

REGISTER OF MERIT (ROM)

ROM General Rules

- A. There are two separate types of Registry of Merit to be earned by sire or dam, whether currently living or deceased (retro-actively). One is the Registry of Merit Conformation, or ROMC, and the other is the Registry of Merit Performance, or ROMP. Any sire or dam whose get meet the requirements of both the ROMC and ROMP combined would then be automatically recognized with a Registry of Merit Excellent, or ROMX.
- B. The person submitting data for qualifying a dog or bitch for any ROM title is responsible for providing all documentation to substantiate the information.
 1. The deadline for submitting any ROM application is six (6) weeks prior to the start of the National Specialty for that award year. Applications received later than six (6) weeks prior, will not be reviewed and awarded until the following year.
- C. The person applying for the ROM must submit a completed application form (contact ROM Registrar for proper application form) and all documentation for verification of the following information:
 1. The registered name and AKC number of the dog or bitch applying for the ROM.
Documentation: Copy of AKC registration along with four-generation pedigree.
 2. Proof of hip clearance by either OFA or other approved registry.
Documentation: Copy of OFA certificate or other written documentation of clearance.
 3. Litter registration numbers and name, date of whelping and AKC number of sire/dam of each specified litter necessary for qualification for either ROMC or ROMP.
Documentation: Copy of records currently kept to satisfy the American Kennel Club's Chapter 4, Rules applying to registration and discipline.
 4. Registered name and AKC number of the get specified on application for qualification and/or for all points earned for both ROMC and ROMP.
Documentation: Copy of AKC registration papers or other verifiable source (see #5 below for suggested verification sources).
 5. Verification on championship and all other titles and/or wins as found in *AKC Gazette*, *SCA Bulletin*, copy of certificates from AKC or SCA; "certified" marked catalogs; show pictures; ribbons earned, etc. will be acceptable subject to ability to authenticate.
- D. After verification of information and approval of application for a sire or dam for an ROMC, ROMP or ROMX shall be done by the ROM Registrar who will have issued a Certificate or Plaque (ROMX only) to be awarded annually at the Samoyed Club of America, Inc. Annual Awards Banquet and subsequently printed in the *SCA Bulletin* in the Winter issue. The publication shall be done annually so that all breeders may be afforded the opportunity of updating the information on those pedigrees in which the recipients of the ROM's are found.

Conformation/ROMC

- A. ROMC points may be acquired by any Samoyed sire or dam, whether currently living or deceased, who themselves have obtained hip clearance from OFA or other approved registry, subject to the following qualifications:
 1. Sire must have produced ten Champions from no more than five litters.
 2. Dams must have produced six Champions from no more than three litters. Note: Specific litter numbers with date of whelping, and sire/dam must be provided on the application.
- B. Once "qualified" a sire or dam shall accumulate points from ALL get produced (not just those used for qualification purposes). The required points for ROMC shall be as follows:
 1. Sire's get must obtain a total of 100 points.
 2. Dam's get must obtain a total of 60 points.
- C. Points for sire and dams to be earned by all get produced are as follows:
 1. Each Champion Get 5 points
 2. Each verified hip clearance 3 points
 3. Best of Breed, SCA National 3 points
 4. Best Puppy/Best Junior SCA Futurity 2 points

- 5. Best in Sweepstakes, SCA National 2 points
- 6. WD or WB for a 5 point major
(not earned by BOW) or a 5 pt major
earned by going BOB over specials 2 points
- 7. Regional BISS win with a total of 50
or more dogs defeated 2 points
- 8. Best of Opposite, SCA National 1 point
- 9. Winners Dog or Winners Bitch,
SCA National 1 point

Note: Sire and dam will automatically have earned 50% of the necessary points towards the ROMC with their qualifying Champion get. Remaining 50% of the points can be earned by total get produced.

Performance/ROMP

- A. ROMP points may be acquired by any Samoyed sire or dam, whether currently living or deceased, who themselves have obtained hip clearance from OFA or other approved registry, subject to the following qualifications:

Sire must have 25 points earned by five designated get.

Dam must have 15 points earned by three designated get.

Note: Points earned are cumulative. Get earns points for every title achieved in each category at time of application for sire or dam.

- B. Once "qualified" a sire or dam shall accumulate points from only those designated get as follows:

- 1. Obedience Titles 2 points each title earned
 - OTCH 5 points
 - HIT 3 points each
 - CUMULATIVE
- 2. Tracking Dog Titles 5 points each title earned
- 3. Herding Titles
 - 1st Level 2 points
 - Other Levels 3 points each level
 - Herding Championship 5 points
 - HIT 3 points
 - CUMULATIVE
- 4. Agility Titles 2 points each title earned
- 5. SCA Working Titles
 - WS 1 point
 - WSX 3 points
 - WSXM 5 points
 - Any Additional Working Titles 5 points each title earned
 - Top Sled Dog/Bitch 3 points
 - CUMULATIVE