

# Y.A.T.F.S.

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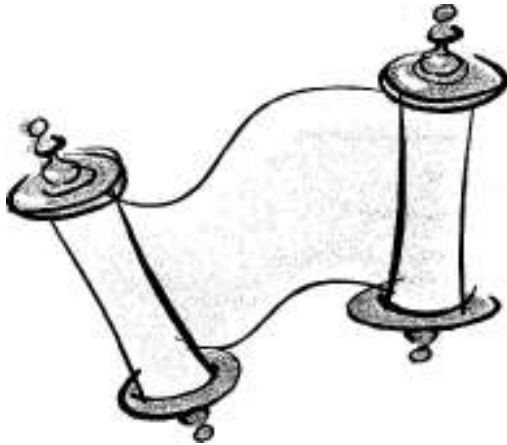
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SECTION #1

Y.A.T.F.S.  
CONSTITUTION

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## Y.A.T.F.S. OFFICIAL CONSTITUTION

This publication contains the official YATFS constitution and the amendments approved November 2005. All previously dated and printed constitutions are made obsolete and void by this publication.

Members are encouraged to keep this handbook for future references. Any future amendments will be of a nature that they can be added to this loose leaf handbook.

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The Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society is a non-profit hobby organization composed of local aquarists and dealers. It was founded in the spring of 1972 for the express purpose of encouraging and promoting the science of exotic freshwater and saltwater fish and plants, assisting new hobbyists, encouraging the breeding and displaying of all aquatic life and acquiring and dispensing aquaria knowledge and literature. All persons interested in aquariums are invited to attend two meetings before making a decision on membership.

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THE CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
YOUNGSTOWN AREA TROPICAL FISH SOCIETY

Approved November 2005

ARTICLE I—NAME.

**Section A—** The organization shall be known as the "Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society", a nonprofit hobby organization.

**Section B—** The name of the society will only be changed with a two thirds membership approval, and shall be governed by Article X of this constitution.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE** The organization is organized exclusively for scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Section A—** The purposes of this organization are to encourage and promote the science of freshwater and saltwater fishes, invertebrates, plants, etc.; to foster the interest of youth in the field; to encourage the breeding and displaying of aquatic life; to advance affiliations between kindred organizations in the United States and throughout the world; to acquire and dispense aquaria knowledge and literature; and to display the fact that ichthyology is a serious, educational and entertaining field and study. Furthermore, the organization believes the earth's natural oceans, rivers, streams and wetlands are precious natural resources and should be protected and conserved whenever possible.

**Section B—** The society shall endeavor to hold regular monthly membership meetings.

**Section C—** The Board of Directors shall endeavor to meet once each month on a separate date from the membership meeting to conduct the society's business and organization.

**Section D—** The official publication of the society shall be known as the Youngstown Aquarist and shall contain pertinent information.

**Section E—** For financial purposes, the fiscal year shall be from January 1st through December 31st.

**Section F -** No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)(3). No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the

corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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ARTICLE 111—MEMBERSHIP.

**Section A**—The organization shall be composed of persons interested in aquatic life as a hobby and, who, having paid the prescribed dues, agree to be governed by the regulations and bylaws and any amendments which may, in the future, be properly adopted and approved.

**Section B**— A visitor may not attend more than two meetings without becoming a member of the society.

**Section C**—Membership shall be divided into the following categories:

**1.—Family**—Consists of all relating or cohabiting residents of a single mailing address; i.e. father, mother, children, siblings and grandparents of a married or unmarried couple living together on a permanent basis and any children of either that live with them. Single members are also included in this category.

**2.—Corresponding**—Members who live more than 50 miles from downtown Youngstown.

**3.—Junior**—Members aged through 18 who do not have a parent or guardian who is a club member.

**4.—Commercial**— Sponsoring businesses and includes a business card size ad in the Youngstown Aquarist and mention on the website. Two designated members of that business are entitled to attend all club functions and benefit from all membership privileges.

**Section D**-- Any member whose conduct reflects against the character of the society shall be notified in writing and entitled to a hearing before the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have final jurisdiction, including expulsion, on the case.

