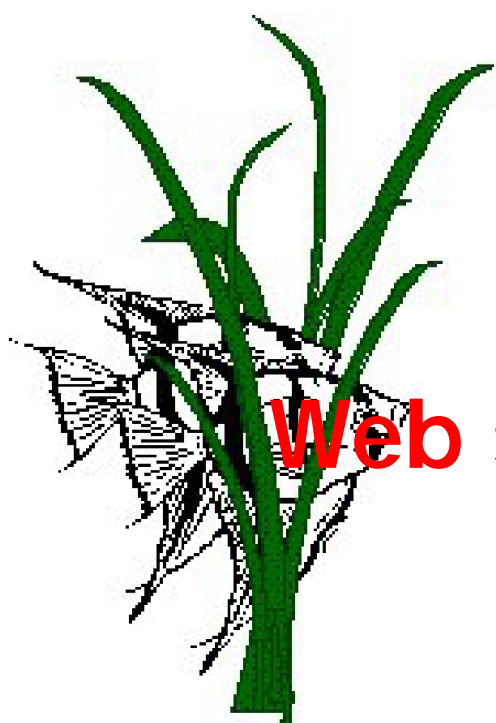


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Aquarist Society

Breeders Award
Programme

Rules of the Programme
and Breeding Classes

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PURPOSE

- A. To encourage members of the society to breed their fish and to assemble information concerning their spawning and rearing.
- B. To promote greater participation by members in the activities of the society.
- C. To recognize achievements by members concerning the breeding of fishes.

ADMINISTRATION

The Breeders Award Programme (BAP) shall be administered by a coordinator (BA Secretary), who is an elected member of the DDAS Committee.

The BA Secretary shall set up and maintain a record system containing all pertinent data, along with a file of spawning reports submitted.

They shall be responsible for preparation and presentation of awards, and for submission of information to the Editor for publication in the societies newsletter.

The BA Secretary shall be responsible for the placement of fishes into point classifications, and shall maintain and distribute to members a list of these classifications.

From time to time it may be necessary to reclassify certain fishes, in case of higher classification, all previously reported spawning's shall receive the additional points. In the event a classification is lowered, only future points will be affected.

Any member may request that the point classification of any species be either raised or lowered, any member may also request that a point classification be made for any species not included on the current list.

Any changes or additions to the classifications shall be published in the society's newsletter, and, as deemed necessary by the BA Secretary, revised lists shall be distributed.

All decisions of the DDAS Committee relative to this programme shall be final and binding.

The BA Secretary shall keep a record of participating members points totals, to be published in the society newsletter at least twice a year.

DDAS BREEDER AWARD PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the requirements for participation in the DDAS Breeders Award Programme.

For more complete details, consult the General Rules.

To receive credit for any spawning, you must.

Register the spawning and raise at least four fry to a minimum of two months of age.

Bring the fry for viewing and sale at the next non-speaker meeting after they have reached the age of two months and before they reach six months of age.

An extension to the six month rule may be granted for known slow growing species, this must be requested and agreed with the BA Secretary at the time of registration

These fish will be auctioned with 50% of the monies raised being returned to the breeder, the remainder being used to fund the programme.

Requirements for awards

FIRST BREEDER

Any species of fish.

NOVICE BREEDER

20 Points, 3 species, from 3 different genera, must include both egg layers and livebearers.

GENERAL BREEDER

50 Points, 2 species from Class B or higher, 2 different families

ADVANCED BREEDER

100 Points, 3 species from Class C or higher, 3 different families

SENIOR BREEDER

200 Points, 3 species from Class D or higher, 4 different families

MASTER BREEDER

300 Points, 1 species from Class E or higher, Article or talk regarding Class E fish, 5 different families

GRAND MASTER BREEDER

500 Points, 1 species from Class F or higher, Article or talk regarding Class F fish, 6 different families

GRAND MASTER BREEDER Bronze

Holder of Grand Master Breeder award, 750 points, plus one additional class E or higher fish.

GRAND MASTER BREEDER Silver

Holder of Grand Master Breeder Bronze award, 1000 points, plus one additional class E or higher fish.

GRAND MASTER BREEDER Gold

Holder of Grand Master Breeder Silver award, 1500 points, plus one additional class E or higher fish.

