

## CLEVELAND ALL-BREED TRAINING CLUB, INC.

# AWARDS POLICY & QUALIFICATIONS CRITERIA

2023 Update

### INTRODUCTION and HISTORY

CABTC's awards policy as introduced in 1991 instituted THE HONOR WALL, which exhibits both permanent awards and annual awards. The annual awards include all AKC titles plus titles awarded by any nationally or internationally recognized kennel club earned during the previous calendar year. Top Team Awards for various categories are based on AKC titles and scores.

CABTC, as a member club of the AKC, encourages and provides training and trials for performance/companion dog events. The intent of our awards is to promote dedication and excellence in these areas. The permanent awards displayed on the Honor Wall are based on AKC titles and scores and are not breed specific, meaning that the titles are open to all breeds.

The President's Award recognizes a behind-the-scenes person who displays outstanding sportsmanship, dedication, and service to CABTC and to the sport of dogs. This person, unnoticed by many because they are not a glory seeker, needs to be honored since they are the backbone of many club events and activities. This is not necessarily an annual award and is left to the discretion of the president.

The Awards Committee should, at a minimum, include: (1) at least one member from each of CABTC's performance activities, with such representatives being recommended for participation by their respective committees; and (2) a Board member. The Awards Committee, from time to time, may submit a request to the board for a special award and must get board approval.

### ANNUAL AWARDS QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- All AKC titles, and any title from a venue for which you have to register your dog.
- Any member in good standing with CABTC that has:
  1. Instructed or worked at the training building during the award year,
  2. or has worked at CABTC's events,
  3. or has served on a CABTC committee.
- Awards are based on the calendar year. Two thirds of the title/points must be earned after **applying for membership**. To apply for any award: at least two legs on a title; 67 points toward an OTCH; six legs toward a UDX, PUDX, MX, MXJ, RAE; ten points toward a conformation championship; 500 points and 14 double Q's toward a MACH; 200 points and 7 triple Q's toward a RACH.
- The dog must be owned by a club member or immediate family.
- Application for awards must be received at our building address no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year.
- A digital photo must be submitted with the awards form or the form will be rejected by the committee and returned to the member. No plaque will be awarded.

- A 3 ½ x 5 horizontal digital photo is required for each Annual award. A 3 ½ x 5 vertical digital photo is required for each Top Team award.
- Two 8x10 vertical printed hard copy photos are required for each Permanent Honor Wall award – one for the wall and one, if you wish, to take home.
- No plaque will be awarded or displayed without a photo.

## **THE HONOR WALL**

Included are both picture awards and also the large permanent plaques. The Honor Wall is for only AKC achievements because we are an AKC Member Club. We do not include any breed-specific awards that are not achievable by all dogs.

### **Permanent Picture Awards**

When a member earns one of the following awards, a framed and matted 8x10 vertical photo with a typed name, accomplishment, and date is permanently hung on the wall. In addition, a framed and matted photo with engraved information is given to the owner to take home. (If you do not want a take home copy, please indicate that on your awards form.)

Please note: we do not create a new award when the 2, 3 etc. is earned on the original title – i.e. MACH2. However, upon the retirement of this dog, the awards committee will accept a one-time update to replace the printed information on the original permanent picture award.

### **Titles earning permanent picture awards:**

- OTCH           AKC Obedience Trial Champion
- MACH           AKC Master Agility Champion
- PACH           AKC Preferred Master Agility Champion
- Hall of Fame   AKC UD title + 5 AKC High in Trials
- 200 Club       Perfect score in AKC obedience
- CT              AKC Champion Tracker
- AGCH           AKC Agility Grand Champion
- RACH           AKC Rally Champion
- SD              AKC Scent Detective

### **Large Permanent Plaques**

We also honor our members on our display of permanent plaques that include the names and dates for the following high achievements.

