

CCAC Guide to the Breeders Award Program

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What is BAP?

Breeders Award Programs are a means employed by local aquarium clubs to encourage their membership to report and track spawnings and to collect data on species that are more difficult to spawn. This data is presented to the membership in club publications for the benefit of the membership.

Why Should I participate in BAP?

1. To participate in the club
2. To ensure a variety of species are available at club auctions
3. To support efforts to maintain captive lines of endangered and threatened species.
4. To gain recognition for species you have spawned within the club.
5. To facilitate shared learning regarding hard to spawn fish.
6. Because its fun!

Q: What if I don't care about recognition? I don't need a plaque on my wall that tells me I can breed fish.

A: Even if you don't care to be recognized for your efforts, the club cares about what you are doing to advance the hobby and wants to recognize you for it. The effort to participate is minimal. All you have to do is report your spawns and have them verified by another club member.

Q: Why does the club want me to write articles?

A: Articles are important to the club for two reasons. First, it encourages the members to take an active role in the authorship of the club publication, Fancy Fins. And second, it facilitates the sharing of information about hard to spawn species.

Q: What am I supposed to do with all of these fry?

A: Bring them to auctions and either sell them for yourself or donate them to the club. Give them to your friends and neighbors, and tell them about CCAC when you do. Give or trade some to your favorite local fish store. Use any excess fry as feeders for your carnivorous fish (or sell them as feeders). They will be healthier than buying feeders from crowded tanks and risking bringing home a disease.

How do I participate in BAP?

Participation is the easy part. Just record the requested information on the BAP Submission Form and turn it in to a member of the BAP committee at one of the meetings. Spawns must be verified per the BAP rules (below) by a member in good standing. The club encourages members to donate a portion of the first spawn during one of the monthly auctions to help fund all of the programs it sponsors, but this is not a requirement.

BAP Rules

AWARDS AND CRITERIA

- A. BREEDER (*) (50 points) - Certificate or plaque. Requires 20 points from class A and the remaining 30 points from any other classes B,C, or D.
- B. SENIOR BREEDER (**) (150 points) -Certificate or plaque. Breeder points plus 50 points from classes C or D - remaining 50 points from any of the classes.
- C. MASTER BREEDER (***) (500points)- Certificate or plaque. Requires breeder and Senior Breeder points, plus 350 points from any of the classes MUST include one(1) class D spawning.
- D. GRAND MASTER BREEDER (****) (1500 points)-Certificate or plaque. Plus 1 year paid up membership to CCAC. Includes all of the above points already accumulated, plus 1000 extra points. MUST include four(4) class D spawning. Additional points may come from any or all of the classes listed.
- E. ALL AROUND BREEDER (*****) Certificate, plaque, and one year paid up membership in CCAC. Requires a verified spawning of one species, from each of the following:

Substrate Cichlid, Mouthbrooding Cichlid, Angelfish Livebearer, Barb, Betta, Rainbows, Plant Spawning Killifish, Catfish, Danio, Soil Spawning Killifish, Goldfish Other Anabantoids

COMMITTEE

Will consist of a chairperson(s) appointed by the board of directors. The duties will consist of witnessing fry, as outlined below; maintaining accurate records of point standing and reporting these to the General Membership through Fancy Fins and on the club website; and obtaining awards, when needed.

REQUIREMENTS

The aquarist must spawn and raise 10 fry to 30 days of age for class A and B.

The aquarist must spawn and raise 5 fry to 30 days of age for class C and D.

CLASSES

Class A and B: Verification can be made by donation of at least 10 fry to our monthly meeting auction, or by witnessing of fry by a B.A.P. committee person, or, any CCAC member, except immediate family members. If auctioning fry, show to B.A.P. person before auction.

CLASS C: the aquarist must spawn and raise 5 fry to 30 days of age. Verification same as Classes A and B. Also, aquarist must submit a written report of the spawning and conditions, for possible publication in Fancy Fins, before full points are awarded.

CLASS D: Same rules as Class C.

