

Counting Points for Conformation

A quick guide to counting points. This is not a replacement for the official information in the Rules Applying to Dog Shows <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/REJ999.pdf>

Puppy of Achievement:

Puppy of Achievement points are earned by winning Best of Breed or Best of Opposite in Breed in 4-6 BPUP competitions, and 1st place in regular 6-9, 9-12, & Bred By Exhibitor Puppy classes. 10 points are required for the Puppy of Achievement Certificate.

In BPUP, Puppies earn points based on number of dogs competing in their breed.

- BPUP BOB counts all the puppies of their breed, BOS counts all the puppies of the same sex of their breed.
- BPUP Group 1st will receive the highest point total awarded to any individual breed in their Group
- BPUP BIS will receive the highest point total awarded to any individual breed defeated
- A puppy will continue accumulating POA points when it is entered and is awarded 1st in a regular 6-9mo, 9-12mo, or Bred by Exhibitor Puppy (6-12mo) class. Points are calculated based on the number competing in the puppy class
- Point scale is
 - 1-2 puppies in class is 1 point
 - 3-4 puppies in class is 2 points
 - 5 or more puppies in class is 3 points

When a puppy turns 12 months or is published as a Champion, it is no longer eligible for POA points. To earn points the puppy must be entered in a puppy class.

Champion

Points earned are always calculated using the Point Schedule for the dog's sex & breed in the state the show was held in. Point Schedule can be found here:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/resources/points-schedule/>

Requirements for a Champion Title are 2 major wins under 2 different judges, and a minimum of 15 championship points. Majors are wins that have defeated sufficient entries to earn 3, 4, or 5 points from a single show.

- Winners Dog or Winners Bitch – Counts all of the entries of the same sex that competed in the regular classes for that sex. Compare that number to the Point Scale for the Winner's breed & sex

- Winners Dog or Winners Bitch that also goes Best of Opposite Sex – Counts of all the regular class entries of their same sex and all of the Best of Breed entries of the same sex to determine the points.
- Winners Dog or Winners Bitch that also goes Best of Winners – After calculating the points earned by Winners Dog AND Winners Bitch, the entry placed Best of Winners will be awarded the highest number of points awarded to either WD or WB.
- WD or WB goes Best of Breed (BOB is also automatically awarded Best of Winners) – Best of Breed is calculated by adding the number of regular class entries of the same sex, plus all of the entries in Best of Breed of both sexes. ****Do not count non-regular entries that advance to BOB, for example Veterans****. Compare this count to the point schedule for the dog's sex and breed. BOB is also automatically Best of Winners, so the BOB/BW will be awarded either the calculated BOB points or the highest point total earned by either WD or WB.
- Class entries that place in Groups – If the class entry that goes Best of Breed also receives a placement in Group, it will receive the highest champion point total awarded to any breed it has defeated in that Group.

Summary:

To determine dogs to count for calculating points

WD or WB = all dogs in regular classes of the same sex

WD or WB also BOS = all dogs regular classes of the same sex + all BOB entries of same sex

WD or WB also BW = highest points awarded to either WD or WB

WD or WB also BOB = all dogs regular classes of the same sex + all BOB entries of both sexes* OR the highest point total awarded to BOB or opposite sex winner (BW)

*do not count non-regular class entries that advance to BOB, only use dogs entered or moved up to BOB

WD or WB also places in regular Group = is awarded highest point total awarded to any defeated breed in Group

[Online example](#)

Grand Champion

Points earned are always calculated using the Championship point schedule for the dog's sex & breed in the state the show was held in. Point schedule:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/resources/points-schedule/>

Grand Champion is a new title that starts at zero once a Champion title has been earned.

The requirements for the Grand Champion Title are 3 major wins under 3 different judges, 3 separate events where at least one other champion has been defeated, a minimum of 25 GCH points.

- BOB counts all dogs in competition regardless of sex, including itself

- BOS and Select only count the dogs in competition of their same sex
 - BOS counts all of the same sex including itself
 - Select counts all entries of the same sex including itself, minus one (as it was defeated by either BOB or BOS)

When determining if a champion was defeated, the same logic as above applies.

- BOB can defeat a champion of either sex entered (or moved up) in BOB.
- BOS & Select can only defeat champions of the same sex as itself entered (or moved up) in Best of Breed

Grand Champion points can only be won from entries in the Best of Breed class. (a move-up is considered entered in BOB). No additional points can be earned in the Groups

Any dog that passes through the Winners class is ineligible for GCH points, whether they are a finished champion or not. They also do not count as a champion defeated.

Dogs advancing from a non-regular class such as Veterans are eligible to receive GCH points if they are already a Champion. They are counted as a defeated dog in the calculation of points but they are not counted as a champion defeated (as they were not entered, nor a move-up in BOB). The judge is not able to determine or ask if the non-regular dog is eligible for points, they should assume the dog is a champion and determine their placements accordingly.

Summary:

To determine dogs to count for calculating points

BOB = all dogs in regular classes + in BOB of both sexes

BOS = all dogs in regular classes of the same sex + in BOB of same sex as your dog

Select = all dogs regular classes of the same sex + BOB of same sex as your dog minus one (Select is defeated by BOB or BOS)

To determine dogs to count as a Champion defeated

BOB – defeats a champion of either sex

BOS – defeats a champion of the same sex

Select – defeats a champion of the same sex

[Online example](#)

Grand Champion Levels

These are cumulative points, continuing from the point total when the base GCH title was earned. No additional major wins or champion defeats are required after the base GCH title is earned.

Bronze GCHB 100pts

Requirements current as of September 2025

Silver GCHS 200pts
 Gold GCHG 400pts
 Platinum GCHP 800pts (GCHP will be incremented for every 800pts earned 1600pts=
 GCHP2)

National Owner Handled Series

The Best of Breed Owner Handled is only awarded in the Best of Breed Class. Only dogs entered in BOB or that have advanced to BOB will be considered, i.e. WD, WB, and 1st place in BOB eligible non-regular classes (i.e. Veterans). All points are cumulative.

For example, NOHBIS is 135pts = 5(BOB) + 30(Grp 1st) + 100(BIS)

NOHS point schedule

Owner-Handled Best in Show	100
Owner-Handled Reserve Best in Show	75
Owner-Handled Group 1	30
Owner-Handled Group 2	20
Owner-Handled Group 3	15
Owner-Handled Group 4	10
Owner-Handled Best of Breed	5
Owner-Handled Best of Breed at a National Specialty	10

NOHS Levels of Achievement

The levels of Achievement are cumulative lifetime points

Bronze 250pts
 Silver 500pts
 Gold 1000pts
 Platinum 2000pts

Acronyms:

BPUP – Beginner Puppy
 POA – Puppy of Achievement
 CH – Champion
 GCH – Grand Champion
 WD – Winners Dog
 WB – Winners Bitch
 BW – Best of Winners

BOB – Best of Breed
 BOS – Best of Opposite Sex
 SD – Select Dog
 SB – Select Bitch
 NOHS – National Owner Handled Series
 BIS – Best in Show