

## National Cesky Terrier Club of America Conformation Points System

*The NCTCA Conformation Points System is used to earn an NCTCA Championship title on a Cesky Terrier. The NCTCA system is modeled after the AKC system.*

### Requirements for an NCTCA Championship

To become an NCTCA Conformation Champion your Cesky:

- Must be at least 6 months old
- Must be registered with AKC/FSS or another FCI accredited dog registry
- Must earn a total of 15 points; this will include at least 2 major wins of 3, 4 or 5 points. The two major wins must be awarded under two different judges, and a third judge must have awarded at least 1 other point out of the 15 required
- Show sheets with signatures must be sent to the Show Points Monitor for recording with the NCTCA.



### Earning Conformation Championships with Other Organizations

In addition to earning an NCTCA title, Cesky Terriers can also earn conformation titles with different rare breed show organizations (e.g., ARBA, CKC, UKC, etc.). The point systems may differ from one sanctioning body to another. Please check with each club regarding their requirements. Points towards a championship with these organizations can be accrued concurrently toward a title in both that organization, and NCTCA.

### Classes You Can Enter at a Dog Show

There are different classes offered at dog shows. These may vary from one show organization to another, in terms of age designations and eligibility requirements. Age determinations are based on age on the first day of the show.

Regular classes that may be offered at a dog show include:

- Puppy (sometimes broken down to age groups, such as 6-9 months, 9-12 months)
- 12 to 18 months (non-champions within this age bracket at the time of the show)
- Novice (dogs that have no points toward their championship and have not won three first prizes in the Novice class, or a first prize in any but the Puppy classes)
- Bred by Exhibitor (non-champions, 6 mos. or older, exhibitor/handler must be both a breeder of record AND an owner/co-owner of record)
- American Bred (non-champions, 6 months or older, whelped in the US)
- Open (6 months or older, not yet a Champion with the organization sanctioning the show)

Special Classes: In addition to the above regular classes, at NCTCA National and Regional Specialties, a non-registered Veterans Class may also be offered for dogs 7 years of age and up. Entrants may be neutered, and are not eligible to earn points. Depending on the show format, they may or may not compete for Best of Breed. Dogs entered in Veterans are eligible to compete in regular classes as well, provided they meet the eligibility requirements for that class.

## **Determining Whether to Enter as a Champion (or “Special”) or an Open**

### For NCTCA Regional and Specialty Shows ONLY:

When showing at an NCTCA Specialty or NCTCA Regional Show, any Cesky who is an NCTCA Champion must enter as such, even if the sanctioning body holding the show did not award the Championship points. Non-NCTCA Champions who hold a championship with another organization (e.g., a dog that earned ARBA certificates to complete an ARBA championship, but did not earn enough points to complete an NCTCA Championship) would be shown in Open, unless the show is hosted by the organization in which they completed the championship.

### For all other shows, including additional shows on a Specialty weekend that are not designated as Specialty Shows:

Only the dogs that hold a Championship title with the sanctioning body will be shown as Champions. The dogs without a Championship title for this sanctioning body would have to show in regular classes as Opens (or non-champions).

## **Judging Sequence and Awards at a Dog Show**

- 1) Males and females who have not yet earned a championship are judged separately within their classes.
- 2) The winners of both sexes from each class then compete for Winners Dog (WD) and Winners Bitch (WB) awards.
- 3) WD and WB compete with any Champions of Record of both sexes for Breed Competition awards.
- 4) The judge decides the following Breed Competition Awards:
  - a) Best of Breed (BOB) – selected between the WD, WB and Champions of both sexes.
  - b) Best of Opposite Sex (BOS) – selected between the WD or WB, and Champions of the opposite sex from the BOB winner (e.g., if a male is selected as BOB, BOS will be chosen between the WB and any female Champions)
  - c) Best of Winners (BOW) – selected between the WD and WB only. If there are no Champions shown, the BOW becomes the BOB.
- 5) The Best of Breed winner goes on to compete in the Terrier Group, against other terriers who have won BOB in their breed competition
- 6) The judge selects Group winners (Group 1,2, 3, 4)
- 7) The Terrier Group 1 winner goes on to compete with Group 1 winners from other Groups (Working, Herding, etc.) for Best in Show (BIS). In some organizations, Reserve Best in Show (RBIS) or Best in Show Runner Up is also awarded to the runner up of the BIS winner.

