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### Chapter 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

**SECTION 1.1:** TASAA shall grant championships to dogs that meet all requirements as set forth in these "Championship Rules and Regulations". A TASAA Junior Championship (Jr CH), Championship (CH) or Altered (A-CH) Certificate will be issued to the owner of the dog when all the requirements have been met and the win sheets/show records confirming points are received by the TASAA Championship Secretary. The TASAA Championship Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The owner of the dog will have the right to use the title on all registration and pedigree certificates.

**SECTION 1.2:** TASAA sanctions (recognizes) all legitimate shows using licensed judges and that recognize the Toy Australian Shepherd for championship titles. Dogs must be shown as a Toy Australian Shepherd in these venues in order to earn points. Show venues include: IABCA, KCUSA, ARBA, ICKC (NAKC), and ASDR stand-alone shows. Other shows/venues may apply for sanctioning for championship points by following the procedures as set forth in these Rules and Regulations.

**SECTION 1.3:** TASAA will maintain a record that will be supplemental to the dog's registration with one of the approved registries (NAMASCUSA, MASCA, IMASC, ASDR, NSDR, and AKC). The TASAA record of registry will not determine lineage of the dogs, but once recognized, as evidenced by an official registration certificate issued by one of these registries, and so long as the dog meets the TASAA requirements for Breed Standard, they can be recorded with TASAA to earn championship points by sending the appropriate form and documentation to the Championship Secretary. Fee to record dog/puppy with TASAA shall be \$5. Applicants must be a TASAA member in good standing in order to record their dog with TASAA and earn points toward TASAA Championships.

**SECTION 1.4** Any dog that is 3 months or older and is eligible for Championship/Merit points must be recorded with TASAA within 30 days of the show in order to count any points toward Junior Championship. No more than one sanctioned show may be entered and points counted toward a Junior Championship without the dog being recorded with TASAA. **Any dog 9 months or older that is eligible to earn points toward regular TASAA Championship must be recorded with TASAA prior to the show or have record pending with the Championship Secretary** in order to receive points towards championship.

**SECTION 1.5:** The exhibitor must send all win sheets to the TASAA Championship Secretary within thirty (30) days of the show in which they receive points. Copies should be made and kept before mailing win sheets to TASAA. There is a \$10 processing fee for each title for which you apply. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have win sheets available for the judges and show chairperson on the day of the show.

## CHAPTER 2: CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

### SECTION 2.1 GENERAL POINT REQUIREMENTS

**Subsection 2.1.1 JUNIOR (Jr CH) CHAMPIONSHIP:** for puppies three (3) months of age up to nine (9) months of age on the day of the show

- A puppy must earn ten (10) points tabulated from the point schedule.
- One of these wins must be a three (3) point major (three-point show).
- In addition to the 3-point major, the puppy must have a win under two (2) other judges.
- Maximum of five (5) points may be earned per show for Junior Championship.
- Once the Junior Championship is earned and confirmed, five (5) points earned as a puppy (less than 9 months of age) may be credited toward the regular TASAA CHAMPIONSHIP
- Confirmed TASAA Junior Champions shall be denoted as "TASAA Jr CH" on certificates and pedigrees.

### **Subsection 2.1.2 REGULAR TASAA (CH) CHAMPIONSHIP:**

- A dog must earn 15 points tabulated from the point schedule and be at least **nine (9) months of age** on the day of the show.
- For confirmed Junior Champions, five (5) points may be counted toward to the regular TASAA CHAMPIONSHIP. Major requirements for the TASAA Champion remain the same, and must be earned after the dog is 9 months of age.
- Two (2) of these wins must be "major" wins (shows that are at least three-point shows).
- Majors must be under different judges.
- Dogs must have at least one (1) more win under a third judge.
- Maximum of five (5) points may be earned per show for TASAA Championship. Five point maximum does not apply for merit points.
- Points from other registries are not transferable.
- Championship points will be recorded according to the number of eligible dogs competing.
- Confirmed TASAA Champions shall be denoted as "TASAA CH" on certificates and pedigrees.
- Confirmed TASAA Champions shall enter the TASAA National Specialty and TASAA sanctioned stand-alone shows in the Best of Breed class, not at the open class level. This requirement does not apply to TASAA Junior Champions.

**SECTION 2.2 POINT TABULATION FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:** For shows that do not have classes for Winners Dog or Winners Bitch, points will be tabulated based on Best of Breed (BOB) and Best Opposite Sex (BOS) rather than asking for these additional classes. In counting the number of eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified, or that is dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld, shall not be included.

**Subsection 2.2.1 CLASS (BREED) LEVEL COMPETITION**

- **Winners Dog (WD) and Winners Bitch (WB) and Reserve WD / WB:** for shows that hold these classes, one (1) point is earned for each dog it defeats of its same sex at class level for a max of five (5) points.
- **Best of Winners (BOW is awarded to either the WD or WB) -** Receives the greater number of points of both sexes (up to the max of 5 points). \*
- **Best of Opposite Sex** receives one (1) point for each dog of its same sex defeated [includes all regular class and specials (champion) dogs].
- **The Best of Breed** receives (1) point for each dog of both sexes defeated (includes all regular class and specials dogs).
- *If only one dog of each sex is present, Best of Breed, and only Best of Breed, will be awarded one (1) point.*

**Subsection 2.2.2 GROUP COMPETITION:** If you take Best of Breed at a show that offers Group competition, you will then compete in the Herding Group.

