

## RRCUS Triathlon Rules

The scoring for The Triathlon will be based on scores earned in three events at the RRCUS National Specialty: Obedience, Lure Coursing and Conformation. Triathletes must score 50% of the available points in each event to be eligible for awards. The points earned are described below.

### OBEDIENCE:

The Triathlon score for Obedience will be one half the score earned in one of the following classes: Novice A/B, Graduate Novice, Veteran, Open A/B, or Utility A/B. If a Triathlete is entered in multiple Obedience classes, the highest score will be used. (Maximum score 100 pts.)

### CONFORMATION:

The Triathlon Conformation Judge will evaluate each entry according to the breed standard and record a score for each, without awarding placements or trophies. (Maximum score 100 pts.) Each Triathlete must also be entered in a single entry AKC Conformation class at the Specialty: Sweepstakes, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Brace, and Jr Showmanship classes are not eligible.

### LURE COURSING:

The Triathlon score for Lure Coursing will be the total ASFA score divided by four or, if AKC coursing is offered, the AKC score divided by two. (This assumes two judges. In the event that only one judge is used, an ASFA score would be divided by 2 and an AKC score would not be divided.) Singles Stake entries are not eligible. (Maximum score 100 pts.)

To calculate the final Triathlon score, the points from the three events will be added and the dog or bitch with the highest combined score declared Best in Triathlon. The next five highest scoring dogs/bitches will be awarded the 1st through 5th Triathlon Select Awards. All Triathletes will receive a ribbon of thanks and congratulations for their efforts.

In the event of a tie in the Triathlon, a Tiebreaker Score will be calculated. The tied dogs performances in AKC Conformation shall be compared based on the number of dogs defeated (Bowen System) and the winner awarded 1 tiebreaker point. The tied dogs' performances in Obedience shall be compared based on the score awarded by the judge and the winner awarded 1 tiebreaker point. The tied dogs' performances in Coursing shall be compared based on the total score (prelim + final run) awarded by the judge(s) and the winner awarded 1 tiebreaker point. These points will be added and the dog with the highest Tiebreaker Score will be awarded the higher Triathlon placement. In the event that the Tiebreaker Scores are equal, the dog with the higher Triathlon Conformation score will win the higher Triathlon placement.

### Kennel Stake:

An entry shall consist of two hounds, designated at the time of entry, owned and living with the same person. The individual Triathlon scores of the two hounds will be added and the highest combined score will be awarded the Triathlon Kennel Stake Award.

### Breeder Stake:

An entry shall consist of two hounds, designated at the time of entry, bred or co-bred by the same person. The individual Triathlon scores of the two hounds will be added and the highest combined score will be awarded the Triathlon Breeder Stake Award.

An owner or breeder may have more than one entry in the Kennel or Breeder Stakes. A particular dog may be entered as part of both a Kennel and Breeder Stake, but only once in each. Owners are strongly encouraged to show their own dogs.

There will be no refunds after closing, except for bitches in season.

Questions? Contact the Triathlon Chair, Carol Vesely at <mailto:caroly@linkline.com> or 408-779-6649