- UDX   AKC Utility Dog Excellent
- UD     AKC Utility Dog
- PUDX  AKC Preferred Utility Dog Excellent
- PUDT  AKC Preferred Utility Dog
- TDX   AKC Tracking Dog Excellent
- VCD4  AKC Versatile Companion Dog 4
- RAE   AKC Rally Advanced Excellent
- RM     AKC Rally Master

- RC AKC Rally Choice
- SWM AKC Scent Work Master

## THE ANNUAL AWARDS

The annual awards are displayed at the building for one year and then the owner may take them home. There are two categories:

1. Titles Earned – Any AKC title and any title from any other venue where you register your dog.
2. Top Team Awards – AKC obedience, rally, and agility only. See below.

### Obedience Top Team Awards (AKC only)

These awards were introduced to encourage our members to show more than just three times to earn their titles especially in the higher obedience titles. The team's top scores in a level are averaged in order to find a first and second place team. Guidelines:

1. The member must instruct or train at CABTC to earn these awards. We honor our students, not someone else's students.
2. Categories are split by "A" and "B" classes to encourage new people to participate. They are also split by those earning titles in the "B" classes vs. those more advanced teams that continue to show in the "B" classes.
  - a. The "A" class categories require the member to submit a minimum of three scores per category. Categories are Novice A, Open A, Utility A.
  - b. Open B (going for legs), Utility B (going for legs) are both required to have five scores. Novice B is the only "B" class category that requires only three scores to be submitted for Top Team.
  - c. Open B and Utility B teams that continue to show for higher obedience titles (OTCH, UDX) have separate top team categories. These require five scores to be submitted per category. Categories are Open B, Utility B, High Combined (OB/UB double Q same trial), High OTCH points.

### Agility Top Team Awards (AKC only)

The team's top scores in a level are averaged in order to find a first and second place team. The member must instruct or train at CABTC to earn these awards. We honor our students, not other people's students.

### Novice A, Novice B, Open, Excellent:

The member will submit three scores of 100 (clean run) per level from the standard class only, including the standard course time and the team's actual run time. Awards are based on the most seconds under standard course time.

### Master:

1. **Top MACH Team Award** is based on MACH points plus ten points for each double Q earned in Master Standard and JWW during the year.
2. **Top Team Speed Award** is based on MACH points earned in Master Standard and JWW during the year.

3. **Top Team QQ Award** is based on the number of Double Q's earned in Master Standard and JWW during the year.

### **Rally Top Team Awards (AKC only)**

1. Rally Novice A, Rally Novice B and Rally Intermediate are not eligible for Rally Top Team Awards.
2. The "RA" & "RE" class categories - Rally Advanced A & B or Rally Excellent A & B require the member to submit a minimum of three scores of 95 or above earned in the current calendar year.
3. The "RM" or "RC" class categories - Rally Master or Rally Choice require the member to submit six scores of 95 or above.
4. The "RAE" class category - Rally Advanced Excellent require the member to submit scores from six legs earning a score of 95 or above in Rally Advanced B and in Rally Excellent B on the same day at the same trial,
5. The "RACH" Rally Champion class category require the member to submit scores from ten legs in which the team earned a score of 95 or above in Rally Advanced B, Rally Excellent B and in Rally Master on the same day at the same trial.

All scores submitted at the Rally Advanced Excellent, Rally Master, Rally Choice, or Rally Champion level may span the previous year and the current year, but the majority of those qualifying scores must have been earned during the current year.

Only the dog's first RA, RE, RM, RC or RACH title is eligible for a Top Team Award.

A team is only eligible for one Rally Top Team Award in a calendar year, and the member must apply for the Top Team Award at the highest level for which the team is eligible.

A member with multiple dogs all meeting the criteria for a Rally Top Team Award may apply for one Top Team Award for each dog at the highest level for which each dog is eligible.

6. For the Rally Advanced A or B, Rally Excellent A or B, Rally Advanced Excellent, Rally Master, or Rally Choice Top Team Awards, the team's scores are averaged to determine first and second places. In the event of a tie, the teams will share first place.

### **RACH:**

1. **Top RACH Team Award**, the team's scores are averaged to determine the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams. In the event of a tie, the number of times each team earned the High Triple Combined score at trials in the current calendar year will determine which team earns 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. No High Triple Combined scores earned after the first RACH is earned are eligible for inclusion in this tie breaker.