

Organization for the Working Samoyed Awards Program

Awards Program Purpose

The Organization for the Working Samoyed conducts an award program to encourage Samoyed owners to compete with their dogs and to reward those Samoyeds who excel in competition. These awards are available to purebred Samoyeds (including dogs with AKC ILP numbers or CKC PEN numbers) owned by OWS members. The awards are available in the venues of Agility, Herding, Obedience, Rally, Skijor Racing, Sled Dog Racing, and Weight Pull. Points are earned for performances at competitions from recognized organizations. Additional organizations may be accepted for inclusion in these venues following application to the OWS Board. Awards will be made for 1st through 3rd place in each category, Most Improved in each category, and Achievement Awards, and shall be comprised of a certificate that will commemorate the dog (or team), detailing the venue and denoting the year the award was won. As funds permit, first place winners, most improved winners, and achievement award winners will also receive an OWS Plaque for their first win, and a hang tag for all wins.

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Award Verification Options

- 1) The Owner, not the Statistician, is responsible for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the documentation provided.
- 2) Verifications must be sent with the Award Submission Forms and Tally Sheets.
- 3) For each competition included in any award submission, ONE (1) of the following forms of verification **must** be provided by the owner:
 - a) A photocopy of the results of the competition from an official publication of the club (include the name of the publication, volume, and date) or print-offs of on-line results (include web address and date printed).
 - b) A copy of the official score sheet; include name & address of the judge.
 - c) A Verification Form signed by the judge, trial secretary, or race official for the event.

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Annual Award Rules

1. This annual award is to recognize the top dog (or team) in each of the venues recognized by the OWS.
2. The "Competition Year" runs from June 1st through May 31st of the following year.
3. All results must be postmarked or emailed by July 15th.
4. Submissions must include the Annual Award Form, the corresponding individual venue Tally Sheet, and appropriate verifications. If the information submitted is obtained from online records, it is permissible to "cut and paste" to avoid unnecessary printing and paper.
5. The winner of each award shall be the dog or team with the highest total points for that venue.
6. Awards will be based on a minimum of ONE (1) competition. The maximum number of competitions varies by venue.
7. Competitions do not need to all be within a single trial, race, or pull giving organization.
8. Final standings for all venues, including all submissions, will be submitted to the *Yapper* editor by the upcoming deadline of the *Yapper*.

Annual Most Improved Award Rules

1. This annual award is for improvement from one year to the next in each of the venues recognized by the OWS.
2. The "Competition Year" shall be from June 1st to May 31st of the following year.
3. All results must be postmarked or emailed by July 15th.
4. All submissions for the OWS Annual "Top Dog" Awards will automatically be considered for Most Improved Awards in that venue if they had submitted for that venue the previous year.
5. The winner of each award shall be determined by comparing the point total for the current year Annual Award submission and for the previous year, provided that both years' performances are qualified, verifiable and documented. The greatest improvement in point totals shall earn the Most Improved Award for that venue.
6. The award for Most Improved in each venue shall be earned only when more than one submission for the award is received.
7. The Most Improved Award may be won by the top winner in each venue if that team/individual has the greatest improvement in points from the year before.
8. Most Improved awards will be submitted to the *Yapper* editor by the upcoming deadline of the *Yapper*.

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Annual Award Submission Form

Competition Year: _____

(The award year shall be from June 1st to May 31st)

Dog's name (as you wish it to appear on the certificate include all titles including working titles):

Call name: _____

Do you already have an OWS Plaque (circle one)? YES NO

This form may be used to apply for more than one venue award at a time as long as the appropriate Tally Sheets and Verifications are included.

Submission of this form also enters the dog or team in the Most Improved Awards if a submission was received for the same venue the previous year.

Agility points: _____

Herding points: _____

Obedience points: _____

Rally points: _____

Skijor Racing points: _____

Sled Dog Racing points: _____

Weight Pull points: _____

Owner: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit this form, appropriate Tally Sheets, and Verifications for all competitions to the OWS Statistician, postmarked or emailed by July 15th.

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Achievement Award Rules

1. This award is for cumulative achievement and is awarded to individual Samoyeds who compile points over one or more years of competition.
2. This award may be composed of points from one venue or from a mixture of any of the venues recognized by the OWS.
3. Samoyeds may earn multiple Achievement Awards. Achievement Awards are earned on each multiple of 1000 points. The first award is earned for the first 1000 points, the second for the next 1000 points, etc.
4. Samoyeds qualifying for the Achievement Award must be owned by an OWS member at the time of the award presentation; however the driver or skier (in the case of Sled Dog Racing or Skijor Racing venues) or the handler (in the case of all other venues) does not have to be a member.
5. Points accrued by a Samoyed before the dog's owner became a member of OWS can count towards the Achievement Award provided the appropriate verification for competition points are included when applying for the award.
6. For all venues, the number of competitions counted per year is not limited.
7. Achievement Awards can be submitted at any time during the year. All calculations are the responsibility of each individual member and shall be submitted to the OWS Statistician at the time of award application. Submissions must include the Achievement Award Form, the corresponding individual venue Tally Sheets, and appropriate verification. The owner is responsible for indicating on the Achievement Award form for which level (in multiples of 1000) they are submitting. To avoid submitting duplicate information, the owner may advise the Statistician what year the information was submitted for an Annual Award; and the Statistician will then pull this information with documentation and points. If the information submitted is obtained from online records, it is permissible to “cut and paste” to avoid unnecessary printing and paper.
8. The OWS Statistician will send information on new Achievement Awards to the *Yapper* editor at the same time the certificate is sent to the owner.

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2012-2013 Award Year

Achievement Award Submission Form

Dog's name (as you wish it to appear on the hang tag, include all titles):



Call Name: _____

Do you already have an OWS Plaque (circle one)? YES NO

Level applying for (in multiples of 1000): _____

Total Agility points: _____

Total Herding points: _____

Total Obedience points: _____

Total Rally points: _____

Total Skijor Racing points: _____

Total Sled Dog Racing points: _____

Total Weight Pull points: _____

Total Points (must equal at least 1000): _____

If any of the above points were submitted previously for an Annual Award, indicate here which year, venue and point total: _____

Owner: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit this form, appropriate tally sheets, and verifications for all competitions (if not previously submitted) to the OWS Statistician at:

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