

MASI Breeders Award Program (BAP)

I. Purpose:

1. To encourage members of the Missouri Aquarium Society to breed fishes.
2. To share information concerning their spawning and rearing.
3. To make available to the hobby a wider variety of fishes.
4. To recognize achievements by members concerning the breeding of fishes.
5. To promote greater participation by members in the activities of MASI.

II. Administration:

1. A BAP Committee consisting of a BAP Chairperson, appointed by the President, and 2 to 3 additional members appointed by the BAP Chair shall administer the BAP.
2. The BAP Chair shall set up and maintain a record system containing all pertinent data, along with a file of spawning reports submitted. The BAP Chair shall be responsible for preparation and presentation of awards, and for submission of information to the Editor for publication.
3. The BAP Chair shall be responsible for the placement of fishes into point classifications, and shall maintain a list of these classifications. From time to time it may be necessary to reclassify certain fishes. In case of reclassification, all previously reported spawnings shall receive the current point value. In the event a classification point value is lowered, the breeder's current point total will not be lowered. Nomenclature will be determined in accordance with the California Academy of Science, currently the most complete reference available.
4. The BAP Chair shall keep a record of participating members' point totals, to be published in *The Darter* at least once a year.
5. All decisions of the BAP Committee relative to this program shall be final and binding.

III. General Rules:

1. Participants must be MASI members in good standing.
2. All fish entered by a member into the BAP must be conditioned and maintained in his/her own tank. The breeding of the fish and raising of the fry must be done in the same manner.
3. Points will be assigned in the name of a couple (i.e. John and Mary Doe), a family (i.e. Doe family), or an individual (i.e. John Doe).
4. In order to be credited with spawning any species, the member must spawn and rear to at least 60 days of age at least 4-10 fry, depending on the class of fish. The fry shall be presented at the first general meeting following their having reached 60 days of age, except where noted for Class "D", in which case special rules apply.

5. In order to defray the cost of award plaques, and to spread various fish species through the club, some fry from each spawn (2-10, depending on the class of fish) are to be donated to the club at general meetings, to be auctioned to the club membership.

6. All spawning reports must be submitted upon approved BAP forms to the BAP chair for verification.

7. In all Classes, the date of spawning shall be considered to be the date the eggs hatch, and the date of birth for livebearers.

8. Hybrids of any type are not allowed, with the exception of domestic livebearer strains.

IV. Requirements for Spawning Credit According to Classification:

1. Species will be classified according to four levels of difficulty, Classes "A", "B", "C", and "D". Requirements for receiving credit for spawnings from the various classes are as follows:

Class "A" (5 Points) - raise 10 fry; donate 10 fry or a pair. General Rules apply.

Class "B" (10 Points)- raise 8 fry; donate 5 fry or a pair. General Rules apply.

Class "C" (15 Points) - raise 6 fry; donate 3 fry or a pair. General Rules apply.

Class "D" (20 Points)- raise 4 fry; donate 2 fry or a pair. General Rules apply. In addition, a member of the BAPC must be notified and given the opportunity to witness the spawn and spawning conditions within two weeks after spawning

2. **MASI First Spawn Bonus** (5-15 Points) To promote the raising and sharing of rare species, a bonus point system has been implemented. For the first MASI spawn of any Species, a 5 point bonus will be given, in addition to the standard points given for its class. An additional 5 points will be given for the first MASI spawn in any Genus and any Family.

3. **Color Variety Bonus** (1-4 Points) In the BAP, full points will be awarded only once (to each breeder) for any species or subspecies, regardless of variety. Subsequent spawns of the same species (but of different color or finnage varieties) will be awarded reduced points. (i.e. Black Angelfish = 10 points; then later, Silver Veil Angelfish = 2 points)

V. Achievement Levels:

The following achievement levels will be recognized upon accumulating the listed requirements:

Novice Breeder - Only Novice Members of MASI may receive this award. Spawn any 3 species, from 3 different genera, must include both egglayers and livebearers.

General Breeder - (50+ Points)

at least 2 species from Class "B" or higher

at least 2 different families

Advanced Breeder - (100+ Points)

at least 2 species from Class "C" or higher

at least 3 different families

Senior Breeder - (200+ Points)

at least 3 species from Class "C" or higher
at least 4 different families

Master Breeder - (300+ Points)

at least 1 specie from Class "D"
at least 5 different families
at least 1 article regarding Class "D" species

Grand Master Breeder - (500+ Points)

at least 2 species from Class "D"
at least 6 different families
at least 2 articles regarding Class "D" species

Advanced Grand Master Breeder – (1000+ Points)

at least 3 species from Class "D"
at least 8 different families
at least 3 articles regarding Class "D" species

Senior Grand Master Breeder – (1500+ Points)

at least 4 species from Class "D"
at least 10 different families
at least 4 articles regarding Class "D" species

Supreme Grand Master Breeder – (2000+ Points)

at least 5 species from Class "D"
at least 12 different families
at least 5 articles regarding Class "D" species

Ultimate Grand Master Breeder – (2500+ Points)

at least 6 species from Class "D"
at least 14 different families
at least 6 articles regarding Class "D" species

Articles should provide details and insight on the spawning conditions that resulted in a successful Class “D” spawn. The article shall be submitted to the MASI Editor for publication in *The Darter*. With prior approval of the BAP Chair, an article on a Class “C” that was a MASI First Species may be substituted for a Class “D” article.

VI. Awards:

All awards will be presented to recipients at the regular general meetings, and notice will be published in the society publication in recognition of the member's accomplishments. Awards for Master Breeder and higher will in addition be recognized publicly at the Annual Show banquet.