GENERAL RULES

1. Participants must be DDAS members in good standing.
2. All fish entered by a member into the BAP must be conditioned and maintained in their own tank. The breeding of the fish and raising of the fry must be done in the same manner.
3. Points will be assigned in the names of a couple (i.e.. Joe and Joanne Bloggs), in the name of a family (i.e.. Bloggs family), or in the name of an individual (i.e.. Joe Bloggs) as requested by the breeder.
4. To be credited with spawning any species, the member must spawn and rear the fry to at least two months of age.
5. The spawning has to be registered with the BA Secretary within 14 days of birth, egg laying or release.
6. All spawning reports must be submitted on approved BAP forms, or via the online form on the club web site.
7. A minimum of four fry shall be displayed at non-speaker nights when the fry have reached the minimum age and are not more than six months of age, at this time the breeder will be credited with the appropriate points, EXCEPT where noted for classes D, E and F, in which case special rules apply.
8. In the General Breeders Award Programme, points will be awarded only once for any species, regardless of variety.
9. Subspecies, hybrids, and colour or finnage varieties will be awarded credit in the Specialty Breeders Award Programme only.
10. In the event of a breeders DDAS membership being allowed to lapse as defined in the DDAS Rules (Rule four - Subscription in Arrears), then they will be removed from the BAP, all credited spawning's and points being lost.

Clarification of terminology used, using the Tiger Barb (Barbus tetrazona) for example

<i>Family</i>	<i>Cyprinidea</i>
<i>Genus</i>	<i>Barbus</i>
<i>Species</i>	<i>Tetrazona</i>

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPAWNING CREDIT ACCORDING TO CLASSIFICATION

Species are classified according to seven levels of difficulty.

These are classes A, B, C, D, E, F and S. Requirements for receiving credit for spawning's from the various classes are as follows.

CLASS A (Five Points)

General Rules apply.

CLASS B (Ten Points)

General Rules apply.

CLASS C (Fifteen Points)

General Rules apply.

CLASS D (Twenty Points)

General Rules apply.

In addition, the participant must write an article for the society's publication, and/or present a talk on their experience spawning this species.

CLASS E (Twenty-five Points)

General Rules apply.

Additional requirements same as Class D apply.

CLASS F (Thirty Points)

General Rules apply.

Additional requirements same as Class D apply.

CLASS S (Thirty points maximum)

General Rules apply.

There are no set points in this class, point value will be decided by the BA Secretary and agreed or adjusted as required by the committee, to a maximum of 30 points.

This class is not a requirement for any of the BAP awards, but points earned will be counted in the breeders total.

NOTE In all Classes, the date of spawning shall be considered to be the date the eggs hatch, the date of birth for livebearers or the date of first release for mouth brooders.

ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS

GENERAL RULES APPLY TO ALL LEVELS

FIRST BREEDER

This is the entry level to the programme, the member may breed any species of fish

NOVICE BREEDER

The member must breed at least three species, of three different genera, totaling at least 20 points. (They must include both egg layers and live bearers)

GENERAL BREEDER

Member must receive credit for spawning's totaling at least 50 points, subject to the following requirements. At least two species must be spawned which are classified as Class B or higher, at least two different families must be represented.

ADVANCED BREEDER

Member must receive credit for spawning's totaling at least 100 points, subject to the following requirements. At least three species must be spawned which are classified as Class C or higher, at least five different families must be represented.

SENIOR BREEDER

Member must receive credit for spawning's totaling at least 200 points, subject to the following requirements. At least three species must be spawned which are classified as Class D or higher, at least five different families must be represented.

MASTER BREEDER

Member must receive credit for spawning's totaling at least 300 points, subject to the following requirements. At least one species must be spawned from Class E or higher, at least five different families must be represented.

GRAND MASTER BREEDER

Member must receive credit for spawning's totaling at least 500 points, subject to the following requirements. At least one species must be spawned which are classified as Class F or higher, at least six different families must be represented.

GRAND MASTER BREEDER Bronze

Holder of Grand Master Breeder award with 750 points, plus one class E or higher fish.

GRAND MASTER BREEDER Silver

Holder of Grand Master Breeder Bronze award with 1000 points, plus one class E or higher fish.

GRAND MASTER BREEDER Gold

Holder of Grand Master Breeder Silver award with 1500 points, plus one class E or higher fish.

ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS - SPECIALTY BAP

SPECIES SPECIALTY BREEDER - Member must receive credit for spawning any five different subspecies, colour varieties, or finnage varieties of any one species. (Examples: *P. scalare*, *X. helleri*, *B. splendens*, *P. reticulatus*, etc.)

GENUS SPECIALTY BREEDER - Member must receive credit for spawning any five different species of any one genus. (Examples: *Aphyosemion* sp., *Corydoras* sp., *Cichlasoma* sp., *Poecilia* sp., etc.)

FAMILY SPECIALTY BREEDER - Member must receive credit for spawning any five different genera from any one of the following families. The BA Secretary may at any time add other families of fishes to this list at the request of members participating in the BAP.

FAMILY	EXAMPLES
ANABANTDAE	bettas, paradise fish, gouramis, etc.
CALLICHTHYIDAE	<i>Corydoras</i> catfish, <i>brochus</i> catfish, etc.
CHARACIDAE	tetras, hatchetfish, headstanders, pencilfish, etc.
CICHLIDAE	angelfish, discus, oscars, kribbs, dwarf cichlids
COBITIDAE	botias, all other species of Loaches.
CYPRINODONTIDAE	killifish, all species.
POECILIDAE	guppies, platies, mollies, variatus, etc.

