**ALL-AROUND ALASKAN MALAMUTE Guidelines**

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To apply: send $20 (application fee in US $) and 1 copy of each document that shows meeting a qualification to the committee chair. A written statement is needed for the Temperament requirement. There are 4 categories in this program: AAAM, VAM , SAM and BAM.   The BAM has 4 options. We are finding the use of an email message containing scans of the application works very well. So if you wish to apply for an AAAM, BAM, SAM or a VAM, please >>email<< ***your application and snail mail 1 copy with the $20 application fee if possible.***

**ALL-AROUND ALASKAN MALAMUTE (AAAM) Requirements**

Conformation: A championship title (AKC, CKC, FCI, etc.)

Obedience: A Companion Dog title (equivalent or better, Agility, Rally title)

Sledding : A WTD or a WLD @any level

Weightpull: A WWPD @any level

Backpacking: A WPD @any level

Temperament: This is a BIGGIE! Written verification by a neutral party of what the dog has done in public contact. Neutral party could be a club representative if the program was a local club program… could be a school teacher or principal from a school demonstration…could be an administrator from a nursing home…someone neutral, preferably official.

A Therapy Dog certificate, TT title, CGC title, etc., are not enough to fulfill this requirement, but if the dog has them, including them certainly wouldn’t hurt! Hands-on public contact experience is also a major ingredient in this requirement. Be sure to include all examples that apply and at least a rough estimate of the time spent at each. This is important.

Miscellaneous: Optional (or possibly a replace for one of the FIRST five categories). A Tracking Dog certificate, or a verification of work in Herding, Search and Rescue, etc.

IMPORTANT POINT! The Temperament requirement of these titles is never to be waived or traded off.  It is a definite requirement for the All-Around Alaskan Malamute, the Buddy Alaskan Malamute, the Serviceable Alaskan Malamute and the Versatility Malamute.

**VERSATILITY ALASKAN MALAMUTE (VAM) Requirements**

For this title, any one of the FIRST five required categories for AAAM may be dropped in trade for advanced work in TWO of the others… OR…Progress can be shown in one category (ie, a majority of legs in obedience or working, or points in conformation) but not completion, and added to advanced work in another area.

**SERVICEABLE ALASKAN MALAMUTE (SAM) Requirements**

Conformation: A championship title (AKC, CKC, FCI, etc.)

Obedience: A Companion Dog title (equivalent or better, Agility, Rally title)

Working: Any of the AMCA working titles

Temperament: The same requirements as in AAAM, BAM and VAM

**BUDDY ALASKAN MALAMUTE (BAM) Requirements**

Any combination of 10 verifiable titles or certificates.

Must be issued by a >>national<< organization like the AKC, AMCA, CKC, UKC, etc.  Titles can be ATTS, CGC, Trick Dog, Dock Diving, championship, herding, scent work, tracking, WPD, WWPD, WTD etc.

No MORE than FIVE(5) in any one “activity/category/ discipline”.   The multi-level categories could be agility, obedience, conformation, rally, etc.  If a dog has earned 15 levels in agility, this only counts as 5 towards the 10.

Each title earned must have a certificate and a brief write up on what you did for the prep and what you needed to do to qualify for the title. This should include the amount of time and training involved.

Clarification on what an activity, category, and discipline could be.  The AMCA’s Working Dog (WD) committee currently offers multiple levels for in each of the 4 activities.  If your dog has 3 levels for each of the 4 (pack dog, lead dog, weight pull, team dog), that would be 12 titles.  These 12 meet the 10 minimum and would qualify for a BAM,  as long as the temperament requirement is met.

For the NEXT levels of BAMs, 10 (ten) certificates maximum for each discipline, any of the AAAM awards, AMCA performance & conformation ROMs can be included.  BUT, you MUST be able to furnish the certificate for it to be counted.  No write up for each award will be required.  A list with title and date AND the certificate needs to be furnished with the certificates grouped by “activity/category/ discipline” for the following advanced levels of the BAM:   

Buddy Alaskan Malamute Advanced (BAMA) would be for those with at least 20 titles that meet all the other requirements. Please submit 20 (TWENTY) certificates and proof of temperament.

Buddy Alaskan Malamute eXcellent (BAMX) for those with 30 or more. Please submit 30 (THIRTY) certificates and proof of temperament.

Buddy Alaskan Malamute Master (BAMM) for 40 or more qualifying titles. Please submit 40 (FORTY) certificates and proof of temperament.

It should be noted: your Malamute may start at whatever category level your dog qualifies for. For example, if you wanted to apply for a BAMM, even though your Malamute does not currently have a BAM, you can pay the fees for BAM, BAMA & BAMX all at one time or just for the BAMM certificate.

Temperament: the same requirements as in AAAM, basic BAM, SAM and VAM. As always, the temperament option need only be met once.

ALL applications for any of the 4 BAM options must be submitted via email AND a hard copy supplied of the of each 10, 20, 30 or 40 certificates.

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| **title/cert** | **AAAM** | **VAM** | **SAM** |
| Conformation | **X** | V | **X** |
| Obedience | **X** | V | **X** |
| Sledding | **X** | V | S |
| Weight Pulling | **X** | V | S |
| Backpacking | **X** | V | S |
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| Temperament | **X** | **X** | **X** |
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| X = must have |  |  |  |
| V =  any 4 plus advanced work in TWO marked “V” | | | |
| S = “any” ONE |  |  |  |

The basic “BAM” requires temperament and 10 “titles, awards, or certificates”. The advances levels need the temperament element AND the additional certificates.

**Please submit completed application packet prior to Sept 1 to be awarded at the current year’s National.**

**Effective 6-1-2019 (note: BAM to be 1st awarded in 2020.)**

**Effective 9-1-2022 add BAMA, BAMX and BAMM (note: BAM to be 1st awarded in 2020, advanced levels will 1st be awarded in 2023.)**