**Section E**—The Board of Directors may offer special membership rates to first time members at special events. This will be posted in a conspicuous manner and announced at the event.

**Section F**— Annual dues become due in the month of January.

1.— Dues will be prorated for the first-time member who joins late in the calendar year by dividing the membership rate by twelve and multiplying that number times the number of remaining months before the next January.





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## ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS.

**Section A—** The elected officers of the club shall be:

- 1.–President
- 2.–Vice President
- 3.–Secretary
- 4.–Treasurer

**Section B—**The Directors shall consist of six (6) elected members serving two year terms of office. Three new Directors are to be elected each year.

**Section C—**The Officers, along with the Directors, shall constitute a 10 member Board of Directors.

**Section D—**One new alternate to the Board of Directors shall be elected each year to serve a two year term of office.

- 1.– In the event of the absence at the BOD meeting the alternate shall acquire all rights and responsibilities of a regular member for that meeting only.
2. In the event not enough members run for election, the President shall appoint an alternate, with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 3.– If a Director, with time remaining on his/her term of office, should be elected to another office or resigns, the alternate elected in the same year would fulfill the remaining term of duty as a Director.

## ARTICLE V—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

**Section A—**The annual election of Officers shall be held at the regular membership meeting in the month of June, and the newly elected Officers shall take office immediately following the election at the June meeting.

**Section B—**Any member who is in good standing, aged 18 or over, may be elected to either an office or director.

**Section C—** One or two junior members, who have parental permission, may be elected to the BOD and may vote on all issues except those of a legal nature. Such juniors must be at least twelve years of age.

**Section D.—** In the case of a tie in the ballots for any office, the election for that office shall be rerun until the outcome is decided.

**Section E—**The Officers of this society shall hold office for the term of one year.

**Section F—** A family member voting privilege shall include all members of that family 10 years of age and older.

## ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

**Section A**—The President shall preside over all meetings of the society and shall, with the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint all committee chairpersons and positions, except those herein provided to be elected, and shall perform all other duties of an executive nature and manner.

**Section B**—The Vice President shall act for the President whenever the latter is absent or incapacitated in any way, and shall actively assist and cooperate with the President in the performance of his/her duties when called upon by the President to do so.

**Section C**—The Secretary shall keep a permanent readable record of all the proceedings at the meetings of the society, and make reports at appropriate times, make minutes of BOD meetings available to any member who requests to read them, and perform other duties as are generally required of that office.

**Section D**—The Treasurer shall have charge of all monies of the society, which shall be kept in a depository selected by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall keep a regular account subject to the inspection and investigation of any member of the society; and shall submit at the last membership meeting of the calendar year, and at any other time required by the President and/or the Board of Directors, a financial statement of the society; and shall draw and sign all checks and warrants of expenditure authorized by the Board of Directors; and shall keep an updated record of all club property. Upon resignation or expiration of his/her term of office, the Treasurer shall pay and deliver to the successor all monies and other property which shall be in his/her possession or control.

1.— No less than two signatures shall be affixed to any check or draft for money withdrawn from the society's accounts. They shall include the Treasurer and the President and/or another member as designated by the Board of Directors. In no case shall two members living under the same roof cosign checks.

## ARTICLE VII—BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section A**—The Board of Directors shall act as an advisory board to the President and shall constitute a board of arbitration to pass on all matters referred to it by the President and/or the membership.

**Section B**—A one week notice shall be given to the Board of Directors and to the membership before any BOD meeting can be held.

**Section C**—If for any reason a seat becomes vacant on the Board of Directors, and there are no alternates to fill it, the BOD shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next election.

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## ARTICLE VIII—REMOVAL OF AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR

**Section A**—A written and signed petition of charges, made by 5 members, may be presented to the Board of Directors for action. A two thirds majority vote by the Board of Directors is necessary to effect the removal of the Officer or Director concerned. A decision of the BOD may be appealed to the membership by submitting a petition signed by 25% of the current membership numbers. A final decision shall be made at a regular meeting by a two thirds majority of those members present and voting.

