



## How to Count Grand Championship Points at AKC Dog Shows

This document has been created for you by the American Kennel Club® to help you understand the point schedule and how Grand Championship points are counted. A dog must be (1) a Champion of Record or (2) have been transferred to BOB competition based upon the owners' records of their having completed the requirements for a CH title to be eligible for Grand Championship (GCH) competition.

The American Kennel Club requires a dog to obtain a total of 25 points with three major wins (a major win is worth three points or higher) to become a Grand Champion. The majors must be won under three different judges and at least one other judge must award some of the remaining points – so you need to win under at least four different judges. Also at least one Champion of Record must be defeated at three of these shows.

Best of Breed – BOB; Best of Opposite Sex – BOS  
 Select Dog – SD; Select Bitch – SB

Remember, point schedules vary by show location. If you are not at the show, make certain you get the points schedule for the event region where your dog won. Refer to the *Schedule of Points*.

The Grand Championship points awarded are determined by the same divisional point schedules that are used for the calculation of championship (CH) points.

Check the posted copies of the judge's book before you leave the show to make certain your dog was marked correctly. Mistakes do happen! Also, verify that your dog's AKC registration number is correct in the catalog. If it is not correct, let the superintendent know before you leave the show. In both cases, it's easier to make the correction on the day of the show rather than later!

## How To Figure Points If Your Champion Dog or Bitch Goes Best of Breed

Grand Championship points will be calculated according to the number of dogs competing in the regular classes, as well as dogs competing in Best of Breed competition.

A dog awarded BOB will be credited with the number of GCH points calculated for BOB or BOS whichever is greater.

If the judge elects to award GCH points to his BOB winner today, whether the BOB is a dog or a bitch, the BOB will receive 5 GCH points.

### EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs

Total of class bitches

Total of Champion dogs

Total of Champion bitches

POINTS	D 1 B	D 2 B	D 3 B	D 4 B	D 5 B
AKC Breed or Varieties	2	2	5	5	7
	8	8	10	10	11
	15				

BOB (7 class dogs + 5 class bitches + 6 champions = 18 dogs for 5 pts)

TIPS: Veteran dogs or any other non-regular class dogs are not counted in determining points. All eligible entrants from non-regular classes can earn Grand Championship points. Any Champion dog from the regular or non-regular classes is not considered for the requirement to defeat at least one Champion of Record at three shows.

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

## How To Figure Points If Your Champion Dog or Bitch Goes Best of Opposite Sex

If the Judge elects to award GCH points to his BOS winner, we count all dogs of their sex competing.

### EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs

Total of class bitches

Total of Champion dogs

Total of Champion bitches

POINTS	D 1 B	D 2 B	D 3 B	D 4 B	D 5 B
AKC Breed or Varieties	2	2	5	5	7
	8	8	10	10	11
	15				

BOB – dog (7 class dogs + 3 champion dogs = 10 dogs for 4 pts)

BOS – bitch (5 class bitches + 3 champion bitches = 8 bitches for 3 pts)

## How To Figure Points for Select Dog or Bitch

Now we move on to Select Dog and Select Bitch. These are new AKC terms created for use in the Grand Championship program. Here we count all dogs of the same sex defeated in the BOB and regular classes. Once again, it is entirely at the judge's discretion to choose a Select Dog and/or a Select Bitch.

### EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs

Total of class bitches

Total of Champion dogs

Total of Champion bitches

POINTS	D 1 B	D 2 B	D 3 B	D 4 B	D 5 B
AKC Breed or Varieties	2	2	5	5	7
	8	8	10	10	11
	15				

BOB – is a male

SD is chosen (10 dogs – 2 dogs = 8 dogs for 4 pts)

SB is chosen (8 bitches – 2 bitches = 6 bitches for 2 pts)

TIPS: SD/SB count all dogs competing of the same sex, then subtract 2.

## Sample

Work through the following examples and see if your answers are correct. We have put together a sample judge's sheet to help you understand some of the possibilities.

### AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SHOW, USA

Catalog Number	Award	Catalog Number	Award	Catalog Number	Award
PUPPY DOGS	Award	12-18 MOS. DOGS	Award	OPEN DOGS	Award
6-9 MOS	9 11	15 17	2 1	5 7	1 2
	1 2			19	3

WINNERS WITHHELD  RESERVE WITHHELD

PLEASE ENTER CATALOG NUMBER IF AWARDED

I certify that in my opinion the WINNER 5 & RESERVE 9 are deserving of championship points on this day.

Catalog Number	Award	Catalog Number	Award	Catalog Number	Award
PUPPY BITCHES	Award	BREED-BY BITCHES	Award	OPEN BITCHES	Award
6-9 MOS	10 14	12 20	Excused 1	6 8	1 Measured Out
9-12 MOS	1 1			16	2

WINNERS WITHHELD  RESERVE WITHHELD

PLEASE ENTER CATALOG NUMBER IF AWARDED

I certify that in my opinion the WINNER 20 & RESERVE 6 are deserving of championship points on this day.

### BEST OF BREED COMPETITION

19D 21D 22B 23D 24B 25D 26B  
 Absent

BEST OF BREED BEST OF WINNERS BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

I certify that in my opinion the Best of Breed \_\_\_\_\_ and Select Bitch \_\_\_\_\_ are eligible and deserving of Grand Championship points on this day.

POINTS	D 1 B	D 2 B	D 3 B	D 4 B	D 5 B
AKC Breed or Varieties	2	2	5	5	7
	8	8	10	10	11
	15				

BOB – dog (5 pts); BOB – bitch (5 pts); BOS – dog (4 pts)

BOS – bitch (3 pts); SD – (4 pts); SB – (2 pts)

We hope the foregoing has helped you understand the point system, thus adding to your enjoyment of dog shows.

Now go to the *Schedule of Points* and work the above scenarios for your breed. Should you have additional questions please refer to Chapter 16, Section 1,

*Rules Applying to Dog Shows.*