

Grand Championship Guidelines

(changes retroactive to January 1, 2010)

For a dog to be eligible to compete in an IWC **Grand Championship** (GC) class, a dog must first obtain its **Adult Championship** (Ch). Dogs less than one year of age are not eligible to compete for the Grand Championship title. Grand Championships may only be obtained at IWC sponsored events (see below).

In order for a dog to attain its Grand Championship, it must obtain 18 points, and three (3) first placements in the Grand Championship class, with competition, under a minimum of three different judges. There will be separate classes for Grand Champion Dog (male), and Grand Champion Bitch (female).

Points: The 18 points will be obtained by defeating other dogs entered in the Grand Championship class, with one dog counting for one point. However, the dog itself cannot be counted for a point. All dogs in competition will receive points for the dogs that they defeat, except for the last place dog. The last place dog receives no points because it did not defeat any other dogs.

Placements: The three (3) first placements must be received under three different judges, and must be in classes with competition.

For example, if there are two male dogs in the Grand Champion Dog class, the winning dog would obtain one point, and one of its required first placements. The second place dog would receive no points toward its GC.

If there are three male dogs in a Grand Champion Dog class, then the winning dog would obtain two points, and one of its required first placements. The second place dog would receive one point, and the third place dog would receive no points toward its GC. The same would hold true for females.

Best of Breed: The Best of Breed class consists of the Winner's Dog, Winner's Bitch, the first place winner of the Grand Champion Dog class, the first place winner of the Grand Champion Bitch class, and dogs and bitches that have already completed their Grand Championships, known as Specials. This is when the Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, and Best of Winners awards are selected.

At some shows, there may be no competition in the individual sex Grand Champion class. If this is the case, a dog or bitch still has the opportunity to earn points towards their GRCH title as follows: if this dog or bitch wins the Best of Breed with competition, then it may count up to a maximum of 5 points (one point per defeated dog), the other dogs that it defeated in the Best of Breed class. That win, and those five points, may also be counted as one of the 3 required first placements toward the Grand Championship title. All three of the required first placements may be obtained in this manner, as long as these wins are under three different judges. The same applies for non-IWC shows that are sanctioned by IWC, if the dog wins Group or Best in Show. A win at either of those levels will count for 5 points, maximum, and one of the required first placements, as long as there are at least 5 other dogs in competition that are defeated.

If Winner's Dog or Winner's Bitch wins the Best of Breed, with competition, then it may count, up to a maximum of 5 points (based on one point per dog,) the other dogs that it defeated in the Best of Breed class. That win, and those five points, may also be counted as one of the 3 required first placements toward the Grand Championship title. These points and first placements will be counted toward the Grand Championship title once the dog or bitch has achieved its Adult Championship. The judge will sign on the CC Recording Form that the dog won Best of Breed with competition, and the judge will also list how

many dogs were in competition in the Best of Breed Class. The show steward will record points won from BOB competition.

Grand Championship Records: Each exhibitor will receive from the judge, at the end of the Grand Champion class, after the judging is completed, a Grand Championship Recording Form. It will show the exhibitor's armband number, the dog's placement, the dog's sex, and the total number of dogs in competition in the Grand Champion Class. The show steward will record the GC points on the judge's sheet. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to retain the completed GC forms.

If the dog from a Grand Championship class with no competition goes on to win Best of Breed, with competition, the judge will sign on the GC Recording Form that the dog won Best of Breed with competition, and the judge will also list how many dogs were in competition in the Best of Breed Class. The show steward will record points won from BOB competition.