

## How to Count Points Earned at Dog Shows for TASAA Championships & Merit Program

TASAA requires a dog to obtain points to become a champion. Please see the TASAA Championship Rules and Regulations for complete details regarding TASAA's Championship Program—brief guidelines are included on the next page for requirements at each championship level.

Dog show classes and points can be very confusing to the new exhibitor and sometimes to the experienced exhibitor alike. In this primer, you will see how to figure the points when your dog or bitch wins the Winners Class, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Breed, Group, and/or Best In Show. These guidelines for counting points are specific to the TASAA Championship Program—other venues or organizations may have different rules for counting points for their championships.

Terminology and procedures you will need to know:

**Winners Class** – first place dogs from each entry-level age division or open division class advance to this class, divided by sex; there will be a Winners Class for dogs and a separate Winners Class for bitches (IABCA does not routinely offer this class, therefore there will be no WD or WB at IABCA shows)

**Winners Dog (WD)** – dog awarded first place in the Winners Class for males

**Reserve Winners Dog** – dog awarded second place (or reserve) in the Winners Class for males; the second place dog from the entry level class in which the Winners Dog was originally entered will enter the Winners Class for judging consideration when selecting Reserve WD (for example, if the dog who is awarded WD was the first place dog in the Open Class, the second place dog in Open Class will now enter the Winners Class for judging consideration for Reserve WD)

**Winners Bitch (WB)** – bitch awarded first place in the Winners Class for bitches

**Reserve Winners Bitch** – bitch awarded second place (or reserve) in the Winners Class for bitches; the second place bitch from the entry level class in which the Winners Bitch was originally entered will enter the Winners Class for judging consideration when selecting Reserve WB (for example, if the bitch who is awarded WB was the first place bitch in the Open Class, the second place bitch in Open Class will now enter the Winners Class for judging consideration for Reserve WB)

**Best of Breed (BOB)** – WD and WB advance to the Best of Breed class, where they will compete against the champions of record; Best of Breed is awarded by the judge (In IABCA Shows, this class includes all first place class winners and is not divided by sex)

**Best of Opposite Sex (BOS)** – after BOB is awarded, the judge will select the BOS from all dogs in the breed ring of the opposite sex from the dog awarded BOB

**Best of Winners (BOW)** - judge will award either WD or WB as Best of Winners

**Group (GRP)** – the BOB dog advances to the Herding Group, where it will compete against all other BOB winners for breeds in the Herding Group. First in Group (Group 1), Second in Group (Group 2) and Third in Group (Group 3) are awarded.

**Best In Show (BIS)** – All first place Group winners advance to Best In Show ring, where Best in Show is awarded

**Reserve Best In Show (BISr)** – second place dog in the Best in Show ring

**3-Point Major** – a single show in which at least 3 points are earned

**5-Point Major** – a single show in which 5 points are earned

**CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS AT A GLANCE:**

**TASAA Junior Championship** (TASAA Jr CH) - under 9 months old:

- 10 points total earned under at least two judges
- 1 - 3 point major (3-point show)
- 5 point maximum may be earned per show

**TASAA Championship** (TASAA CH) - 9 months and older:

- 5 points may be carried over for confirmed Junior Champions
- 15 points total earned under at least three judges
- 2 - 3 point majors under two different judges after 9 months old
- 5 point maximum may be earned per show

**TASAA Grand Championship** (TASAA Gr CH)

- 25 points total earned at BREED LEVEL ONLY (this means points are only counted up to BOB--no points shall be collected at Group or BIS towards the Grand Championship)
- 1 - 5 point major and 3 - 3 point majors under different judges
- 5 point maximum does NOT apply for Grand Championship points

**Merit Program (TASAA Top Ten)**

- Top Ten dogs will be awarded each calendar according to points earned
- Merit points are awarded at BREED LEVEL ONLY
- 5 point maximum does NOT apply

**How to Figure Points for WINNERS DOG and WINNERS BITCH (and RESERVES)**

To figure your points, count dogs competing in the regular classes of your dog's sex.

EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs      

Total of class bitches    

Winners Dog (WD)-- (3 dogs = 2 pts); Winners Bitch (WB) -- (4 bitches = 3 pts)

Reserve Winners WD – (3 dogs = 1 pt); Reserve Winners Bitch – (4 bitches = 2 points)

***The dog you are showing doesn't count in the total. For calculating points awarded for Reserve WD or Reserve WB, you must also subtract the WD or WB from the total points.***





TIPS: When counting dogs in competition, you only count dogs present that are defeated. Dogs that are disqualified, dismissed, excused or have all awards withheld do not count.

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### How To Figure Points If Your Class Dog or Bitch Goes BEST OF BREED

Count regular class dogs of both sexes, and Champions of both sexes entered for Best of Breed competition. Absentees do not count.

EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs              
Total of class bitches          
Total of Champion dogs        
Total of Champion bitches   

Best of Breed (BOB) -- (3 class dogs + 4 class bitches + 3 champions = 10 dogs for 5 pts towards Jr CH or CH due to 5-point max; 9 pts towards Gr CH and Merit because there is no max for points toward Gr CH and Merit).

***This point total is NOT in addition to points earned for WD, WB, or BOW.***

***The dog you are showing doesn't count in the total.***





TIPS: Veteran dogs or any other non-regular class dogs are not counted in determining points.

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### How To Figure Points If Your Class Dog or Bitch Goes BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

Count class dogs in your sex plus all Champions only of the same sex that competed for Best of Breed.

EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs              
Total of class bitches          
Total of Champion dogs        
Total of Champion bitches   

WD goes BOS -- (3 class dogs + 2 champion dogs = 5 dogs for 4 pts)

WB goes BOS -- (4 class bitches + 1 champion bitches = 5 bitches for 4 pts)

***These points are NOT in addition the points earned for WD or WB.***





***The dog you are showing doesn't count in the total.***

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### How To Figure Points for BEST OF WINNERS

Count points first for Winners Dog, then for Winners Bitch. Whichever is awarded Best of Winners will receive the higher number of points from either sex.

EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs	
Total of class bitches	
Total of Champion dogs	
Total of Champion bitches	

WD goes BOW over the WB (2 pts in dogs and 3 pts in bitches = 3 pts for BOW)  
WB goes BOW over the WD (2 pts in dogs and 3 pts in bitches = 3 pts for BOW)


TIPS: You only get the highest point count – you cannot combine dogs and bitches points together.  
Example: WD gets 2 pts and BOW is 3 pts. The award is 3 pts, not 5 pts.  
It is important if a class dog or bitch is awarded BOS to figure those points before figuring BOW.

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### How To Figure Points for HERDING GROUP

Count points for total dogs entered in Herding Group

EXAMPLE:

Total Dogs In Herding Group	
Group 1 Placement (5 Dogs = 4 pts)	
Group 2 Placement (5 Dogs = 3 pts)	
Group 3 Placement (5 Dogs = 2 pt)	

***The dog you are showing doesn't count in the total.***


For Jr CH and CH, these points may be added to the points earned at breed level up to the 5 point max per show; these points DO NOT COUNT toward Gr CH and Merit, as points are only earned at BREED LEVEL (through BOB) for Gr CH and Merit.

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## How To Figure Points for BEST IN SHOW and RESERVE BEST IN SHOW

Count points for total dogs entered in Best In Show

EXAMPLE:

Total Dogs In Best In Show 

Best In Show (5 Dogs = 4 pts)

Reserve Best In Show (5 Dogs = 3 pts)

***The dog you are showing doesn't count in the total.***

For Jr CH and CH, these points may be added to the points earned at Breed Level and Group, up to the 5 point max per show; these points DO NOT COUNT toward Gr CH and Merit, as points are only earned at BREED LEVEL (through BOB) for Gr CH and Merit.