

Breeders Award Program

- Purpose:**
1. To encourage and recognise achievement in the breeding of aquarium fish
 2. To share knowledge of breeding techniques

Awards:

Junior Breeders Award – 50 points
Breeder must have accumulated 50 points from the available classes. The necessary points may be from one class only.

Elementary Breeders Award - 150 points
Breeder must have accumulated 150 points from the available classes but must have achieved the Junior Breeders Award. The necessary points may be from one class only.

Intermediate Breeders Award – 400 points
Breeder must have accumulated 400 points from the available classes, but first must achieve the Elementary Breeders Award.
Breeder must include at least 30 points from Class A, at least 50 points from Class B and at least one spawn from Class C.

Advanced Breeders Award – 700 points
Breeder must have accumulated 700 points from the available classes, but first must achieve the Intermediate Breeders Award.
Breeder must include at least 100 points from Class C and at least one spawn from Class D.

Senior Breeders Award – 1000 points
Breeder must have accumulated 1000 points from the available classes, but first must achieve the Advanced Breeders Award.
Breeder must include at least 50 points from Class D and at least one spawn from Class E.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Points may be acquired in any order but the awards will be given in the above listed order. Additional certificates will be presented upon the completion of the requirements for each level.
2. You must be a member in good standing of K.W.A.S. All spawnings are recorded and kept on file. If any member does not renew his/her membership, the points will be kept on the "inactive list" until such time that he/she does renew their membership.
3. A standing committee of at least 3 people will be formed to assess the point value and to inspect the fish. The chairman, as elected by K.W.A.S., will be responsible for the keeping of records and reporting to the club. In addition to the chairman and the committee, any one of the Executive members can inspect fish.

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4. Points shall be awarded only once for each species. No additional points shall be awarded for varieties, sub-species or colour morphs. Certificates will be awarded but no points will apply.
5. Any fish not included in the point's classification of fishes will be assigned points by the B.A.P. Committee upon request.
6. Hybrids or crossbreeds will not be recognized by K.W.A.S. and will therefore not be eligible for points or certificates.
7. Any questions as to the interpretation of the rules or any suggestions as to the improvement should be submitted in writing to the B.A.P. Chairman.
8. Fry must be a result of a spawn by the breeder's own fish.
9. The Chair will publish an annual summary of fish spawned by K.W.A.S. members
10. If the Committee periodically finds it necessary to adjust point values, only spawnings from then on will receive the new points.
11. Breeder parents must be present on the first inspection of the fry, not necessarily in the same tank and not necessarily alive. (At the discretion of the B.A.P. Chairman.)
12. To gain points for a successful spawning, the breeder must;
 - A. Notify a committee member within 10 days of free swimming for a first inspection.
 - B. Notify a committee member 60 days after the initial inspection. At this time 10 fry must be remaining. The breeder **must spawn** and raise **at least** 10 healthy fry to an age of 60 days to be eligible for a K.W.A.S. Breeders Award. A reasonable percentage of the original must be present at the second inspection date in order to have points credited toward the C.A.O.A.C. award program. At the discretion of the B.A.P. Committee, more than one spawning of a certain species may be counted in order to reach 10 fry (i.e. – Tropheus Moori, Heterandria Formosa and some Killies.)
 - C. For all classes, a K.W.A.S. Spawning Record Form must be completed before a certificate is awarded. For Class A and B, the breeder can write an article to be published in Fins & Tales at the discretion of the Editor **or** two or more fish resulting from the spawn must be offered for sale in the K.W.A.S. monthly auction. All other Classes require an article to be submitted to the Newsletter Editor **or** a mini program on the fish and the method of spawning and keeping used to be scheduled by the Program Chairman for presentation at a K.W.A.S. general meeting.
13. K.W.A.S. will recognize a new member's previous breeder awards from another club upon presentation of proof that the member spawned the species of fish in question. Certificates will not be awarded by K.W.A.S. in this circumstance. Upon request, our B.A.P. Chairman will also forward points achieved to a new club in the event of a K.W.A.S. member leaving our membership.
14. An updated list of classes can be obtained by contacting the B.A.P. Chairperson.