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Purpose:

- 1) To encourage members of the Milwaukee Aquarium Society to:
 - a) Breed fish.
 - b) Share knowledge of the spawning and rearing of fish.
 - c) Become active in the club, expanding the experience of membership.
- 2) To recognize the achievements of program participants.

General Program Rules

All rules are subject to the BAP committee interpretation. Additional requirements and information can be found throughout this pamphlet.

Individual Milwaukee Aquarium Society members, participating in the BAP under a family/household membership will be tallied as a family. No individual tallies will exist. The exception will be the Junior Breeder level, which can be awarded to any member participating under a family/household membership under the age of 17.

Points are only awarded to Milwaukee Aquarium Society Members. Spawns from any class may be applied toward the achievement of BAP levels. Any member abusing the rules and regulations of the BAP will be automatically stripped of all points and become ineligible for participation in the program for no less than 1 year.

All complaints and inquiries must be addressed, in writing, to the BAP chairperson.

BAP Point Schedule

Level	Total Points	Base Requirement and Points needed (any class)	Minimum accumulated points from Class C and D
"Junior"	30	30	None required
"Senior"	60	60	None required
"Advanced"	120	"Senior" plus 60	15
"Expert"	180	"Advanced" plus 60	30 (15+15)
"Master"	240	"Expert" plus 60	60 (15+15+30)
"Grand Master 1"	360	"Master" plus 120	120*(15+15+30+60)
"Grand Master 2"	500	"Grand Master 1" plus 140	180(15+15+30+60+60)
"Grand Master 3"	750	"Grand Master 2" plus 250	240(15+15+30+60+60+60)
"Grand Master 4"	1000	Grand Master 3" plus 250	300(15+15+30+60+60+60+60)
"Ultimate Breeder"		"Grand Master 4 plus	* *

*Must include 2 spawns from the same Class D fish. Additional information can be found under "Verification Criteria".

**Full requirements and further information are outlined under "Ultimate Breeder Category".

Verified Class A, B, C, and D fry (see "Species Point Table") are awarded 5, 10, 15 and 20 points respectively. Articles are *required* in both C and D Class. 5 "New Species" points are awarded in all classes. To be considered a "New Species"; no verified spawn record can exist within the Milwaukee Aquarium Society "Master Species List" nor its archives.

5 "Article" points are awarded for all *non-required* BAP breeding articles appearing in the "SPLASH", the Official Publication of the Milwaukee Aquarium Society. The writing of articles on any and all facets of fish keeping is encouraged. Each year, BAP participants are allowed to withhold one (1) spawn from auction and still receive points. This waiver is not cumulative and can not be carried into subsequent years. All other verification criteria apply, including the need for a "Spawning Report" and the presence of the fish for verification, at any regular monthly club meeting.

Additional requirements and information are outlined and explained throughout the rest of this pamphlet.

Verification Criteria

To obtain BAP points, the Milwaukee Aquarium Society Member must spawn and raise 5 healthy fry to 45-days of age after hatching/birth. Members must own the parent fish and their spawning must occur under the direct care of the member in their home. The fish must be properly bagged and brought in for immediate verification and auction at any regular monthly club

meeting. A "Spawning Report" (and any required article) must accompany the fish. The "Spawning Report" must be in printed form on a standard sheet of paper. Participating members are solely responsible for obtaining, completing, and submitting all paperwork. Files contained on computer disks or sent, as e-mail attachments do not count. Articles MAY be submitted on computer disks if accompanied by a standard printed version.

All effort must be made to register fish on the "Spawning Report" by their current scientific name. Points will be awarded only once for any species, regardless of variety, finnage or color morph. The one exception to this rule occurs at the Grand Master 1 level. To obtain this level, a class D fish must be spawned and submitted on 2 separate occasions. Points will be awarded both times. For example; your discus spawn in July and August. Both sets of fry are eligible for verification during the pursuit of the Grand Master 1 level (only).

Honoring ALL BAP Points

MAS members never lose their BAP points and can return to active participation at any time.

Likewise, members with a BAP "list" from some other recognized club can apply for point transfer. The paperwork, which accompanied the spawn through the original club's BAP program, must accompany any and all spawns re-submitted for consideration to the MAS-BAP. The MAS BAP Chairman must assess these submissions and convert them into MAS BAP points. Should this paperwork be unavailable, personal letters of reference from board members, officers or program chairs of the original club should be submitted in writing to the MAS BAP chairman.

