

GVAC BAP Rules

BAP Point Awards:

- Each spawn will be awarded 1 point per spawning regardless of genus or species.
- A certificate will be awarded upon accumulation of 10 points. At each 10 point increment there will be further awards. To receive each award requires one article to be turned in to the GVAC editor. Each article must be suitable for publication on an aquarium related topic. Article turn ins must be up to date in order to qualify for special awards.
- Certificates or plaques will be awarded to breeders in the following categories:

Breeder Level 1: 10 points
Breeder Level 2: 20 points
Breeder Level 3: 30 points
Breeder Level 4: 40 points
Expert Breeder 1: 50 points
Expert Breeder 2: 60 points
Expert Breeder 3: 70 points
Expert Breeder 4: 80 points
Expert Breeder 5: 90 points
Master Breeder 1: 100 points
Master Breeder 2: 150 points
Master Breeder 3: 200 points
Master Breeder 4: 250 points
Master Breeder 5: 300 points
Grand Master 1: 350 points
Grand Master 2: 400 points
Grand Master 3: 450 points

Special Awards:

- No fish may be entered for a special award that has not also/already been BAP'd.
- **ROOKIE-OF-THE-YEAR** An award will be given to the new BAP participant who successfully spawns and BAPs the most fish in the 12 months from January thru December of a given year. The award will be given at the Christmas Party and will include only those participants whose eligibility ends at the end of the year. All participants of any age are eligible for the ROOKIE-OF-THE-YEAR Award. In case of a tie, those tied will each receive an award. Members are eligible for Rookie of the Year until they receive their first award (10 spawn plaque, rookie of the year, breeder of the year, etc.

- **BREEDER-OF-THE-YEAR** An award will be given to the participant who has the highest BAP point total in any given calendar year. The award will be given at the Christmas Party. In case of a tie, both participants will be rewarded. A person may win both ROOKIE and BREEDER awards in the same year.
- **DIVERSIFICATION AWARD** An award given to participants who BAP at least one species from each of the following categories: Cichlid, Catfish, Goby, Livebearer, Killifish, Characin, Anabantid and Rainbowfish. Regular BAP rules are to be followed, and article turn ins must be up to date to qualify for this award.

BAP Rules and Program Definitions

- A fish may only be turned in once for points by any one participant. Both species and subspecies of a fish in a genus that are recognized as naturally occurring are accepted and given full points.
- The name of a fish, scientifically, is recognized as genus, species and sub-species. A sub-species as accepted by the BAP committee, is a naturally occurring population different from another sub-species only in color and geographic location. Sub-species is recognized by the BAP program as those found in publications acceptable to the BAP Chairs. If the scientific community later recognizes a fish (sub-species) to be a truly different species, or the taxonomic name(s) are changed the BAP committee will reclassify each animal appropriately.
- All fish **MUST** be registered by scientific name. If you know that the scientific name has changed recently, add all the previous synonyms to the BAP report that you know it used to be called by.
- Eggs must be obtained from your own spawning and not purchased from an outside source.
- Any Paid-up member is eligible to participate in this program.
- Each Spawn will be worth one point, regardless of difficulty.
- To receive points for a fish, 6 fry at least 60 days post hatch must be auctioned at either the monthly meetings or at any GVAC auction.
- Each spawn must be registered by filling out a BAP form that is signed by the participant and witnessed and turned into one of the BAP Chairpersons.
- The participating members are responsible for obtaining, completing and turning in all forms required for participation.

- Transferring of BAP'd species is permitted. Each BAP'd species is worth one point. Awards will not be given for transferred points to achieve awards.
- Disputes will be settled by BAP committee with whom the final authority resides.

Transferring BAP Points from another club's program

- All species are transferable to the GVAC programs as they apply to our point system.
- The participant is responsible for obtaining their own records from previous club program chairperson with that person's phone number or e-mail address.
- In order to receive awards for transferring points, the correct number of articles must be turned in for possible publication. These articles may be ones previously written for other publications by the participant.
- Transferred points do not apply towards Breeder of the Year or Rookie of the Year or Diversification Award.
- Transferred points do not apply towards Book Points.