

BREEDERS AWARD PROGRAM

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1** To foster the breeding and study of aquatic organisms, particularly fish.
- 1.2** To encourage the use of written records.
- 1.3** To encourage the maintenance of species which may be endangered in their home environment.
- 1.4** To encourage the improvement of existing species and to prevent the deterioration of local stocks

2.0 Organization

2.1 BREEDER'S AWARD COMMITTEE:

2.1.1 A Breeder's Award Committee shall be appointed by the Board, and shall consist of a BAP Chairman and other members of the SAS as needed.

3.0 General Regulations

Applying to all Achievement Levels

3.1 Team awards are possible but points are lost if the team dissolves.

3.2 Twenty-five percent of the spawn hatched, as determined by a count made by the BAP committee member verifying the spawning within a week of hatching, must be reared to 60 days from hatching;

- If less than 40 fry are hatched in classes A or B, a minimum of 10 fry must be reared.
- In classes C or D, a minimum of 5 fry must be reared.
- If more than 100 fry are hatched, a minimum of 25 fry must be raised for classes A, B, C, or D.

In addition, five quality fry must be made available for auction at a regular meeting of the SAS with no minimum bid. This requirement may be waived by the BAP Committee, if requested by the participant, to further support the purposes of the BA Program. The BAP Committee may request an article in lieu of the 5 fry.

3.3 Verification must be made by the BAP committee member within 7 days of hatching, birth, or release. The parents must have also been verified. Alternatively, a good quality video of the fry, within 7 days of hatching, and the parents may be submitted to a BAP Committee member. The video must be made such that a reasonable count of the fry may be made. The fry must be verified again after 60 days from the date of hatching, birth, or release.

3.4 Points will be awarded only once to each applicant for each species with the exceptions listed in the requirements for Senior and higher awards.

3.5 Parents must be owned by the aquarist "spawning" them.

3.6 All spawnings must be recorded on record sheets available from the SAS and must include the date the parents were acquired, and the source of the parents.

3.7 Written spawning records must be completed and include temperature, kinds and number of feedings, and where possible, water conditions. (Points will not be awarded if records are incomplete.)

3.8 In general hybrids will not be allowed in the BAP Program.

4.0 LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT

- **JUNIOR Breeder's Award** 25 points and 3 species
- **INTERMEDIATE Breeder's Award** 50 points an additional 4 species
- **ADVANCED Breeder's Award** 100 points an additional 8 species
- **SENIOR Breeder's Award** 300 points as below
- **MASTER Breeder's Award** 600 points as below
- **GRAND MASTER Breeder's Award** 1000 points as below
- **GRAND MASTER AWARD II** 1500 points as below
- **GRAND MASTER AWARD III** 2000 points as below

Senior and higher awards may be achieved by the following criteria:

- 4.1** Any selection of species to the required point total.
- 4.2** Line breeding for improvement or a particular development in a strain (up to 200 points).
- 4.3** Maintenance of a species or strain (up to 100 points).
- 4.4** Breeding of fishes known to the hobby for some time, but for which spawnings have been rare or non-existent (up to 150 points).
- 4.5** Breeding of fishes new to the hobby (up to 50 points).
- 4.6** Any combination of #1 to #5 above.

5.0 DETAILED CRITERIA FOR ADVANCED AWARDS

5.1 LINE BREEDING

5.1.1 Requirements

- Individual programs must be approved by the BAP Committee before attempting the project.
- Complete records must be maintained throughout the project, including a detailed description of parents, and when possible, photographs.
- Records must contain the objectives of the project, as the final product will be judged primarily against the stated objectives. These objectives may include standards set by specialty groups.

5.1.2 POINTS

- Up to 100 points for breeding the first five generations. The fifth generation will be judged against the objectives.
- Upon completion of this segment of the program, up to 50 points for completeness of records.
- Up to 50 points for breeding the next five generations.

5.2 MAINTENANCE OF SPECIES

5.2.1 Requirements

- Programs are to be approved by the BAP Committee prior to attempting the program.
- Records must include all pertinent information, particularly, the intent of objectives of the project.
- Parents will be judged by existing show rules prior to the beginning of the project. Where possible, photographs of the parents should be taken.