No "New Species", "Article" nor any other bonus category points will be awarded. After these submissions have been assessed and verified, the participant will be treated and judged as any other Milwaukee Aquarium Society member.

The "1296 Rule"

In December of 1996, a point tally adjustment took place that changed the way spawns were tallied within the GRAND MASTER levels. The spawning lists of today's BAP participants who were at or beyond the GM1 level at the time will, therefore, be different. The lists of those effected will be labeled: "INCLUDES PRE '97 LEVEL ADVANCEMENTS".

In the simplest terms:

Prior to December 1996, No points were awarded for "New Species".

Prior to December 1996, No Class C or D spawns were required beyond the GM1 level.

Prior to December 1996, The second spawn of a Class D fish, required for GM 1, was not tallied.

Any levels achieved prior to December 1996 are honored. All level advancements since December 1996 are subject to the current rules.

Prizes and Awards

Prizes are awarded quarterly from a random drawing of all spawns verified within that quarter.

Merit Prizes are also awarded at year's end to breeders with the greatest accumulation of spawns during the BAP year (December to November). There are two levels of participation:

- 1) For breeders with less 20 or less active tanks.
- 2) For breeders with 21 or more active tanks.

Participants achieving the Junior (junior members only), Senior, Advanced and Expert levels are awarded a Breeder's Certificate.

Master Breeders are awarded an upgradeable plaque.

Grand Master Breeders 1 through 4 receive plaque upgrades.

Ultimate Breeders receive plaque upgrade and standing trophy.

It is the duty of the chairperson to obtain and present all awards.

BAP Committee

The Breeders Award Program Committee will consist of a chairperson and additional Members appointed by the chair.

The BAP committee will:

1) Maintain records, report tallied standings to the "Splash" editor, verify spawns at regular monthly club meetings and confer on the placement of new species into the BAP "Species Point Table".

2) Have the final word on any changes that may occur after the program

is initiated. On any disputed matter, the committee will meet and a vote will be taken. Majority rules. If at any time there is a tie, the chairperson will have the deciding vote.

3) Be responsible for maintaining the "Species Point Table". Points will be awarded based on the species placement within this table. New species will be added; old names will be changed. On occasion, point values may need to be changed at the committee's discretion. Any changes to the point values within this table will be reflected within individual member tallies, but only positively. Participants must submit requests for point upgrades to the BAP chairman. Members' tallies will never be reduced through a species point value reduction.

Ultimate Breeder Category

The Breeders Award Committee has designed this level in the Breeders Award Program with the intention of expanding participants' knowledge of fishkeeping by requiring a variety of fish to be spawned. To achieve "Ultimate Breeder" status, one must:

- 1) Finish the requirements of achieving Grand Master Four.
- 2) Accumulate additional 500 points in spawns from any class.
- 3) At least 120 of the required 500 points must come from Class C and D fish.
- 4) The final point tally must include at least one spawn from each of the following groups:

Group:

Example:

Anabantoid Barb, Cherry Barb, Rosy Barb	Betta, Gourami, Paradise Fish Barb	Tiger
Catfish	Corydoras, Aspidoras, Synodontis	
Cyprinid	Giant Danio, Harlequins, Zebras	
Killifish Dirt spawner	Cynolebias, Nothobranchius, Rachovia	
Killifish Mop spawner	Aphyosemion, Epiplatys, Lampeyes	
Livebearer	Goodeid, Guppy, Molly	
Rainbow	Australian, Neon, Pseudomugil	
Tetra	Black, Congo, Serpae	
Cichlids:		
Central American	Convict, Firemouth, "Jack Dempsey"	

Malawi	Aulonocara, Labeotropheus, Pseudotropheus
S. American Dwarf	Apistogramma, Nannacara, Laetacara
S. American	Angels, Geophagus, Severum
Tanganyikan Mouthbrooder	Cyprichromis, Spathodus, Tropheus
Tanganyikan Substrate/Cave	Chalinochromis, Julidochromis, Neolamprologus
West African	Jewel, Kribensis, Nanochromis

Species Point Table

Specialty tank, food or water requirements, Species history or reputation for tank-spawning and relative ease in/of fry development are factors that contribute to species placement within the "Species Point Table".

In cases where no direct MAS member experience is available, information has been obtained from various sources including books, other clubs' systems and the Internet.

The Milwaukee Aquarium Society would like to thank the Milwaukee Betta Association for their help in the preparation of the Labyrinth listings within the "Species Point Table".