OTHER CRITERIA

1. 30 DAYS of age means 30 days after hatching for egg layers.
2. Points will be awarded for each different species bred. For species which have different color morphs or physical characteristics (Hi-fin, Plumetail, Bubble-eye, etc) points can be earned for one additional spawning of any different variety of that species. Points will not be awarded for any duplicate spawning of the same species except as noted above.
3. The eggs must have been spawned by the breeder's own fish.
4. It is the aquarists' responsibility to see that his/ her spawning is verified and that his/ her points are recorded.
5. It is the aquarists' responsibility to fill out the appropriate form and give it to the B.A.P. Chairperson.
6. Any fish, not listed in point classification will be assigned points upon written request of BAP Chairperson and approved by the Board of Directors.
7. This BAP program will begin January 2, 1992.
8. Points may be awarded to individuals or to families, but not to both.
9. All articles written for BAP must be submitted to BAP Chairperson first.
10. If the aquarist wishes to write an article on subjects, other than the fish spawned, permission must be obtained from BAP Chairperson first. Each article must be 250 words or more (passed by BOD Nov, 2003)
11. When BAP points are reclassified, the points shall not be applied to the detriment of any points previously given. In event, that the changes would increase the previous points given, the change will be retroactive to 1/02/92.
12. Transfer of points from another club's award program will not be allowed in this BAP PROGRAM.
13. Regarding lapse in membership- former club member's points will be reinstated depending on availability of records.
14. For class C spawning, 5points will be awarded upon verification of fry or donation of fry to the auction and the remaining 10 points for a written article explaining breeding techniques and setup.
15. For Class D spawning, 10 points will be awarded for verification and the remaining 10 points for an article explaining breeding techniques and setup.
16. For Class D spawning, it is required that a verification be performed within 7 days of the fry being free swimming.

POINT CLASSIFICATIONS (Examples)

CLASS A: 5 POINTS

- a. All livebearers except those listed in other classes
- b. White clouds & Australian Rainbows.
- c. All snails
- d. Danios and Brachydanios
- e. All Oryzias (ricefish)
- f. Killifish: *A. gardneri*, *Australes*, *Aplo*, *Lineatus*, *Apl. Panchax*, *Epiplatys*, *Dageti*.
- g. Cichlids: *Convicts*, *Firemouths*, *Blue Acara*, *Jewels*, *Ports*, *Similiar species*.

CLASS B: 10 POINTS

- a. All halfbeaks
- b. All barbs
- c. All other Rainbows, except what's in Class A & D.
- d. All other Mop Spawning Killies not listed in Class A.
- e. All *Colisa* species, *Bettas*, and *Paradise Fish*
- f. All goldfish, *Koi* & *Carp*
- g. Cichlids: all except those listed elsewhere (*Aequidens*, *Angelfish*, *Tilapia*, *Cyanoguttatum*, *Severums*).

CLASS C: 15 POINTS

- a. All *Goodeids*, *Zoogoneticus*
- b. *Anabantoids*: *Kissing*, *Moonlight*, *Pearl & Croaking Gouramies*, *Osphronemus Goramy*, *Belontia Species*, *Anabas species*.
- c. *Characins*: All except those listed in Class D.
- d. *Catfish*: All *corydoras*
- e. *Killifish*: All soil spawning except those listed in Class D
- f. *Other*: *Bumblebee Gobies*, *Glassfish*, *Sun Fish*, *Sticklebacks*, *American Minnows*, *Leaf Fish*, *Snakeheads*.
- g. *Cichlids*: All not listed elsewhere (*Geophagus*, *Dwarf Cichlids*, *Africans*, *Tretocephalus*, *Tropheus Species*, *Cichlasomas*)
- h. *Livebearers*: *Belonesoxs*
- i. *Rainbows*: *FeatherFins*
- j. *Marine*: *Fairy Shrimp*, *Seahorses*, *Pipefish*

