

ASC of SDC MERIT PROGRAM GENERAL RULES

1. The Merit Program runs from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31.st
2. Participants must be a resident of San Diego County.
3. Participants must be a member in good standing of ASC of San Diego County.
4. Regular Club Meetings
 - Participants must attend at least three (3) regular meetings during the merit year (Not to include the awards banquet).
 - Juniors need to attend (2) business meetings.
5. Dogs entered in the Merit Program must reside with the member owner or be co-owned and reside with the member co-owner at least six (6) months out of the year.
6. Participants must earn four (4) job credits at a club show or a full club function (open to all club members) during the merit year. (See point values in job credit listings)
 - Jobs may be performed by an immediate family member (as defined by the ASCA show rules). Juniors must perform (2) job credits.
 - Each family member does **NOT** need to earn four (4) job credits.
7. Job credits must be added to the merit point form and submitted to the Merit Chairperson. If you work a show or other authorized function and do not have merit points to turn in; fill in the job credit portion of any merit form and return to the Merit Chairperson.
8. All merit points and job credits **MUST** be submitted to the Merit Chairperson within thirty (30) days of the show or authorized function.
 - A copy of the dogs registration must accompany the submission of that dogs first points of the new merit year.
 - E-mail submissions will be accepted.
 - All forms must be filled out in full. Incomplete forms will not be used and will be returned.
9. Merit standings will be submitted to the Aussie Admirer editor every ninety (90) days for publication.
10. An awards banquet will be held in February of the following year.
11. In addition to the awards to the merit winners a free dinner will be awarded to the member with the most job credits.
 - A half price dinner will be awarded to the second place worker.
 - A drawing will be held from the remaining workers for an additional free dinner.
12. Only ASCA sanctioned shows, scores and ASCA titles will be used in computing merit standings.
13. In case of a tie, all dogs will be recognized for the award.
14. Recognition in the form of an ASC of SDC logo pin shall be given to any and all dogs earning an ASCA title in any category, regardless of merit standings.
15. ASC of SDC shall buy a full page ad in the Mar/Apr issue of the Aussie Times announcing the winners of the Merit program.
16. Disputes concerning the Merit standings must be reported in writing to the ASC of SDC Board within 15 days of the last published standings.
 - In the event that the dispute involves a dog owned or co-owned by a board member the member(s) shall be excluded from voting on the dispute.
 - All board decisions will be final.
17. Any questions you might have about these rules, contact the Merit Program Chair Person:

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Conformation Merit Rules

1. Awards in this category will be given to Aussies only.
The following awards will be given
 - Puppy Dog and Puppy Bitch
 - Adult Dog and Adult Bitch (Altered & Intact)
 - Special Dog and Special Bitch (Altered & Intact)
2. Animals compete against their own sex only.
3. A dog or bitch entered as a class dog or bitch and goes winners to finish its Championship and goes on to win BOB or BOS does NOT receive merit points as a champion. It will however receive an additional point for each champion of it's own sex that it defeats.
4. Conformation points are awarded as follows:
 - *Class placement*: One (1) point for each animal of their own sex defeated in the class.
Example: Mick wins 9-12 class of 4 dogs. He gets 3 merit points.
 - *Winners Dog or Bitch*: One (1) point for each animal of their own sex shown in regular conformation minus one (1) point.
Example: Mick wins 9-12 class of 4 dogs and goes WD with 30 dogs shown. He gets 29 merit points.
 - *Reserve Dog or Bitch*: One (1) point for each animal of their own sex shown in regular conformation minus two (2) points.
Example: Mick wins 9-12 class of 4 dogs and goes RWD with 30 dogs shown. He gets 28 merit points.
 - *Best of Winners*: One (1) point for each ASCA championship point for that day.
Example: Mick wins 9-12 class of 4 dogs and goes WD with 30 dogs shown and BOW. There are 3 points for dogs and 5 points for bitches. Mick gets 34 merit points. (29 for WD and 5 for BOW).
 - *Best of Breed, Best of Opposite*: One (1) point for each animal of the same sex in this class only minus one (1).
 - *Best Puppy, Best Opposite Puppy*: One(1) point for each animal of same sex shown that day in the puppy classes, minus one (1).
Example: Mick goes BOBP with 2 in the 2-4 class and 3 in the 4-6 class. Mick gets 4 merit points.
 - *Premier (when offered)*: One (1) point for every premier of own sex offered at the show.
Example: Premier 10 offered at a show and Mick gets a premier ribbon. Mick gets 10 merit points.

Junior Showmanship Merit Rules

1. Each Junior must be entered in at least 4 ASCA sanctioned shows. (a three (3) day weekend equals three (3) shows).
2. Juniors need to attend (2) business meetings.
3. Juniors must perform (2) job credits.
4. Showmanship points are awarded as follows:
One (1) point for each Junior defeated in Class.
 - Best Junior Handler receives ten (10) merit points.
 - Reserve Junior Handler receives five (5) merit points.
 - All Pee Wee handlers will be recognized at years end.

Obedience Merit Rules

1. High Score Obedience awards are offered separately for Aussies and other breeds.
2. Merit awards are given in Novice, Open, and Utility.
3. The minimum requirements for Obedience are:
 - NOVICE: Three (3) qualifying scores.
 - OPEN: Two (2) qualifying scores.
 - UTILITY: One (1) qualifying score.
4. Obedience merit points will be earned as follows:
 - Scores are accepted from the regular classes only.
 - Scores must be qualifying scores.
 - Scores will be averaged for the standing in the divisions.
 - Two (2) points will be added for each High in Trial award.

Agility Merit Rules

1. Awards will be offered to Aussies and other breeds separately.
2. Points will be awarded for qualifying scores in the standard classes only.
3. In order for points to count you must have three (3) qualifying scores (title) in the standard agility class in which your dog ran for the merit year.
4. Jumpers and Gamblers classes will only count for overall High Point when 3 qualifying scores in the Standard classes have been achieved.
5. A high point agility award will be given.
 - High point agility dog ***MUST*** have earned a Standard title for the merit year. Then all points, including Standard, Jumpers, and Gamblers in all divisions (Novice, Open, and Elite) will be added together for the High Point total.
 - Elite titled dogs ***MUST*** submit 3 qualifying scores in regular elite class (Standard, Veteran or Junior) to qualify for this award.
6. Agility awards will be given in Novice, Open, and Elite Divisions.
7. Scoring will be as follows:

1st Place	10 points
2nd Place	8 points
3rd Place	7 points
4th Place	6 points
Qualifying score No placement	5 points

Working Merit Rules

1. High Score Working awards are offered separately for Aussies and other breeds.
2. Working awards will be awarded in the following divisions
 - Started
 - Open
 - Advanced
 - Ranch Dog
 - Post Advanced
3. Working merit points will be earned as follows:
 - Two (2) qualifying scores must be submitted for each class.
 - Qualifying scores earn face value.
 - Two (2) additional points will be awarded for High in Trial.

