# Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island
# Breeders Awards Program

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**Purpose:**
The Breeders Award Program, hereafter referred to as BAP, recognizes outstanding achievements in the breeding of aquarium fish. It also encourages the distributing of aquarium fish, sharing of breeding techniques, and participation by club members.

**The BAP Committee**: The President shall appoint The BAP Chair, and the BAP Chair shall appoint members to the BAP committee if and when needed.

**Function of the BAP Chair & Committee**: To oversee and enforce all rules and regulations governing the BAP, awarding points to qualifying members, maintaining records and presenting awards. The BAP rules and regulations shall be reviewed and revised when necessary.

**Points:**
All fish are divided into four classes; Class A is worth 5 points, Class B is worth 10 points, Class C is worth 15 points, and Class D is worth 20 points.

**Rules:**

**Classes A, B, & C:** The aquarist must spawn, then raise at least 6 fry to at least 30 days of age (see BAP Chair if your fish normally has less than 6 fry). Points can only be earned by auctioning off a minimum of six fry at a monthly meeting or a TFSRI auction. The proceeds of the sale of these fry go entirely to TFSRI.

**Class D:** In addition to the requirements of classes A, B, & C, the aquarist must write an article for the Tankquilizer detailing the spawning procedure and submit it to the editor within 30 days of the auction **or** complete and submit a spawning outline to the BAP chair within 30 days. If neither is submitted within the time period, the aquarist will not be awarded the 20 points. An additional 5 points is awarded upon submission of the article or spawning outline. If the article or spawning outline is submitted after the 30 day period, the aquarist must then resubmit the fry for auction. Articles for second, third, or fourth generation Class D spawns are not required.

**Additional Criteria:**

1.) The aquarist must be a member in good standing of TFSRI in order to participate in the BAP.
2.) It is the responsibility of the aquarist to see that BAP points are recorded by giving all the necessary information to the chairman of the BAP at the time the fish is presented for the auction. BAP paperwork must accompany the fry to be auctioned to have points awarded.
3.) Second generation spawns, in any class, will be awarded the normal class points plus 5 additional points. An aquarist may then submit third generation spawns, and fourth generation spawns. Each of the four generation spawns must utilize fish that have been raised from the previous spawn.
4.) The first time that a species is turned in to the BAP, an additional 5 points will be awarded. Other aquarists will have a 1 month grace period, if they spawn the same species, to collect the first time species spawn points.
5.) No points will be awarded for hybrids, nor does TFSRI accept them as donations to any TFSRI auction. No deformed fish will be accepted for

points or auction. Albinos, fish selectively bred for color, body form or finnage, and transgenic fish are accepted.

6.) Ten points will be awarded for breeding articles (other than those required for Class D) submitted to the editor of the Tankquilizer if the article is at least 300 words long. Completed spawning outlines using the attached form will be awarded 5 points. Comedy or storytelling articles are not eligible for BAP points.

7.) Fish that are part of the Rare Fish Breeding Program will be awarded the normal class points plus an additional 5 points at the successful completion of the breeding requirements.

8.) Points are only awarded once to each breeder for each species except as follows:
   A.) Uniquely maintained color varieties
   B.) Uniquely maintained shape varieties
   C.) Uniquely maintained wild populations
   D.) Second generation points
   E.) Third generation points
   F.) Fourth generation points

- In the cases of A, B & C, points will be awarded for a maximum of 3 varieties per species per calendar year. Wild populations must have collection information included with the fry.
- D, E & F earn the normal class points plus 5 additional points.
- Second generation spawns in Class D are not considered to be two Class D fish. You need to spawn completely different species of fish in order to be eligible for the advanced awards.

**Additional Criteria:**

1.) Thirty days old means 30 days after hatching for egg layers. Thirty days old for mouthbrooders is after normal release.

2.) Aquarists are encouraged to submit any fish that they feel should be reclassified to the BAP Chair.

3.) Bags of fry submitted for auction must be clearly labeled with the aquarist's name, scientific name of the fish, and common name where applicable. Other information relevant to the point value ie. first time spawned, second generation, etc. should also be included on the label.

**Achievement Awards:**

**Breeder: 25 points** - earned by breeding fish from any class or classes.

**Senior Breeder: 50 points** - must be earned by breeding fish from at least two classes.

**Advanced Breeder: 100 points** - must be earned by breeding from at least three classes.

**Expert Beeder: 300 points** - must be earned by breeding at least three species of fish from classes A, B & C, one from class D, and must include at least two second generation spawnings from any class or classes.

