see above for restrictions) with an AKC award at a multi breed trial will receive points based on the directive (e.g. all breed trial, working breed trial):

Obedience from the regular classes:

AKC Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes (10 points)  
AKC Highest Combined Score in the Regular Classes (10 points)

Obedience from the preferred and optional classes:

AKC Highest Scoring Dog in the Preferred Classes (10 points),  
AKC Highest Combined Score in the Preferred Classes (10 points)

Rally:

AKC Highest Combined Score in the Advanced B and Excellent B Classes (5 points)  
AKC Highest Scoring Triple Qualifying Score (Rally, 10 points)

Herding:

AKC High-in-Trial (5 points)  
AKC Reserve High-in-Trial (3 points)

**AKC awards at GSCA recognized specialty trials by associated GSCA rating system (points earned):**

Giant Schnauzers earning a qualifying run(s) (see above for restrictions) with an AKC award at a GSCA recognized specialty trial will receive points based on the below

Obedience from the regular classes:

AKC Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes (5 points)  
AKC Highest Combined Score in the Regular Classes (5 points)

Obedience from the preferred and optional classes:

Highest Scoring Dog in the Preferred Classes (5 points)  
AKC Highest Combined Score in the Preferred Classes (5 points)

Rally:

AKC Highest Combined Score in the Advanced B and Excellent B Classes (3 point)  
AKC Highest Scoring Triple Qualifying Score (5 points)

Herding:

AKC High-in-Trial (2 points)  
AKC Reserve High-in-Trial (1 point)

**Note:** Although High in Trial, Placements and Qualifying Score awards maybe offered at scent work trials they are not recorded by the AKC and are,not included in the data the GSCA receives from AKC, and therefore are not included in the GSCA Top Ten point system.