

**Bull Terrier Club of America**  
**Recognition of Merit Rules**  
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Bull Terrier fanciers have voiced a need for recognizing the breeding potential of dogs shown by a means stronger than just overall breed wins and group placements tabulated by existing all-breed systems. Because Specialty and Supported shows usually are judged by breeders, dogs likely to advance the breed generally win. For this reason, breeders patronize these shows and covet these awards. The Recognition of Merit award fosters this high quality and recognizes the virtues of Specialty and Supported show winners. It forms a solid basis for the progress of the breed from generation to generation in North America.

**ROM RULES:**

In order for an animal to become a BTCA ROM recipient, the animal must accumulate TEN points at Specialty and Supported shows. A total of ten points must include at least two, 3-point awards which are:

- BOV or BOS at a qualifying show. (See ROM rules explanation below)
- Qualifying 3-point ROM will be awarded to the Silverwood Winner, Runner-up to the Silverwood winner and Best of Opposite Sex to the Silverwood winner or Best of Opposite Variety to the Silverwood winner if they defeat another animal that receives it at the class level. Best Dog or Bitch, Reserve Dog or Bitch in both Varieties at Silverwood.
- Nine dogs must be competing in the class at Silverwood for the Reserve Winner to receive a 3-point ROM.
- The same rules that apply to the Silverwood Trophy will also apply to the Canadian Shield and Bronze Trophy.

**ROM RULES EXPLANATION:**

- The two minimum three-point awards must be gained under different judges.
- The additional points, which are necessary to receive the ROM award, must be gained under at least a third judge.
- Both 3-point ROMs required to complete a ROM title can **NOT** be earned on the same weekend.
- A ROM title cannot be started and finished on the same weekend. If an animal is able to earn all 10 points on a single weekend, in order to complete the ROM title, a 3-point ROM must be earned on an additional weekend.
- The maximum number of points awarded is determined by whether the show is 2 or 3-points.
- The number of ROM points awarded is determined by actual exhibits present in each gender and variety.
- An exhibit will receive the highest individual number of ROM points as any animal it defeats.
- If the first qualifying 3-point win is won at Silverwood then a second 3-point win at some later show under either of the two awarding Silverwood Judges will qualify as a second 3-point win.

**Qualifications for a 3-point ROM award: these are the minimum requirements:**

- There must be a minimum of 8 dogs exhibited in the gender and variety.
- If there are insufficient dogs but sufficient bitches and the dog beats the bitch by receiving the BOV or BOW award, then the dog qualifies for the same points as the bitch (or vice versa).
- The other rules, which apply, remain the same.

**Qualifications for a 2-point ROM award: these are minimum requirements:**

- There must be a minimum of 6 dogs exhibited in the gender and variety.
- If there are insufficient dogs but sufficient bitches and the dog beats the bitch by receiving the BOV or BOW award, then the dog qualifies for the same points as the bitch (or vice versa).
- The other rules, which may apply, remain the same.

**Qualifications for a 1-point ROM award: these are minimum requirements:**

- There must be a minimum of 5 entries present in the winner's gender and variety.
- If there are insufficient dogs but sufficient bitches and the dog beats the bitch by receiving the BOV or BOW award, then the dog qualifies for the same points as the bitch (or vice versa).
- The other rules, which may apply, remain the same

**POINTS AWARDED:**

For a specific gender and variety to be eligible for 3-point ROM, there must be a minimum of 8 animals exhibited in the same gender and variety. This principle is applied throughout the ROM system including AKC shows, Silverwood Trophy, Canadian Shield and Bronze Trophy.

An exhibit will receive the highest individual number of ROM points as any animal it defeats receives, as stated above under "Qualifications".

**Three Point ROM awards:**

- Three Point Maximums: BOV/BOS 3-points, WD/WB 1 or 2-points, determined by entries present.
- Eight or more total entries must be present in the winner's gender and variety for the BOV or BOS to be awarded 3 ROM points.
- Six or seven total entries must be present in the class winner's gender and variety for the WD or WB to be awarded 2 ROM points.
- Five total entries must be present in the winner's gender and variety for the WD or WB to be awarded 1 ROM point.
- Less than 5 entries present in the winner's gender and variety will not qualify for ROM points unless awarded BOW when the opposite gender has a qualifying entry present.

**Two Point ROM awards:**

- Two Point Maximums: BOV/BOS 2 points, WD/WB 1-point
- Six or seven total entries must be present in the winner's gender and variety for the BOV or BOS to be awarded 2 ROM points.

- Five total entries must be present in the winner's gender and variety for the WD or WB to be awarded 1 ROM point.
- Less than 5 entries present in the winner's gender and variety will not qualify for ROM points unless awarded BOW when the opposite gender has a qualifying entry present.

### **One Point ROM awards:**

- 5 entries must be present in the winner's gender and variety for BOV or BOS to be awarded 1 ROM point.
- Less than 5 entries present in the winner's gender and variety will not qualify for ROM points unless awarded BOV when the opposite gender has a qualifying entry present.

### **BTCA APPROVED SHOW STATUS:**

- ROM show status will continue to be approved by the BTCA Board of Directors
- Each Regional Club must provide a list of their requests, for the first six months of the following year prior to the Spring Board meeting and a list for the second six months, prior to the Fall Board Meeting.
  - Lists must include the date and location of the shows and the names of the judges.
  - Approval of the ROM shows, for the following year, will be made at these meetings.
- Minimum number of ROM shows per weekend remains at 2; there will be no "stand alone" ROM shows.
- Approved BTCA show-giving clubs are eligible to hold a maximum of 4 ROM shows per year.
- Shows must be held consecutively on one weekend.
- Any ROM designated show has the potential of a maximum number of 3-ROM points awards, dependent on meeting entry-qualifying numbers in gender and variety. Qualifying entries will be determined by the actual number of entries present and exhibited.
- All ROM designated shows not meeting the entry requirements for 3-point ROM awards will be by default be eligible for 1 or 2-ROM point awards which is determined by the actual number of entries present and exhibited.
- The BTCA may have unlimited Specialty and Supported shows.

The ROM awards are tabulated and administered by the BTCA. Inquiries should be addressed to the Chairman of the BTCA Special Awards Committee at raysharp48@aol.com.

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*Updated after Board decision to eliminate the "30 dog total entry" rule and reinstate the "2 minimum qualifying 3 point ROM awards must be on separate weekends" rule.*