**Superior Breeder: 700** points - must be earned by breeding at least three species of fish from classes A, B, & C, at least two species of fish from Class D, and must include at least four generation spawnings from any class or classes.

**Jacques Brousseau Award: 1100 points** - earned by meeting all other criteria plus, one first time species spawn, plus a third Class D fish.

**George Mundy Award: 1700 points** – additional points can be earned from any class. A plaque will be awarded to the recipient upon earning these 1700 points. This plaque will have provisions for four additional achievement awards in increments of 200 points. These achievement awards will be for each additional 200 points earned by the aquarist.

Certificates will be awarded at the completion of the breeding requirements. Plaques will be awarded at opportune times.

Most Difficult Fish: This award will be presented to the aquarist who has bred the most difficult BAP fish during the past year. Nominations will be made at the November TFSRI meeting. The recipient will be chosen by ballot vote by a majority vote of the TFSRI members present at this meeting.

Breeder of the Year: This award is presented to the aquarist who earns the most points in the BAP program each calendar year.

AMENDMENTS: The BAP committee may make changes to these rules, as they deem necessary, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Changes will be published to TFSRI members.

# B.A.P. POINT LIST

## Anabantoids

**Class A:** None

**Class B:**
*Betta splendens* (aquarium strain only)
*Macropodus* spp.
*Paraophromenus dayii*
*Pseudophromenus* spp.

**Class C:**
All species not listed elsewhere
*Anabas*
*Belontia*
*Betta*: all species not listed in Classes A or D
*Colisa*
*Trichopsis*
*Trichogaster*: all species not in class D

**Class D**
*Betta albimarginata, brownorum, coccina, foershi, livida, macrostoma*
*Ctenopoma*
*Ctenops*
*Helostoma*
*Luciocephalus*
*Microctenopoma*
*Osphromenus*
*Parasphaerichthys*
*Parosphromenus*, except *P. dayii*
*Sandelia*
*Sphaerichthys*
*Trichogaster microlepsis* (Moonlight Gourami),
*Trichogaster pectoralis* (Snakeskin Gourami)

## Catfish

**Class A:** None

**Class B:**
*Corydoras aeneus, paleatus*

**Class C:**
*Ancistrus (Common bristlenose only - all others assigned on a case by case basis)*
*Corydoras* (All species not listed elsewhere)
*Hoplosternum*
*Megalechis*

**Class D:** All other catfish

## Characins

**Class A:** none

**Class B:**
*Nematobrycon palmeri*

**Class C:**

*Alestes*
*Alestopeteruis*
*Apareodon*
*Aphyocharax*
*Arnoldichthys*
*Astyanax*
*Axelrodi*
*Boehlkea*
*Bryconamericus*
*Bryconella*
*Copella*
*Gymocorymbus*
*Hemigrammus*
*Inpanichthys kerri*
*Metynnis*
*Moehkhausia*
*Nannobrycon*
*Nannostomus*
*Pettella georigae*
*Pristella*
*Pyrrhulina*
*Roeboides*
*Thayeria*
*Triportheus*

**Class D**
All species not listed elsewhere

*Abramites*
*Anostomus*
*Apareiodon*
*Boulengerella*
*Brycon*
*Carnegiella*
*Catoprion*
*Corynopoma riisei*
*Chalceus*
*Characidium*
*Charax*
*Citharinus*
*Colossoma (Pacu)*
*Crenuchus spilurus*
*Ctenolucius*
*Distichodus*
*Exodon paradoxus*
*Gastropelecus*
*Hemiodus*
*Hemiodopsis*
*Hoplias*
*Hydrolycus (Tigerfish)*
*Hyphessobrycon*
*Leporinus*
*Micralestes*
*Mimagoniates*
*Myleus*
*Nannocharax*
*Neolebias*
*Paracheirodon*
*Phenacogrammus*
*Poeciliocharax*
*Prochilodus*
*Semaprochilodus*
*Serrasalmus*
*Thoracocharax*

## Cichlids, New World

**Class A:** None

**Class B:**
*Archocentrus nigrofasciatum* (Convict Cichlid)
*Herichthys cyanoguttatus* (Texas Cichlid)

**Class C:**
All species not listed elsewhere
*Acarichthys* (*Guianacara*)
*Aequidens*
*Amphilophus*: all species not in Class D
*Apistogramma*: all species not in Class D
*Herichthys*
*Heros*
*Laetacara*
*Microgeophagus / Papiliochromis*
*Nanacara*
*Nandopsis bartoni, grammoides, labridens, octofasciatum, salvini, steindacharni, tetracanthus, urophthalmas*
*Pterophyllum scalare* (Angelfish)
*Theraps breidohri, coeruleus, godmani, guttulatum, hartwegi, intermedium, irregulare, lentiginosus, melanurum, nicaraguensi, regain, seiboldii, synspilus*
*Thorichthys*