**Section B**—Any executive officer or member of the Board of Directors who is absent from two or more consecutive meetings without good reason and/or is delinquent in his/her dues by more than 60 days shall be, upon the request of the President, after approval of the Board of Directors, relieved of his/her position. In the case that the officer is the President, the request must be made by the Vice President or Treasurer.

**1.**— The membership chairperson should advise any BOD member of his/her delinquent dues.

## ARTICLE IX—THE EDITOR

**Section A**—The editor shall be appointed by the President and shall be responsible for the production and issuing of the society's journal known as the Youngstown Aquarist and, with the approval of the Board of Directors, select any committee and/or staff that he/she feels necessary for the discharge of his/her duties.

## ARTICLE X—COMMITTEES

**Section A**—All committees shall consist of a Chairperson and as many members as shall be deemed necessary by the President and Chairperson.

**Section B**—The President shall be an ex-officio (non-official) member of all committees.

**Section C**—It shall be the duty of each committee Chairperson to report to the President and/or the BOD after each committee meeting.

**Section D**—All committees automatically dissolve at the annual election of officers, or are discharged at the completion of their duties.

**Section E**—The following are standing committees currently recognized by this constitution and a brief, nonexclusive outline of their duties.

**1. Auction**—Organizes and oversees all equipment and activities pertaining to the society's auction. Communicates with all auxiliary persons (auctioneers, speakers, etc.) to make the event successful. Works with the editor and publicity chairperson to make sure the event is properly advertised.

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- 2.– Bowl Show—**Oversees the monthly entries and collects fees for the treasurer, procures judges, keeps appropriate records of the competition, forwards the results to the editor of the Youngstown Aquarist, arranges for awards and presents awards in a timely fashion.
- 3.–Exchange Editor—** Obtains publications and journals from other clubs and like organizations. Works with the editor to be sure appropriate groups are receiving the Youngstown Aquarist. Reviews/ refers articles of interest to the editor for reprint value.
- 4.–Hospitality—**Organizes and oversees refreshments at the monthly meetings. Provides food when authorized by the Board of Directors.
- 5.–Membership--** Oversees the membership thusly: The membership chairperson shall accurately account for each member as to dues paid, making every effort to collect said dues. He/she shall also issue membership cards, notifying those who are delinquent in paying dues. Additionally, notifying the President should one of those delinquencies be an Officer or Board of Directors member. This chairperson shall make regular monthly reports to the BOD and transfer all monies collected to the Treasurer. Finally, the membership chairperson should work concurrently with the editor in maintaining a complete and accurate club membership list.
- 6.–Programs—**Organizes and promotes programs for the regular monthly membership meetings. Works with the BOD to ensure that the speaker has a room (if necessary), has all the equipment necessary for the presentation, and is offered any necessary hospitality. Stores and maintains audiovisual equipment belonging to the society.
- 7.–Publicity -** Works to get the society's activities exposed to the public in every way possible including; placing ads, which have been approved by the Board of Directors in local papers and other magazines, sending out PR letters to appropriate organizations. Also works with chairperson of the auction committee to promote those events to other clubs and the general public.
- 8.–Raffle--** Communicates with the sponsors/donors to obtain items necessary for the monthly and major event raffles. Organizes and oversees said raffles and ensures a fair draw. Turns all monies over to the Treasurer and makes monthly reports for publishing in the Youngstown Aquarist.

## ARTICLE XI—AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

**Section A—** The proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the President and must be accompanied by a petition containing the signatures of 5 members in good standing.

**Section B—** The amendment shall be read, as proposed, at the first general membership meeting following the submission.

**Section C—** The proposed amendment shall then be published in the next issue of the Membership newsletter.

**Section D—** At the first meeting after the publishing of the proposed amendment, it shall be read as proposed and voted upon.

**Section E—** The proposed amendment shall be adopted into the constitution only if it receives a two thirds majority of the votes of the total members present and voting.

