

TROPHY RULES

ELIGIBILITY

Trophies are awarded to dogs of **ACTIVE** members only. Members are considered active if (1) during the award year they attended three meetings and worked at one club function, and (2) they have no outstanding club debts (dues, class fees, library obligations, etc.).

For a dog to receive an award, the owner must have been an active SOTC member on the date the dog completed the title or earned the score. A co-owned dog is eligible for awards if the owner with whom the dog resides is an active SOTC member.

Inactive members cannot pay for additional plaque engraving, but any titles they report will be included in the annual newsletter.

TITLE PLAQUES

A dog is awarded a wooden plaque with engraved faceplate the first time it completes a title, provided the owner meets the eligibility requirements. Titles the dog earns later are added to the same plaque.

The following titles are eligible for plaques: obedience, agility, tracking, conformation, and performance titles earned in competition from all-breed dog organizations such as AKC, CKC, UKC, USDAA, NADAC, AMBOR, etc.

Mixed-breed dogs or dogs with physical disabilities may earn plaques through match competition (*contact Trophy Chair for details*). Front & Finish awards will be noted along with their title.

The following titles will not earn a dog a plaque but may be engraved on an existing plaque, provided there is room: CGC, therapy and temperament titles, parent or specialty club titles, etc. Titles earned before the owner became an SOTC member may be added to a new plaque at the owner's expense.

If a plaque fills with eligible titles, SOTC will supply a second plaque. If a plaque fills with ineligible titles, the owner may purchase a second plaque. Plaques with SOTC faceplates are not for sale for any other reason.

COMPETITIVE AWARDS

The following trophies are awarded on the basis of AKC obedience scores only:

• Challenge Trophy	Highest sum of three scores from any class or combination of classes
• High Combined	Highest sum of five combined scores earned in Open B / Utility on the same day
• High Title	Highest sum of first three legs earned toward any title. Legs 1 and 2 may be carried over from previous years.
• High in Each Titling Class (<i>Novice A, Novice B, Open A, Utility A</i>)	Highest sum of any three scores earned in that class during the year. Legs toward titles may be carried over from a previous year.
• High in Each Competition Class (<i>Open B, Utility B</i>)	Highest sum of any five scores earned during the year. This includes dogs earning legs in the B classes.
• High in Each Group (<i>Sporting, Hound, Working, etc.</i>)	Highest sum of three scores earned in any class or combination of classes. Legs toward titles may be carried over.
• High Junior Handler (<i>17 and under</i>)	Highest sum of any three scores
• High Senior Handler (<i>55 and over</i>)	Highest sum of any three scores

No dog may earn more than one of the above trophies, except that the winner of the Challenge Trophy may also receive the High Combined award, and the High Junior and Senior awards are awarded separately from the other competitive awards. A handler may earn any number of trophies with different dogs. In the case of a tie, duplicate awards are given.

NON-COMPETITIVE AWARDS

A trophy is awarded to any dog earning an AKC all-breed High in Trial or Best in Show (limit: one per dog per year).

A portrait or cash equivalent is awarded to any dog earning an AKC OTCH, MACH, or CT.

A certificate showing the number of Delaney points earned (number of dogs defeated) is awarded to any dog placing in a regular AKC obedience class.

RECOGNITION FOR OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

No awards are given for the following achievements, but they are noted in our year-end awards report:

- Specialty or Canadian High in Trial or Best in Show
- Top 15 single scores of the year (one notation per dog)
- Front & Finish Awards of Excellence (for agility/obedience titles earned in first three shows with good scores)
- AKC or Canadian group placements
- Miscellaneous titles, including CGC, TDI, HIC, breed club titles, etc.