

# ***Championship/Grand Championship/Merit***

## ***Show Rules and Regulations***

The Miniature Australian Shepherd Club of America (MASCA) sanctions legitimate shows and matches recognizing all dogs registered with the Miniature Australian Shepherd Club of America for championship titles. Organizations automatically sanctioned are: IABCA, SKC, ARBA, KCUSA, ICKC, and ICE shows. MASCA grants championships titles to dogs that meet all requirements as set forth in this "Show Rules and Regulations". A MASCA Championship Certificate will then be issued to the owner of the dog, and the owner of the dog will have the right to use the title on all registration and pedigree certificates.

### **I. CHAMPION.**

In order to become a MASCA Champion, a dog must earn 15 points and be at least six (6) months of age on the day of the show. The Exhibitor is responsible for completely filling out all win sheets. At a MASCA Sanctioned Show (Nationals, Affiliates, ect) when win sheets are not required, the Exhibitor is responsible for obtaining the Judges names and keeping track of points earned. The wins must be included on the Championship Application.

- 1) Only dogs taking Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite, Best of Winners or Best of Breed placements are eligible for Conformation Champion points. Extra classes offered including but not limited to Bred by Exhibitor, Veterans and Junior Showmanship will not be allowed for Conformation Champion points.
- 2) At least two of these wins must be "major" wins (at least 3 points). One of the two majors must be at Breed Level (BOB, BOW, BOS) The majors must be under different judges. Dogs must also have at least one more win under a third judge.
- 3) The maximum number of points a dog may earn toward a Championship Title at any show is (5 points).

**Winners Dog/Bitch:** one (1) point is earned for each class dog of the same sex defeated. **(Maximum total of five (5) points)**

**Best of Opposite Sex:** one (1) point for each dog (all regular class and specials) of its sex defeated. **(Maximum total of five (5) points)**

**Best of Winners:** one (1) point for each class dog defeated both sexes. **(Maximum total of five (5) points)**

**Best of Breed:** one (1) point for each dog (all regular class and specials) defeated. **(Maximum total of five (5) points)**

If Best of Winners is the same sex as Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Opposite Sex will receive points for both male and female class dogs defeated. **(Maximum total of five (5) points)**

### **IABCA/ICE Show Information:**

These particular show venues do not offered a **Winners Class**. The show secretary must be informed on the day of the show that a **Winners Class** is requested. This **Winners Class** should include all eligible open class dogs and bitches over 6 months of age. The **Winners Class** will be held prior to the IABCA/ICE Best of Breed Class.

***There WILL NOT be an additional Best of Breed competition.***

**ALTERED CHAMPION.** See rules above, except majors are not required.

### **II. GRAND CHAMPION.**

Before a dog may earn points towards its Grand Championship, it must be a Confirmed MASCA Champion. At a MASCA Sanctioned Show (Nationals, Affiliates, etc.) when win sheets are not required, the Exhibitor is responsible for obtaining the Judges names and keeping track of points earned. The wins must be included on the application.

Requirements for a dog to receive a Grand Champion Title:

- 1) Must earn fifty (50) points.
- 2) Obtain five (5) majors at Breed Level, under different Judges.
- 3) Three (3) of the five (5) majors must be a minimum of five (5) points.
- 4) Points earned towards the dogs Championship Title shall not count.
- 5) The Application must be filled out completely.

**Best of Breed:** receives one (1) point for each dog (all regular class and specials) defeated

**Best of Opposite Sex:** receives one (1) point for each dog (all regular class and specials) of its sex defeated. If Best of Winners is the same sex as Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Opposite Sex will receive points for both male and female class dogs defeated.

### **III. THE MERIT PROGRAM**

MASCA POINT SYSTEM FOR TOP TEN CONFORMATION DOGS OF EACH RECORDING YEAR.

BOB receives one (1) point for each dog (includes all regular class and specials dogs) defeated.

BOS receives one (1) point for each dog (includes all regular class and specials dogs) of its sex defeated.

If BOW is the same sex as BOS, BOS shall receive points for both male and female class dogs defeated.