- **Herding Group:** If you receive a Group 1 you earn 1 point for each dog that you defeat in the Herding Group. Example: if you take first in Group (Group 1) and there were 5 dogs in the Group you would receive 4 points (up to the max of 5 pts per show). Points will be awarded for dogs defeated at Group level for Group1, Group 2 & Group 3 placement.

**Subsection 2.2.3 BEST IN SHOW COMPETITION:** From Group competition, the "First in Group" (Group 1) will compete in Best in Show where additional points may be earned.

- **Best in Show:** you must place Best in Show or Reserve Best in Show to receive points. The dog earns one point for each dog it defeats in the Best in Show competition. (up to the maximum of 5 points per show)

## **CHAPTER 3: GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP (Gr CH) PROGRAM – *Breed level only***

### **SECTION 3.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- *Before a dog may earn points towards its Grand Championship, it must be a CONFIRMED TASAA champion with the TASAA Championship Secretary.*
- In order to become a Grand Champion, a dog must earn 25 points (points earned toward regular TASAA Championship shall not count towards Grand Championship).

- Wins shall include one 5-point major and three 3-point majors at breed level under different judges.
- *Grand points are only earned at breed level only* (Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex), therefore it is encouraged that these dogs enter competition in the BEST OF BREED class, not at class level.
- Five (5) point limit per show does not apply to Grand Championship.
- Confirmed TASAA Grand Champions shall be denoted as “TASAA Gr CH” on certificates and pedigrees.

**SECTION 3.2 POINT TABULATION:** Points for Grand Championships shall be awarded as follows:

- **Best of Breed** receives (1) point for each dog (both sexes—including all regular class and Specials dogs) defeated.
- **Best of Opposite Sex** receives (1) point for each dog of its same sex defeated (including regular class and Specials).

## **CHAPTER 4: ALTERED CHAMPIONSHIP (A-CH) PROGRAM**

### **SECTION 4.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- The same rules and regulations and point schedules shall apply to the Altered Championship Program as applies to the Regular TASAA Championship and Grand Championship (see above).
- There shall be NO Junior Championship for the Altered Championship Program.
- The exhibition of altered dogs for championship points shall be limited to the Altered Program.
- Confirmed TASAA Altered Champions shall be denoted as “TASAA A-CH” on certificates and pedigrees.

## **CHAPTER 5: MERIT PROGRAM (TOP 10) – Breed level only**

### **SECTION 5.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- TASAA's merit program recognizes the top ten conformation dogs of each recording year-January 1 through December 31.
- Win sheets must be submitted by January 30 of the following year.
- *Merit points are only earned at breed level* (Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex)

- Five (5) point limit per show does not apply to Merit Program.
- Champions, Grand Champions, Class Dogs and Class Bitches are eligible for merit points.

## **CHAPTER 6: SANCTIONED VENUES: SANCTIONING RULES AND MAKING APPLICATION TO HOLD A MEMBER-SPONSORED STAND ALONE SPECIALTY OR CO-SANCTIONED SPECIALTY**

**SECTION 6.1 SANCTIONED SHOW VENUES:** the following show venues shall be automatically sanctioned for TASAA Championship points providing winsheets are submitted within 30 days:

- International All Breed Canine Association ([www.IABCA.org](http://www.IABCA.org))
- American Rare Breed Association ([www.ARBA.org](http://www.ARBA.org))
- Kennel Club USA ([www.KCUSA.com](http://www.KCUSA.com))
- International Canine Kennel Club ([www.internationalcaninekennelclub.com](http://www.internationalcaninekennelclub.com))
- The Rare Breed Club of Southwestern Ontario ([www.rbcsw.com](http://www.rbcsw.com))
- All Breed International Dog Shows, Inc. ([www.abidogshows.com](http://www.abidogshows.com))
- American Stock Dog Registry ([www.americanstockdog.org](http://www.americanstockdog.org))
- TASAA National Specialty ([www.TASAA.info](http://www.TASAA.info)) (Winsheets not required)

**SECTION 6.2 SANCTIONING REQUESTS FOR STAND-ALONE SHOWS:** other venues may request sanctioning from the TASAA BOD by following the requirements outlined below.

### **Subsection 6.2.1 SANCTIONING REQUEST REQUIREMENTS**

- A TASAA member in good standing, that meets the requirements of TASAA and wishes to hold a Conformation Dog Show at which championship points may be awarded, must make application to the TASAA Board of Directors to hold such a show.
- The Sanctioning Request shall list date, location, Show Secretary/Chairman's name, address, and phone number, all classes offered, Judge's name, address and assignments. The application and approval must occur at least 45 days prior to the requested date unless an exception is made by the TASAA Board of Directors.
- Show flyer and/or premium must be submitted to the TASAA Board of Directors at least 25 days prior to the event.
- All entries shall close prior to the judging of the first class.

**Subsection 6.2.2 SHOW SECRETARY / CHAIR:** The Show Secretary / Chairperson must be a TASAA member in good standing unless the Board has approved a person who is a non-member. The Show Secretary and any member of the Show Committee who is responsible for directly hiring the judge may not exhibit dogs in the specialty. Dogs owned by these individuals may be exhibited by another party.

**Subsection 6.2.3 JUDGE'S BOOKS:** Show Records must be submitted to the TASAA Championship Secretary for stand-alone shows. Judge's Books shall state total number of regular class dogs and bitches, names of Winner's, Reserve Winner's, Best of Winner's, Best Opposite Sex, and Best of Breed. This report must be signed by the Judge.

**Subsection 6.2.4 WIN SHEETS:** Because the Judge's Book is submitted to TASAA by the Show Secretary, individual Win Sheets are not required to be submitted by exhibitors for sanctioned stand-alone shows. Win Sheets are required for all other approved show venues.