**Note:** For Match Shows, Best in Show is sometimes referred to as Best in Match.

*Note: In some shows, such as an AKC Fun Match, your Cesky may be shown in the Miscellaneous Group. In Miscellaneous, all breeds go into the ring at one time and are not broken into separate groups or breeds. The rules for earning points described below apply to this type of show as well.*



## Earning NCTCA Points

The Winners Dog (WD) and Winners Bitch (WB) are the only dogs in the show who can acquire points towards their Championship.

### Winners Competition Points

The number of points your dog can earn in Winners Competition is based on the number of dogs he defeats.

### TABLE OF POINTS

<b>Points</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b># of Dogs</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b># of Bitches</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

*Note: Number of dogs includes your dog*

5 Points is the maximum number that a dog can win during any single show.

Using the table above, if there are 3 dogs competing, and your dog wins WD, go to “# of Dogs 3.” Look at the points listing above and you see that he earns 2 points. That is because he defeated 2 competitors.

### Breed Competition Points

The BOW is awarded the higher number of points awarded in the Class Competition.

#### **Example:**

*The Winners Bitch (WB) won 5 points in the class competition. The Winners Dog (WD) only won 3 points, but went on to win the BOW in the Breed Competition. He receives the total of 5 points (not in addition to the 3 points he earned, but instead of the 3 points he earned). The Bitch will also retain the 5 points she has won in Class Competition. This would give the WD (and, in this scenario, the WB also) a 5 point major.*

If a Class dog (WD) or Class bitch (WB) wins the BOB over the Champions, the number of Champions of both sexes are counted in the point schedule.

If a Class dog (WD) or Class bitch (WB) wins the BOS (Best of Opposite Sex) over the Champions, the Champions of the same sex are counted in the point schedule.

### Group Competition Points

Ways to win points in Group competition include:

1. If your Cesky wins a group 1 in the Terrier group, the dog is awarded the highest number of points awarded to any of the other dogs in the group competition.

#### **Example:**

*The Kerry Blue Terrier beat 7 Kerry Blue Terriers in his breed and you were the only Cesky Terrier in the show. You take Group 1 over the Kerry Blue. Even though you won no points in breed competition, your dog earns a 5 point major (since the Kerry had earned 5 points).*

2. Your Cesky may also earn points by winning a group 2, 3, or 4.

#### **Example:**

*Your Cesky Terrier wins a group 2 and there were 7 terriers total in the group. This means your dog beat 5 other dogs and won a 5 point major. Any win in the group can give you a 3, 4 or 5 point major by beating the correct number of dogs. See Table of Points on this page.*



### Best in Show, Best in Match, Reserve Best In Show, Best in Show Runner Up Points

Any winner of BIS, BIM, RBIS, BISRU will be an automatic 5 point major, if your dog has not already achieved this major in the wins through Class or Group wins.

### **Show Sheets and Recording Your Dogs Points**

Please have your show sheets filled out completely. If for some reason judges are not allowed to sign these sheets (some kennel clubs do not allow this), go to the Show Chairperson and ask them to sign the sheet. If you take a photo of your win, please include this with your show sheet so it can be placed in the next show report in the NCTCA Newsletter.

If for some reason you forget to have a show sheet signed, please include the address (and phone number if possible) of the show organization and contact person, so the win can be verified before being posted to your dog's show points record.

At an NCTCA Specialty or Regional, a judge's signature or show chair signature is not required. But you must fill out a show sheet with the correct information on your dog and the correct wins. These will be reviewed against the judge's sheets for accuracy, and the points posted to your dogs show points records.

Please mail all show sheets and show information to:

*Barbara Tubbs  
NCTCA Show Points Monitor  
1108 Kingsland Ct.  
Fruit Cove, FL 32259*



### **Receiving Your Championship Certificate**

Your dog's NCTCA Championship Certificate will be issued to you after verification of all points. A list of Yearly Champions will be announced at the awards dinner at the NCTCA Specialty for that year.