## ARTICLE XII—DISSOLVEMENT

**ASSETS AT DISSOLUTION** Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations exclusively for such purposes.

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PROGRAM  
& RULES



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## BAP AWARD PROGRAM

### RULES & CLASSES

THIS SECTION MAKES ALL PREVIOUS ISSUES  
AND INFORMATION OBSOLETE

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# BAP AWARD PROGRAM

## INTRODUCTION

This publication contains the latest revision of the rules and regulations concerning matters that are relevant to the Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society's Breeder Award Program. The rules were approved by the BOD and will take effect March 1st, 2006. All previous handbooks of the rules and regulations are made obsolete by this publication.

## PURPOSE

The purposes of the Breeder's Award Program are:

- 1.—To promote the keeping and breeding of aquarium fish.
- 2.—To recognize outstanding achievement in breeding aquarium fish.
- 3.—To encourage research in the spawning of the more difficult species.
- 4.—To make accounts of breeding success available to all club members.
- 5.—To distribute spawned species to fellow hobbyists.

## ELIGIBILITY

All club members, except corresponding members, that hold "Good Standing" status are eligible for the Breeder's Award Program.

## AWARD LEVELS

The program is made up of nine levels of competency. The levels and requirements are:

**Breeder's Award**-50 points from categories 1 through 14.

**Intermediate Breeder**-100 points from categories 1 through 14.

**Advanced Breeder**-150 points from categories 1 through 14.

**Master Breeder**-200 points from categories 1 thru 14 plus spawning 3 species from 3 different categories on the difficult list or one target species.

**Grand Master Breeder**—All aforementioned requirements plus one species from

the target list or an additional 3 species from the difficult list.

**Grand Master Level II**—All aforementioned requirements plus either an additional target species or 3 additional difficult species.

**Grand Master Level III**-- aforementioned requirements plus either an additional target species or 3 additional difficult species.

**Grand Master Level IV**—All aforementioned requirements plus either an additional target species or 3 additional difficult species.

**Grand Master Level V**—All aforementioned requirements plus either an additional target species or 3 additional difficult species.

In no instance may the same species be used for requirements twice in this program.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Attainment of any of the levels achieved will be recognized in the Youngstown Aquarist and at the general meetings. Award certificates and/or plaques will be awarded as soon as possible at a regular scheduled meeting.

#### REQUIREMENTS

- 1.—Points are awarded for proof of spawning fish in any of the 14 categories plus the target and difficult species. Points may be gained for the BAP only once in each category. Additional points in any category will be listed as "running points" and in the SAP program.
- 2.—Successful spawning is defined as raising 10 fry to 60 days of age. The count begins with the hatch date. In the event that the fry are considered too delicate to survive transportation, a member of the BAP Committee will verify the spawn at 60 days
- 3.—Eggs must be spawned from the breeder's own fish and on his/her own premises and not obtained from another breeder and then hatched.
- 4.—All fry and parents must be maintained on the breeder's premises until turned in on the program.
- 5.—The Breeder's Award Program does not recognize crosses between two different species or hybrids.
- 6.—All fish are to be properly identified by the breeder if possible. If the genus and species is not known, the committee will assist in identifying the fish. Fish will not be awarded points until identified.
- 7.—Mouth brooding cichlid eggs (cat. 2 & 10) are considered hatched 7 days after the spawning date. Final verification would be 67 days after the spawning date.
- 8.—10 points will be awarded for each spawning of any species not covered in the primary program (goldfish, rainbow fish, koi, etc.).
- 9.—Following a successful spawning, it is the breeder's own responsibility to see that his/her points are properly registered.

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## VERIFICATION OF SPAWNING

1.— For all categories the spawning must be verified. This means proof of spawning and raising 10 fry to 60 days of age. Any spawning claim may be investigated at any time by the BAP chairperson or member of the committee. If visual inspection is refused within a 24 hour notice to any BAP committee member, points will not be awarded for said spawn.

2.— For all spawns fish must be:

A.—Free of parasites or diseases.

B.—Free of deformities.

C.—Proper size for age and species of fish.

3.— The property of the breeder must be such that the health and safety of any committee person is not in jeopardy.

4.— For all 5 point categories proof of spawning and rearing 10 fry to 60 days of age can be made by any club member in good standing or at the regular membership meetings.

