

American Bouvier des Flandres Club

Multi-Level Performance Award Criteria

Basic Criteria

To be eligible, dogs must enter and compete in at least three of the typically 4 or 5 events offered at the Specialty. Related Regional Specialty or other All-Breed events not considered as part of the Specialty offerings are not included. An exception would be if the Specialty sponsoring club has decided not to have an ABdFC sponsored event, but to use an All-Breed club sponsored event as their competition for that specialty. (e.g. agility, herding)

The dog with the highest number of points is the winner. The second highest number of points is the reserve winner. Trophies are offered for the High and Reserve High scoring dog. The dog may be handled by more than one handler.

Points will be awarded for only one class in each of the events. If more than one class is entered, the one with the highest number of points earned will be used. For example, in agility, where a dog could be entered in four classes – Standard, Jumpers With Weaves, FAST, or T2B in a single trial or on two different days, only the single highest score would be counted.

Temperament tests will not be included for purposes of this award, although non-regular classes such as herding instinct test, wild card novice, or veterans will be included.

Points will be awarded according to the following schedule:

Regular Conformation Classes

Since dogs do not receive scores in conformation, the points need to be based on dogs defeated in competition. The dogs defeated would be based on the dogs entered and shown in the class (up to a maximum of 18 points). One point is awarded for the dog itself, being entered and shown, and not excused or disqualified. For example, in a class of 6 entries, the first place dog would receive 6 points (one for himself, and one for each other dog defeated), the second place in the class would earn 5 points, etc. For a dog that advances to Winners or Reserve Winners or higher, the class points earned are dropped, and the dog is awarded the set number of points as indicated below:

Best of Breed earns 25 points.

Best of Opposite Sex earns 22 points.

Select, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch earns 20 points each.

Reserve Winners earns 18 points.

Non-Regular Conformation and Sweepstakes and Futurity

Points are awarded for class participation the same as in regular conformation classes, up to a maximum of 12 points. For a dog that earns Best or Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes or Futurity, the class points will be dropped, and the dog will be awarded a set number of points as indicated below:

Best in Sweepstakes or Best Dog or Bitch in Futurity earns 15 points

Best of Opposite to Best in Sweepstakes earns 13 points.

Agility

1. Standard and Jumpers With Weaves

Points are earned based on qualifying score and competition level.

	Excellent	Open	Novice
100	25	22	18
95-99	22	18	15
90-94	20	15	12
86-89	18	12	10
85	15	10	8
NQ	3	3	3

2. FAST

NQ	3
Novice Q	10
Open Q	15
Excellent Q	25

3. Time To Beat

NQ	3
Q	15

High in Trial or High Combined (if offered) - 25 points

Herding

Instinct tests, test and trial dogs and both regular and non-regular classes are included. Points are awarded based on the score earned and the level at which the dog competed, except that in the test classes, which are scored on a pass/fail basis, dogs earning a passing score will be awarded a flat number of points.

	Advanced	Intermediate	Started
98-100	25	22	20
95-97.5	25	20	18
90-94.5	25	18	15
85-89.5	22	15	12
80-84.5	20	12	10
75-79.5	15	10	8
70-74.5	12	10	8
60-69.5	10	8	8
NQ	3	3	3

Pretrial (PT)
Herding Tested (HT)
Instinct Test

pass 8 points
pass 5 points
pass 3 points

NQ 3 points
NQ 3 points
NQ 0 points

High in Trial – 25 points

Reserve High in Trial – 22 points

Obedience

Regular, optional titling and non-regular classes are included. Points are earned based on score and level of competition

Scores	Utility	Grad. Open P-Utility Wild Card Utility	Open	Grad. Nov. P-Open Wild Card Open	Novice, Veterans	Beginner Novice P-Novice Wild Card Nov.
198-200	25	25	25	22	22	20
195-197.5	25	22	22	20	20	15
190-194.5	22	20	20	17	17	10
185-189.5	20	15	15	12	12	8
180-184.5	18	12	12	10	10	8
170-179.5	15	10	10	8	8	8
NQ or <170	3	3	3	3	3	3

High in Trial or High Combined – 25 points

Rally

Points are based on score and level of competition.

	Excellent	Advanced	Novice
100	22	20	18
95-99	20	18	15
90-94	18	15	12
80-89	15	12	10
70-79	12	10	8

High Combined – 22 points

Carting

Score	Point
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Pass / Fail



Draft Dog	25
Novice Draft Dog	20
NQ	3

Tracking

Points are based on the level of competition

VST pass 25 points

TDX pass 22 points

TD pass 20 points

Competing at any level and not passing 10 points

Barn Hunt

Master Q – 18
Senior Q – 15
Open Q – 12
Novice Q – 8
NQ – 3
Instinct Q – 3

Lure Coursing

Q – 10
Veteran Q – 8
NQ - 3

Tie Breaker

In the case of a tie score the following criteria will be used as a tie breaker:
Bonus points will be added to the tied scores based on the level of competition for each event in which the dog participated. The highest class competed in will be used, regardless if that was the score used in the original calculation. In herding, only the trial level classes will count for bonus points (e.g. advanced, intermediate, started). In obedience, only the regular classes will count for bonus points (e.g. utility, open, novice). In agility, only the Standard & Jumpers With Weaves classes will count.

	3 Bonus Pts.	2 Bonus Pts.	1 Bonus Pt.
Conformation	-----	Best of Breed	Class entry
Agility	Excellent	Open	Novice
Herding	Advanced	Intermediate	Started
Obedience	Utility	Open	Novice
Rally	-----	Exc./Adv.	Novice
Carting	Draft Dog	-----	Novice Draft Dog
Tracking	VST	TDX	TD

Scoring is at the sole discretion of the MLP Chairperson. Scores will be posted. Awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet.

PROCEDURES

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1. Criteria to be used should be reviewed and revised, if desired, before the planning guide is issued.
2. Entrants need to notify the coordinator by the determined deadline date. This should be long enough before the show starts to allow for proper record preparation. An exception to this would be the instinct test. This can be added by the competitor at any time up to and including the day of the instinct test.
3. The coordinator or trophy chairman needs to order the trophies for the Winner and Reserve Winner and assure they are available for presentation at the awards banquet.
4. The coordinator, or their designee, maintains all of the records and is responsible for gathering and recording the scores as they are earned by the participants. They will determine the legitimacy of the entries, and determine the Winner and Reserve Winner. Their decision is final.