CLASS D: 20 POINTS

- a. *Anabantoids*: *Chocolate Gourami*, *Combtails*, *Ctenopoma Species*
- b. *Characins*:
- c. *Killifish*: *Rivulus Rectidallus*, *Heteromorpha*, *Saberfins*
- d. *Marine*: All except those listed in Class C
- e. *Livebearers*: *Anableps*
- f. *Catfish* : All except those listed elsewhere.
- g. *Others*: *Badis Badis*, *Algae Eaters*, *Lamprichthys*, *Scats*, *Arrowanas*, *Butterfly Fish*, *Mudskippers*
- h. *Cichlids*: *Discus*, *Uarus*, *Crenacara*, *Green Chromides*, *Cyathopharynx*, *Furnifer*, *Frontosa*, *Lamp. Compressiceps*, *Lamp. Sexfasciatus*

Q: How do I find out how many points a fish is worth?

A: There will be an up to date listing posted on the web site under club info. If there is a species you can't find on the list, contact someone on the BAP committee and they will research the fish and have a point value assigned.

Q: I can't make it to meetings very often, can I participate?

A: Yes. There is likely a member who lives near you who is willing to stop by and verify your spawn for you. If not, digital photos at various stages of fry development are acceptable.

Q: For Class D, I have to get verification within 7 days. How do I judge when the 7 days starts?

A: That's a bit subjective. If a member collects the eggs from a pair and raises them artificially it is hardly the same as discovering free swimming fry from a pair of secretive spawners. The intent is to perform an early verification prior to 30 days and as soon as the fry are found to be free swimming.

Q: How do I get my spawns verified?

A: Either by presenting the fish to a member during the meeting and having them witness the spawning or by having a member witness the spawn outside of a club event. Remember that the person who verifies your spawn gets points towards hobbyist of the year! If you are unable to find someone to witness your spawn, contact a member of the BAP committee and they will assist you.

Q: How far does the rule on 'morphs' go?

A: Color differences (White Calvus and Black Calvus), physical differences (Oranda and Ranchu goldfish), or type locality. Since many fish that are endangered or critically endangered are collected in very specific locations (specific stream or lake, etc.) it is important to preserve that information and encourage the spawning of these populations. Distinct populations of the same species from different collection sites are therefore considered as 'morphs' for the purpose of this program. Any fry submitted must have full collection information included with the fish to claim this as an additional spawning.

Specialist Breeder Program

In addition to the standard BAP program, members who participate are automatically included in the Specialist Breeder Program (SBP). This program is designed to recognize members who have taken a special interest in a specific class of fish and have bred a large number of fish from that class. These members may be viewed as having an expertise in that particular field of aquatic husbandry.

SBP Rules

1. The rules for participation are the same as for the standard BAP with the following exceptions.
2. Each qualifying spawn submitted generates 1 point towards that class regardless of difficulty.
3. A species may only be counted once (e.g. White Calvus and Black Calvus are only counted as one spawning, Tiger Barbs and Green Tiger Barbs as one spawning.)

SBP Awards

Awards will be presented at the annual banquet and will be in the form of a certificate and a goody bag of various aquarium products.

SPB Class Requirements

Each column displays the number of species required to spawn to achieve that level.

Category	Specialist	Senior Specialist	Master	Grand Master
Livebearer (LIV)	10	25	50	100
Anabantoids (ANA)	5	10	15	20
Barbs (BAR)	4	8	12	16
Minnows (MIN)	3	6	12	18
Rasboras (RAS)	1	2	4	6
Characins (CHA)	5	10	20	40
African Cichlids (AFC)	10	25	50	100
S. American Cich. (SAC)	10	20	40	80
Mop Spawn Killie (MSK)	10	25	50	100
Soil Spawn Killie (SSK)	5	10	20	40
Catfish (CAT)	5	10	15	20
Shark/Botia/Loach (SBL)	1	2	4	6
Brackish Marine (BRM)	2	4	8	12
Other (OTH)	4	8	12	16
Rainbows (RNB)	5	10	15	20
Other Cyprinids	4	8	16	24
Invertebrates	3	6	12	18