5.— For all 10 and 15 point categories, verification will be by bringing 10 fry to the next general membership meeting after they are 60 days of age. Verification will be made by the BAP chairperson or another committee member.

6.—For all 20 and 25 point categories verification is done by notifying a member of the BAP committee within 7 days of the spawning. The committee person can decide if a visit to the breeding site is warranted.

7.—For 30 and 50 point categories a 7 day notice must be given to a member of the BAP committee. A visit to the breeding site is discretionary but visual verification of spawning conditions by a committee member is recommended. Should a spawning go unnoticed, the breeder is to notify a BAP committee member as soon as he/she realizes there has been a spawning.

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## REGISTRATION

- 1.—To register a spawning for the BAP program, the breeder must fill out a BAP registration form in duplicate to be ready for the verifier to sign. One copy will stay with the breeder, and one to the BAP chairperson.
- 2.—The breeder must donate four fry or one pair (if the sex of the fry can be determined) at the regular membership meeting. It is permissible to donate them at any one of the annual auctions if the event is near the same date.
- 3.—For all 15 point categories and above, the breeder shall either submit a written report suitable for publishing that will be forwarded to the editor, or deliver a suitable report orally at a regular membership meeting. See the BAP chairperson to schedule oral report.
- 4.—Required signatures on a BAP registration form:
  - A.—One committee signature on any category 1 through 14 spawning.
  - B.—Two committee signatures on category 15 and 16 spawning.
  - C.—On spawning by the BAP chairperson or committee member, they may not verify and sign their own registration form.

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### CATEGORIES & POINT ALLOCATIONS

Category 1	5 points	Any species of livebearer except Half Beaks and Belonosox
Category 2	5 points	Any Mouth brooding cichlid not in Categories 9 & 10
Category 3	10 points	Any species of cichlid not in Categories 2, 9, 10 & 11.
Category 4	10 Points	Any species of Danio or Brachydanio.
Category 5	10 points	Any species of Barb.
Category 6	10 points	Any mop-spawning killifish that aren't considered true annuals, except those on Category 15.
***** report required from here on down *****		
Category 7	15 points	Any species of Anabantid except Chocolate Gouramis, Licorice Gouramies and Bettas.
Category 8	15 points	Any species of Betta except those listed in Categories 15 & 16
Category 9	15 points	Any species of Dwarf Cichlids.
Category 10	15 points	Any mouth brooding species endemic to the Rift Lakes and mouth brooding Geophagus species.
Category 11	20 points	Any species of Angelfish except Altum Angels.
Category 12	20 points	Any species of catfish except those listed in Categories 15 & 16
Category 13	25 points	Any species of killifish considered a true annual or bottom spawning
Category 14	25 points	Any species of Characin (Tetras).
Category 15	30 points	Any species from the difficult list.
Category 16	50 points	Any species from the target list.

## DIFFICULT LIST

- 1.—Any species of Discus (Symphysodon) or Uaru.
- 2.—Neon Tetra or Cardinal Tetra.
- 3.—Any species of Hatchetfish (Gasteropelecidae).
- 4.—Kissing Gourami (Helostoma temminucki).
- 5.—Any species of Silver Dollars or Piranhas (Aserrasalmus, Rooseveltelia, Pygocentrus, Metrynnis, Mylosornma, or Mylopus).
- 6.—Any species of Rasboras.
- 7.—Any species of Puffer (Tetraodontidae).
- 8.—Any species of Whiptail catfish (Loricaria, rhinoloricaria, etc.)
- 9.—Butterflyfish (Pantodon buchholze).
- 10.—Any species of Leaf fish except Polycentrus schomburgkii (Monocirrhus, Polkycentrus, Or Polycentropsis).
11. Any species of Glassfish (Centropomidae).
- 12.—Any species of Goby (Brachygobius).
- 13.—Four-eye (Anableps).
- 14.—Any species of Stickleback (Gasterosteidae).
- 15.—Spotted Headstander (Chilodus punctatus).
- 16.—Chocolate Gourami (Sphaerichthys osphromenoides).
- 17.—Oscars (Astronotus ocellatus).
- 18.—Altum Angels (Pterophyllum altum).
- 19.—Bristlenose Catfish.
- 20.—Any species of Pencilfish.
- 21.—Itherina wemeri.
- 22.—Half Beaks.
- 23.—Belonosox.
- 24.—Betta brownorum, burdigala, coccina, foerschi, persephona, macrostoma, rutilans, & tusryae
- 25.—Papillobias bitter i & Spectolebias semicellatus.
- 26.Spectolebias semicellatus
- 27.—Any "Diapteron" Killie & Aphyosemion jergonsheeli.
- 28.—Any species of Darter.
- 29.—Pygmy Sunfish.
- 30.—Barbus Jae.
- 31.Ctenapoma Nanum, Ansorgeli
- 32.Hypseleotris compressa, cypriniudes, guentheri
- 33.Woodcats (south america)
- 34.Rivulus Madi
- 35.Non-designated species.