**Class D:**
*Amphilophus atromaculatum, labiatum*
*Apistogramma diplotaenia, elizabethae*
*Astronotus*
*Biotodoma*
*Biotoecus*
*Cichla*
*Crenicara*
*Crenicichla*
*Dicrossus*
*Geophagus*
*Gymnogeophagus*
*Hypselacara*
*Nandopsis*: except those in class C
*Pterophyllum* (all except *P. scalare*)
*Satanoperca*
*Symphysodon* (Discus)
*Taeniacara*
*Theraps*: except those in class C
*Uaru*

## Cichlids, Old World, Non Rift Lake

**Class A:** None

**Class B:**
*Oreochromis*

**Class C:**
*Anomalochromis*
*Astatotilapia*
*Benitochromis*
*Chetia*
*Chromidotilapia*
*Ctenochromis*
*Cyclopharynx*
*Divandu*
*Gobiocichla*
*Hemichromis*
*Konia*
*Limbochromis*
*Myaka*
*Nannochromis*
*Orthochromis*
*Paranannochromis*
*Pelvicachromis*
*Pelmatochromis*
*Pharyngochromis*
*Pseudocrenilabrus*
*Pungu*
*Sarotherodon*
*Steatocranus*
*Thysochromis*
*Tilapia*

**Class D:**
*Chilochromis*
*Etia*
*Etroplus*
*Heterochromis*
*Lamprologus* all riverine spp. (*congoensis, lethops, mocquardi, symoensi, werneri*, etc.)
*Pterochromis*
*Schwetzochromis*
*Serranochromis*
*Stomatepia*
*Telogramma*
*Thoracochromis*
*Tylochromis*

## Cichlids, Rift Lake

**Class A:** None

**Class B:**
All species not listed otherwise
*Aulonocara* (Peacocks) except those in class C

**Class C:**
*Altolamprologus*
*Aulonocara rostratum*
*Aulonocranus dewindti*
*Bathybates*
*Buccochromis*
*Callochromis*
*Chalinochromis*
*Cyphotilapia frontosa,* except those in class D
*Cyprichromis*
*Dimidiochromis*
*Ectodus*
*Lamprologus: (*except *L. nigriventris)*
*Limnochromis*
*Mylochromis*
*Neolamprologus*
*Ramphlochromis*

**Class D:**
*Benthochromis*
*Boulengerochromis*
*Cyathopheraynx*
*Cyphotilapia frontosa* (Blue Zaire & Seven Stripe)
*Champsochromis*
*Cunningtonia*
*Eretomodus*
*Haplotaxodon*
*Lamprologus nigriventris*
*Lepidiolamprologus*
*Opthalmotilapia*
*Petrochromis*
*Simochromis*
*Spathodus*
*Tangachromis*
*Tropheus*
*Xenotilapia*

## Cyprinids (Barbs, Minnows & Loaches)

**Class A:** None

**Class B:**
All species not listed otherwise
*Barbus*
*Brachydanio*
*Capoeta* (Except those in Class C")
*Chela*
*Danio*
*Pimephales promelas* (Fathead Minnow)
*Puntius*
*Tanichthys*

**Class C:**
*Barbodes*
*Capoeta hulstaerti, puckelli*
*Carassius auratus* (Goldfish)
*Celestichthys (Danio) margaritatus*
*Notemigonus crysoleucas* (Golden Shiner)
*Notropis* (Shiners)
*Umbra* (Mud Minnows)
*Zacco*

**Class D:**

**All Loaches:**
*Acanthopthalmus*
*Barbatula*
*Botia*
*Cobitis*
*Homaloptera*
*Lepidocephalus*
*Misgurnus*
*Nemacheilus*
*Pangio*

**All "Sharks":**
*Balantiocheilos melanopterus* (Tri-color Shark)
*Epalzeorhynchus*
*Labeo*
*Leptobarbus*
*Luciosoma* (Apollo Shark)
*Morulius chrysophekadion* (Black Shark)
*Acanthorhodeus* (Bitterlings)
*Boras*
Catostomidae: Suckers
*Crossocheilus*
*Cyprinus carpio* (Common Carp, Koi)
*Danionella* spp.
*Epalzeorhynchus* (Flying Fox)
*Garra*
*Gyrinocheilus* (Chinese Algae Eater)
*Leuciscus*
*Osteochilus hasselti, O. vittatus* (Barbs)
*Microrasbora* spp.
*Phoxinus* (Dace)
*Rasbora*
*Rhinichthys* (Dace)
*Rhodeus* (Bitterlings)
*Rutilus*
*Semotilus* (Chubs)
*Umbra hubbsi* (Olympic Mud Minnow