5.2.2 Points

- Up to 50 points for breeding four generations. Each generation will be judged and must maintain a score of at least 60. Maximum points for each generation is given below:

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A	5	5	5	5
B	10	10	10	10
C	15	10	10	10
D	20	10	10	10

- Completeness of records as in line breeding, up to 25 points, upon completion.
- Up to 25 points for further generations; five points each to a maximum of five or more generations. Records will be included in pointing.

5.3 RESEARCH

5.3.1 Requirements

- Projects must be approved by the BAP Committee.
- Objectives or intent must be stated and a good set of records must be kept throughout the project.
- The research may deal with any aspect of the aquarium hobby.
- the final report of results and conclusions must be submitted to the BAP Committee for awarding of points. The report should be in a form suitable for publication.
- The BAP Committee, in consultation with the Board of Directors, reserves the right to recommend modifications of a research project.
- The BAP Committee may find it necessary to institute changes in the above requirements to suit individual research projects.

5.3.2 Points

- Points will be awarded on the completion of a program, although maximum obtainable points will be set before the aquarist begins the project.
- Points may not exceed 200 for any one project

5.4 BREEDING OF DIFFICULT KNOWNS

5.4.1 Requirements

- All spawnings must be documented.
- Reports of spawnings are to be published in a widely-distributed hobby magazine such as The Nekton.

5.4.2 POINTS

- Up to 50 points for the first spawning, including records.
- Up to 25 points for each subsequent spawning, up to a maximum of four spawns.

5.5 BREEDING OF UNKNOWNNS

5.5.1 Requirements

- Must be fishes new to the hobby with no previous reported aquarium spawnings.

5.5.2 Points

- Up to 25 points for the first spawn and records.
- Up to 25 points with a maximum of five points each for five subsequent spawnings and records.

6.0 POINT CLASSIFICATION OF FISHES

6.1 CLASS A - FIVE POINTS PER SPECIES SPAWNED

- All livebearers NOL(Not Otherwise Listed).
- All Danios, Brachydanios, and White Clouds.
- All snails.
- All Oryzias (Ricefish).
- Anabantiods (Macropodus), Blue Gourami(Opaline, Gold, 3 Spot).
- Killifish: F. gardneri, A. australe, Aplo. panchax, E. dageti, Pachy. playfairi, and Rivulus NOL.
- Ports; Pseudocrenablius; Hero. multispinosa; Saratherodon; Aequidens moronii; C. nigrofasciatum, spilurum, portalgrensis; Haplochromis (except Rift Lake).

6.2 CLASS B - TEN POINTS PER SPECIES SPAWNED

- All Halfbeaks, Goodeids, Belonesox.
- All Barbs, Rainbows, Goldfish.
- All Characins NOL
- All Anabantoids NOL; Badis badis.
- Plant spawning killies NOL; Native killies (US and Canada); Rivulus LIP(Listed in Appendix).
- All Aequidens NOL; all Cichlosoma(Heros)NOL; Hemichromis species; Angelfish; Tilapia NOL; Haplochromis euchilus; Pelvicachromis pulcher.
- Dwarf african frogs.

6.3 CLASS C - FIFTEEN POINTS PER SPECIES SPAWNED

- Corydoras aeneus, hastatus, pygmaeus, paleatus.
- Congo Tetras
- Trichopsis pumilis, vittatus.
- All soil spawning killies (Cynolebias, Nothobranchius, Pterolebias, Rachovia, and Fundulopanchax); Rivulus LIP.
- All Cichlids NOL: Apistogramma, Pelmatochromis, Geophagus, Etroplus, Africans NOL, Rift Lake Haplochromis; Nannacara anomala.

6.4 CLASS D - TWENTY POINTS PER SPECIES SPAWNED

- All Catfish NOL
- Neons, Cardinals.
- Astronotus ocellatus, Discus; Cichlids LIP
- Rasbora heteromorpha.
- Ambystoma mexicanum - axolotl.