A difficult species of the breeder's choice may be submitted for points. The breeder must submit a written request to the BAP committee for approval, which must be approved not less than 1 month prior to the spawn. The request must include the breeder's reason why the species should be considered one of the difficult fish to spawn. This may be done only ONCE to complete the BAP program.

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## TARGET SPECIES LIST

- 1.—Re-tailed Shark (*Labeo bicolor*).
- 2.—Any species of *Plecostomus*.
- 3.—Any *Botia* Loach.
- 4.—Glass Catfish (*Kryptoterus bicin-hus*).
- 5.—Any species of Scats (*Scatophagus*). 6.—  
Any species of *Monos* (*Monodactylus*).
- 7.—Any species of Headstander except *Chilodus punctatus*.

8.—Any Oviparous fish found in saltwater>

In the case of Pipefishes or Seahorses the BAP chairperson must be notified with the receipt of the fish. A waiting period of 60 days will be observed before any spawning will be considered. This is to ensure that the spawning actually occurred in the breeder's tank.

- 9.—Any species of Knifefish (*Notopteridae*, *Xnomystus*, etc.). 10.—Any species of *Sturisoma*.
- 11.—Silver Needlefish (*Xenentodon cancila*). 12.—Any species of Stingray.
- 13.—Any species of Flounder.
- 14.—Any species of Eel.
- 15.—Sculpins (Native & Tropical)
16. *Brochis* catfish
17. Mud Skippers
18. Baby whales & Elephant noses
19. Mad Toms or any native catfish
20. *Synadontis* any species
21. Non-designated species

A target species of the breeder's choice may be submitted for points. The breeder must submit a written request to the BAP chairman for approval, which must be approved not less than 1 month prior to the spawning. The request must include the breeder's reason why the species should be considered in the Target Category.



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## BAP COMMITTEE

The BAP committee shall consist of at least three (3) members who are in good standing with the club. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. The remaining members will be selected by the Chairperson and then approved by the BOD.

### BAP COMMITTEE FUNCTION & AUTHORITY

The committee shall oversee and enforce all rules and regulations governing the BAP program. Among these are verifying spawns and awarding points to qualified breeders in a timely fashion, keeping proper records of spawns and awards, making proper awards to qualified members, presenting the results to the **editor of the Youngstown Aquarist**, reviewing the rules and regulations at least once each year for possible improvements, and reporting to the Board of Directors regularly.

Special rulings may be requested of the committee. Appeals to those rulings may be referred to the Board of Directors and may be modified by a two thirds majority vote by the BOD.

Should the committee ever feel that certain changes may be advisable, they will adhere to the following procedure (No rules may be retroactive).

- 1.—A date for the changes or modifications will be chosen by the committee.
- 2.—The change(s) or modification(s) will be brought before the Board of Directors for their approval.
- 3.—If the BOD approves, the BAP rules must be published and distributed to the membership as soon as practical.

The BAP committee reserves the right to temporarily assign any fish not covered by the program rules to whichever class they feel it appropriate until such time as it can be given it's rightful designation according to the steps outlined above. The points will not be awarded until the species is rightfully identified, but the spawning will be registered as a successful spawning.