NOTE

General Rules apply to all levels of the Specialty BAP.

Spawning's will be credited to all applicable specialty levels, e.g., *Xiphophorus helleri* (Red Swordtail) would be credited to the General BAP (Class A, five points), to the "Species" BAP (*X. helleri*, red), and to the "Family" BAP (Poecilidae)

Specialty BAP awards will be presented **ONLY** on request of the participant, who must notify the BA Secretary when any appropriate level has been reached.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

BAP participants spawning species classified in categories D, E and F will be required to share their knowledge and experience by writing an article for the society newsletter, and, or presenting a short talk on their experience spawning that species.

While not specifically required to do so, participants spawning species in categories A, B and C, are also encourage to share their experience in the same manner.

Awards

All awards will be presented to recipients at the regular club meetings, and notice will be published in the society newsletter in recognition of the member's accomplishments.

Awards for Senior, Master and Grand Master Breeder will be in addition recognized publicly at the Annual Award Dinner.

Members qualifying for any awards will be presented a suitably inscribed certificate.

Members qualifying for Master and Grand Master Breeder Awards will also be presented with suitably inscribed trophies.

DDAS Breeders Award Programme Breeders Classes

The following list of breeders classes is extensive, but not all inclusive, any member wishing to include additional species or petition for the amendment of the points allocated to a species should make such request to the BA Secretary.

Note

Members experience and the Baensch Aquarium Atlas books 1,2 and three have been used as the reference material for allocation of species to Breeders classes.

The standard length for a given species will be taken from the current FBAS show size

CLASS A (5 Points)

Any livebearers other than those named in other sections.

Guppies

Platies

Endler's

Lima melanogaster

Girardinus metallicus (black chins)

Alfaro cultratus

CLASS B (10 Points)

Any egg layers other than those named in other sections.

Any 'mop spawning' Killifish other than those named in other sections.

Corydoras panda

Corydoras hastatus

Archocentrus nigrofaciatus (Convict cichlid)

Limia Nigrofaciata

Cichlasoma spilurum (Jade eye cichlid)

CLASS C (15 Points)

Any species in the family *Anabantids* other than those named in other sections.

Any species in the family *Callichthyidae* other than those named in other sections.

Any species in the family *Cyprinodontidae* other than those named in other sections.

Any species in the genus *Brachyrhapis* (Brachys, livebearers)

Any African Rift Valley Lake Cichlid other than those named in other sections.

Any species in the genus *Barbus* (Barbs) up to four inches standard length other than those named in other sections.

Neo-tropical (Central & South American) Cichlids up eight inches standard length excluding South American Dwarf Cichlids other than those named in other sections.

Any species in the genus *Ancistrus*

Any species in the family *Melanotaeniidae* (Rainbowfish) other than those named in other sections

Priapella intermedia

Priapella compressa

Priapella olmecea

Rhinogobius wui (Dragon Goby)

Tateunidina ocellicauda (Peacock goby)

Danio aequipinnatus (Giant Danio)

CLASS D (20 Points)

Neo-tropical Cichlids over eight inches standard length.

South American dwarf Cichlids.

West African dwarfs other those named in other sections.

Any species in the family *Centrarchidae* (Sunfish) other than those named in other sections.

Mouth brooding anabantiods

'Long Nosed' *Corydoras* species

Anableps anableps (Four-Eyes, livebearers)

CLASS E (25 Points)

Any species in the family *Loricariidae* other than those named in other sections.

Bush fish

Charicins up to three inch standard length

Any species in the family *Nandidae* (e.g.. Leaf Fish) other than those named in other sections.

Any species in the family *Chandidae* (Glass fish) other than those named in other sections.

Any species in the genus *Barbus* (Barbs) greater than four inches standard length other than those named in other sections.

CLASS F (30 Points)

Any species in the family *Mochokidae* other than those named in other sections.

Any species in the family *Auchenipteridae* other than those named in other sections.

Any species in the family *Pimelodidae* other than those named in other sections.

Any species in the family *Bagridae* other than those named in other sections.

Any species in the family *Doradidae* other than those named in other sections.

Any species in the family *Aspredinidae* other than those named in other sections.

Any species in the family *Cobitidae* (Loaches) other than those named in other Sections.

Any species of the genus *Dianema* other than those named in other sections.

Freshwater Goby's other than those named in other sections.

Charicins greater than three inches standard length

Freshwater Puffer fish

Any Marine species

CLASS S (30 points maximum)

Any freshwater, brackish or saltwater aquatic animal not includes in classes A – F

Document History

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