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 awarded.

A dog must be (1) a Champion of Record or (2) have been transferred to BOB competition based upon the owners’ records of 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 majors (a 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 — 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 sure 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 Opposite Sex

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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

AKC Breed or Varieties

D 1 B D 2 B D 3 B D 4 B D 5 B

BOS – dog (7 class dogs + 3 champion dogs = 10 dogs for 4 pts)
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How To Figure Points for Select Dog or Bitch

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

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