When removing any species from the "Difficult" or "Target" lists, the BAP committee **MUST** replace it with at least one other species.

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### SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- 1.— The definition of "family" is outlined in the constitution (Article 3; Section C.).
- 2.— To avoid confusion, children within a family are encouraged to participate separately in the BAP program.
- 3.— Understanding that married couples or partners will often wish to participate in the BAP program jointly, YATFS has made the following provisions:
  - A.— in the event that two people, who are jointly engaged in the BAP program, should be separated by divorce, death, etc.:
    - 1.—Each party will maintain the award level and total points equal to what they had previously earned together.
    - 2.—In the event that the divorced couple remarries they may either:
      - a.—Continue the BAP program where they left off as a partnership, in which case their points accumulated after their dissolution will be null.
      - b.—They may choose to begin the BAP program anew as a couple in which case any points earned previously are forfeited.
- 4.— In the event a member leaves the club, his/her BAP points and standing will be reinstated at any time they choose to rejoin the club.
- 5.— Any member of the society who loses his/her rights as a member in good standing shall lose all points earned in the program. The points may be reinstated if that members again attains the status of "Member in Good Standing" with the Board of Directors and is cleared by the BAP committee.
- 6.— Spawns of the same fish turned in from the same household and submitted by another member of the family must be at least 30 days apart.

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## BREEDER OF THE YEAR

Effective with the year 2003, a Breeder of the Year award will be given. The criteria for this award is as follows.

1. One point will be given for every spawn from Category 1 through 14, and 17, turned in during the calendar year.
2. Two points will be given for each "Difficult" species turned in during the calendar year.
3. Three points will be given for each "Target" species turned in during the calendar year.
4. The "Breeder of the Year" will be determined by the simple addition of all the points earned from the above rules. The award will be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

The BAP Committee wishes to have the Breeder of the Year competition be open to as many members as possible and be as fair as possible for all concerned.

So as not to discourage less experienced members, the committee feels that it would be unfair for the more experienced breeders to submit fish that they have previously spawned and been awarded points for, however, we also realize that any species bred and distributed amongst members is desirable.

Therefore, for the benefit of the more experienced breeder, for every three different species / color varieties that have previously been awarded points may be submitted for one Breeder of the Year "bonus" point. Three spawns must be completed to receive the bonus point. If the three spawns are not within the calendar year, the points will be received in the year that the third spawn is submitted. These bonus points are only for the annual Breeder of the Year competition.

Species spawned for bonus points cannot be turned in the same year as the original spawn and is limited to once a year. In the event that a bonus point is not completed by the end of the year, same species cannot be turned in to complete that bonus point.

The BAP Chairman along with the BAP committee will be responsible for implementing and overseeing the BAP, the SAP and the Breeder of the Year points and records.

Disagreement on any ruling by the BAP Chairman may be appealed to the Board of Directors by sending a written request outlining the grievance to the Club Secretary.

The BOD will then meet and either uphold or reverse that decision. All decisions by the BOD will be final.

Jan 2014

## SPECIES AWARD PROGRAM

### PURPOSE

The purposes of the Species Award Program are:

- 1.—To encourage members with a special interest in certain categories to continue breeding along those lines.
- 2.—To recognize outstanding achievement in breeding a specific category of fish.
- 3.—To distribute spawned species to fellow hobbyists.

### ELIGIBILITY

All club members in "good standing" are eligible for the Species Award Program.

### AWARD LEVELS

This program is made up of 12 categories

.. They and their requirements are as follows:

Cat. A	Livebearers	6 different species or color variations.
Cat. B	Cichlids	6 different species
Cat. C	Barbs & Danios	4 different species.
Cat. D	Killifish	5 different any species
Cat. E	Bettas & Anabantids	3 different species.
Cat. F	Catfish	3 different species.
Cat. G.	Tetras	3 different species.
Cat. H	Angelfish	4 different color variations.
Cat. J	Rainbowfish	4 any species.
Cat. K	Difficult	2 different difficult species.
Cat. L	Target	1 target species.
Cat. M	All Others	5 different species not covered above.

See BAP rules Category 17.

