



Alaskan Malamute Club of America Top Twenty Qualifying Rules

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INTRODUCTION: This Gala will honor the Top 20 Alaskan Malamutes, the cream of the crop.

The Gala promotes discussion of the standard, where ideas and views are exchanged. This Gala will be held at the National Specialty.

- I. **STATISTICS AND ELIGIBILITY:** The 20 Alaskan Malamutes eligible for the Top 20 Gala are based on the following:
 - A. Top 20 Points are earned at any AKC All Breed Show, Limited Breed Show, Concurrent Specialty or any Independent Specialty Show where AKC points are awarded. The term "dog" herein shall refer to either dogs or bitches with no preference given. One point is awarded for each Alaskan Malamute defeated by going Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex to the Best of Breed. Tabulation of points will be compiled from the results published by AKC for the period commencing May 1 and continuing thru April 30th of the following year. Corrections published by AKC after April 30th will not be considered.
 - B. Standings will be compiled bimonthly and a list of the Top 20 dogs will be printed in the AMCA Newsletter. Each primary owner of record, who has a dog in the Top 20, will receive notification of the bimonthly report, provided the Top 20 committee. The primary owner may designate someone else to receive the standings by notifying the committee's statistician. Any discrepancies in the final standings must be reported to the Top 20 Statistician before May 31st. All past participants who qualify for the current Top 20 are eligible to be in the showcase.
 - C. A dog is ineligible to be in the Top 20 Gala if any owner(s) or dog of record is suspended from AMCA or AKC (1) as of April 30th, the end of the qualifying year and/or (2) at the time of entry (3) as of the date of the Top 20 Gala. Refunds of entry fees will not be made if ANY owner of record is suspended, and the entry fee has been paid.
 - D. Once the final statistics are published in June Newsletter, this will be the final standing of the Top 20.
- II. **TROPHIES AND ROSETTES**

Each dog entered in the Top 20 Gala will receive a qualifier rosette, being a minimum of two (2) feet in length. Each rosette shall have the entrant's name, entrant's ranking, the date and place of the Gala and the name "AMCA Top 20 Gala" imprinted. The AMCA Logo will be imprinted on the rosette button. The rosette may be any color other than that of Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex or Winners Dog/Bitch. Any qualifying Top 20 owner of record who enters the Top 20 Gala shall have the right to order additional rosettes at a cost to be determined annually by the Top 20 committee.
- III. **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND ENTRY FEES**
 - A. A formal invitation to participate in the Top 20 showcase Gala will be mailed to the primary owner, which is the first-listed owner on the official AKC registration papers of each Top 20 dog, based on the final standings. Included with the invitation will be instructions for entering and stated deadlines for acceptance of entry as well as a copy of the Procedural Rules for that year's Top 20 Gala.
 - B. In order to provide consistency of information for inclusion in the catalog a "Catalog Information Form" will be provided which must be completed in its entirety and returned by stated deadline for acceptance of entry. Submission of any dog information other than on the provided Catalog Information Form will not be accepted.
 - C. The entry fee for dogs in which at least one owner of record is an AMCA member in good standing shall not exceed \$175.00 per dog. The entry fee for dogs whose owner(s) are not AMCA members is not to exceed \$250.00 per dog. To be eligible for the member-discounted rate, at least one owner of record must be an AMCA member as of April 30, the last date of the qualifying period.
- IV. **RING PROCEDURE**
 - A. All qualifiers will be given a ring procedure which is:
 - All Qualifiers will enter the ring as the Top 20 Alaskan Malamutes.
 - Each qualifier will be entering the ring in the reverse order of the standings with Number 20 being first to enter the ring (then Number 19, 18 and 17 etc.),
 - Each dog will be asked to do a go around, free stack or stack and 2 down and backs.
 - Each dog will then get 3 minutes to showcase their dog to music.
 - B. After all dogs have performed, the Qualifier will be handed out and each dogs bio will be read (including dogs that are absent)
 - C. Following the showcase, a dinner will be provided, each qualifier receives 1 free ticket, additional tickets can be purchased.

V. CATALOGS

A catalog will be printed for this Gala. At the discretion of the Top 20 Committee, sponsors for the Gala may be allowed a one-page ad in consideration of their sponsorship. The catalog must include, but is not limited to, the following:

- A. The cover shall consist of the Top 20 GALA logo, the words TOP TWENTY GALA, the Gala date and city where the Gala is held.
- B. A list of the final Top 20 dogs in descending order and a listing of the Top 20 dogs that are participating for the current year.
- C. A two-facing page spread of each entrant in the final Top 20 standings who has paid the required fee. The catalog pages for each participant will be published in a first received, first presented order and be a consistent format. There will be no further charge to entrants for these pages.
 1. The left-hand page shall have the name of the entrant, names of owner(s) and breeder(s) and a write-up about that dog, furnished by the primary owner (even-numbered page).
 2. The right-hand page shall have a full body photo of the entrant and a four (4) generation pedigree, including the dog's date of birth (odd-numbered page).
 3. Each dog will be issued an armband number that will correspond with the odd-numbered page of the entrant in the Gala catalog.

VI. MANDATORY MEETING FOR OWNERS/EXHIBITORS/HANDLERS & ORDER OF COMPETITION

A mandatory meeting will be held prior to the Gala at a time and location determined and announced by the committee. Sufficient notification of any change to the time or location of this meeting will be announced. The purpose of this mandatory meeting is to provide specific instructions regarding the Gala.

Only one (1) representative, per dog, shall be allowed at the mandatory meeting. This representative may be an owner or the person exhibiting/handling the entrant.

VII. FUNDRAISERS

The Top 20 Committee retains the right to establish additional fundraiser event in any given year. The primary purpose of any fundraiser is to provide financial support for the Gala to cover expenses and help reduce entry fees for the participants.

The Gala committee may charge a nominal spectator admission fee person for those spectators who do not attend the Top 20 hospitality function. In any year when admission may be charged, entrants in the Top 20 Gala shall receive 4 complimentary tickets for admission only.

VIII. CANCELLATION OF GALA: At any time the entry drops below 12 entrants, the Gala may be cancelled for that year.