**Killifish**

**Class A:** None

**Class B:**
Any annual killifish eggs that require three (3) months or less incubation, except where noted

All species not listed otherwise

*Aphyosemion australe, striatum*
*Aphyosemion*: All *Chromaphyosemion* sp. complex
*Aplocheilus dayii, lineatus, panchax*
*Cyprinodon variegatus* (Sheepshead Minnow)
*Epiplatys*: All species not listed elsewhere
*Fundulopanchax: cinnamomeum gardneri, gularis, miriabilis,puerlzi, scheeli, sjoestedti Dwarf Red, walkeri*
*Jordanella floridae* (American Flag Fish)
*Leptolucania ommata* (Pygmy Killifish)
*Lucania goodei, parva*
*Nothobranchius albimarginatus, annectens, eggersi, elongatus, flammicomantis, foerschi, guentheri, interruptus, jubbi, korthausae, melanospilus, palmqvisti, patrizii, robustus, rubripinnis, vosseleri*
*Oryzias*
*Pachypanchax*
*Rivulus*: All except those in Classes C & D

**South American Annuals**:
*Austrolebias*
*Nematolebias*
*Simpsonichthys boitonei, constanciae, izecksohni, marginatus, myersi, parallelus, santanae, zonatus*

**Class C:**
*Aplocheilus blockii, kirchmayeri, parvus*
*Epiplatys annnulatus*
*Fundulopanchax: amieti, arnoldi,, fallax, filamentosus, sjoestedti (Except dwarf red), sporenbergi*
*Fundulus*
*Nothobranchius:* all not otherwise listed
*Profundulus*
*Rivulus marmoratus*

**Lampeyes** except those in Class D
*Aplocheilichthys spilauchen*
*Lacustricola*
*Plataplochilus*
*Poropanchax*
*Procatopus*
*Rhexipanchax*

**Pupfish**: except for those in Class B including:
*Aphanius*
*Cualac*
*Cubanichthys*
*Cyprinodon*
*Floridichthys*
*Garmanella*
*Megupsilon*

**South American Annuals**:
*Aphyolebias*
*Astrofundulus*
*Cynopoecilus*
*Micromoema*
*Pterolebias*
*Rachovia*
*Renova*

**Class D:**
Any annual killifish eggs that require four (4) months or more incubation, except where noted.
*Aphyosemion*: *Diapteron* Complex
*Aphyoplatys*
*Callopanchax*
*Congopanchax*
*Fundulopanchax: avichang, batesii, ndianus, robertsoni, rubrolabialis*
*Hypsopanchax*
*Hylopanchax*
*Pantanodon*
*Lamprichthys tanganicanus*
*Nothobranchius bojiensis, brieni, fasciatus, furzeri, luekei, microlepis, neumanni, nubaensis, ocellatus, rachovii, rubroreticulatus, virgatus*
*Rivulus xiphidius*

**South American Annuals**
*Campellolebias*
*Cynolebias*
*Gnatholebias*
*Leptolebias*
*Maratecoara*
*Megalebias*
*Moema*
*Neofundulus*
*Papilolebias*
*Pituna*
*Plesiolebias*
*Simpsonichthys*: all not in Class B
*Spectrolebias*
*Stenolebias*
*Terranatos dolichopterus*
*Trigonectes*

## Livebearers

**Class A:**
*Ameca splendens*
*Girardinus falcatus*
*Heterandia formosa*
*Poecillia reticulata*
*Xiphophorus helleri*, *maculatus*, *variatus*
All domestic strains of mollies, platys and swordtails

**Class B:**
*Alfaro cultratus* (Knife Livebearer)
*Gambusia affinis, holbrooki*
*Girardius metallicus*
*Limia* species not otherwise listed
*Phallichthys*
*Phalloceros*
*Poecilia sp.* not otherwise listed
*Xiphophorus couchianus, evelynae, nexahualcoyotl, xiphidium.*

All species not otherwise listed

**Class C:**
*Belonesox belizanus* (Pike Top Minnow)
*Brachyrhaphis*
*Carlhubbsia*
*Dermongenys pusillus* (Wrestling Halfbeak)
*Girardinus* species not otherwise listed
*Jenynsidae*
*Limia nigrofasciata, sulphorophila*
*Micropoecilia*
*Neoheterandria lelgans*
*Priapella*
*Scolichthys*
*Xiphophorus alvarezi, andersi, birchmanni, clemenciae, continens, cortezi, malinche, meyeri, milleri, monticolus, montezumae, multilineatus, nigrensis, pygmaeus, signum*
All remaining livebearing Halfbeaks
All goodeids (except *Ameca splendens*)

**Class D:**
*Anableps anableps* (Four Eyes)
Hemiramphidae: Halfbeaks

## Rainbows

**Class A:** none

**Class B:**
*Bedotia ankavia, geayi, madagascariensis*
*Melanotaenia*

**Class C:**
*Bedotia* species not otherwise listed
C*airnsichthys rhomosomoides*
*Chilatherina*
*Glossolepis*
*Kiunga*
*Pseudomugil*: except *cyanodorsalis* & *mellis*
*Rhadinocentrus ornatus*
*Scaturiginichthys vermeilipinnis*
*Telmatherina ladigesi*

**Class D:**
*Iriatherina werneri* (Threadfin Rainbow)
*Pseudomugil cyanodorsalis, mellis*

## All Other Fish

**Class A:** None

**Class B:** None

**Class C:**
*Badis* spp.
*Elassoma* spp. (Pygmy Sunfish)
*Enneacanthus obesus* (Banded Sunfish)
Gasterosteidae: Sticklebacks
*Hiodon alosoides, H. tergisus* (Moon-Eyes)
Any species not listed in any other category

**Class D:**
Any species known to be extinct in nature
All saltwater fish
All elasmobranchs: Skates, Rays, Stingrays, Sharks
All gobies & gudgeons including:
*Allomogurnda*
*Brachygobius* (Bumblebee Gobies)
*Chlamydogobius* (Desert Gobies)
Eleotridae: Sleepers
*Gobius*
*Hypseleotris*
*Mogurnda*
*Ophiocara*
*Taterundinia ocellicauda*
Centrarchidae: including:*Acantharchus*
*Ambloplites*
*Archoplites*
*Enneacanthus* (except *E. obesus*)
*Lepomis* (Sunfishes)
*Micropterus* (Basses)
*Pomoxis* (Crappies)

Darters: all species including:
*Etheostoma, Percina*

Amblyopidae: Cavefishes
Aphredoderidae: Pirate Perch
Amiidae: Bowfin
Atherinidae: silversides
Belonidae: Needlefishes
Cottidae: Sculpins: *Cottus* & *Myxocephalus*
*Dario dario* (Scarlet Badis)
Embiotocidae: Surfperches
Esocidae: pikes & pickerels
Goodeidae: All egglaying Goodeidae
Gymnotidae
Hiodontidae: Mooneyes
Hypentelium: Sp. All (Hog Suckers)
Lepisosteidae: Gars
Momyridae (Elephantnoses)
Moronidae: Temperate Basses
Mugilidae: Mullets
Osteoglossum: (Arowanas)
Pantodon (African Butterfly Fish)
Percidae: (*Ammocrypta, Crystellaria, Percina, Perca, Sander*)
Petromyzonidae: Lampreys
Percopsidae: Trout Perches
Salmonidae: Trouts, Salmons, and Whitefishes
Sciaenidae: Drums
Synbranchidae: Swamp Eels
Sygnathidae: Pipefishes and Seahorses

Characteristics used for the allocation of points are as follows: difficulty in obtaining species, special tank or water needs, difficulty in maintaining the fish, difficulty in raising the fry, history of previous spawns, food requirements, etc.

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## Invertebrates

Invertebrates commonly used as food organisms are not eligible for BAP points including but not limited to : all worms, Cladocera (*Daphnia, Ceriodaphnia*, etc), Copepods, Insects.

Invertebrates commonly considered to be pests are also not eligible for BAP points including Hydra, Aiptasia, Planaria, Pond Snails (Physa, etc.)

Class A. Freshwater invertebrates with direct development (no planktonic stage).

*Caradinia* sp. (Cherry shrimp)
Ramshorn snails (*Planorbis*, etc)

Class B
Semi-aggressive invertebrates with direct development (ie. most crayfish)

Class C. Freshwater invertebrates with indirect development (Planktonic stage). Highly aggressive organisms with direct development (*Cherax* crayfish)

Class D
All marine invertebrates, freshwater invertebrates with planktonic larvae requiring marine or brackish environments including:

Amano Shrimp
All Corals
Nerites