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## MASTER SAP

Must have earned SAP awards in 6 different categories, including 1 difficult SAP award.

## GRAND MASTER SAP

Must have accumulated SAP awards in 9 different categories, including two difficult or 1 target SAP awards.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Attainment of any of the 12 levels, Master or Grand Master levels will be recognized in the **Youngstown Aquarist** and at the regular monthly meetings.

Awards for the SAP classes will be presented at the regular monthly membership meetings for all 12 levels of achievement. Master & Grand Master awards will be presented at the annual Christmas Party.

## REQUIREMENTS

The requirements are the same as previously recorded under the BAP rules with the following exceptions:

- 1.—Different color variations count towards points as well as different species.
- 2.—4 fry or 1 pair (if sex can be determined) must be donated to the SAP auction at a Regular membership meeting, in addition to those required under the BAP rules.
- 3.SAP items must be bagged separately from BAP items for auctions.

## POINT ALLOCATIONS

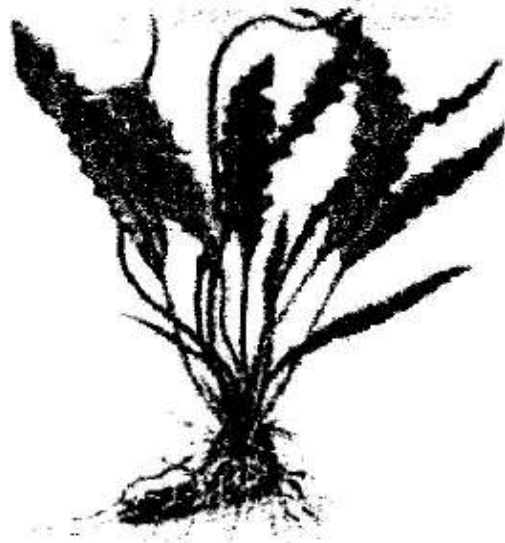
Because the SAP program is only germane to YATFS the points earned cannot be added to the BAP program. However, they will be reflected on the SAP List and in the Running Points Column as published in the **Youngstown Aquarist**. However, points will only be awarded once in the running total. First time spawns will be for BAP totals only, Additional spawns will be reflected in SAP and running totals  
The pointes earned for spawns in the program are the same values as found under the BAP rules

## THE SAP COMMITTEE

The committee for this program is one and the same as for the BAP program. All rules regarding its function and authority and special circumstances are the same as found in the BAP rules.

SECTION #3

# HORTICULTURE AWARD PROGRAM



RULES & REGULATIONS

ADOPTED BY BOD

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## HORTICULTURAL AWARD PROGRAM

### PURPOSE:

The Purposes of the Horticultural Award program are:

- #1-To promote the keeping and propagation of aquatic plants.
- #2-To recognize outstanding achievement in the growing and propagation of aquatic plants
- #3-To gather information and knowledge of aquatic plants and their requirements.
- #4- To identify new aquatic plant species and determine conditions necessary for their growth
- #5-To make accounts of successful growing and propagation techniques available to all club members.

### ELIGIBILITY:

All club members in good standing are eligible for the HAP program.

### AWARD LEVELS:

The program is made up of six levels of competency. They and their requirements are as follows.

**Beginning Horticulturist-** 30 points from the program.

**Aquatic horticulturist-** 100 points OR 15 species.

**Senior Aquatic Horticulturist-** 160 points which include 2 species from Class "C" and 1 species from Class "D" OR 30 species.

**Expert Aquatic Horticulturist--** 240 points including all the aforementioned plus 1 species from Class "E" OR 40 species.

**Master Aquatic Horticulturist-** 300 points including all the aforementioned plus 1 species from Class "F" OR 50 species.

**Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturist**– 350 points including all the aforementioned plus 2 species from Class "F" OR 65 species.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Attainment of any of the 6 levels will be recognized in the Youngstown Aquarist and at the general meetings.

Awards will be presented at the regular monthly club meetings for all 6 levels of achievement.

## REQUIREMENTS:

#1—Any plant reproduced must be an actual aquatic plant: i.e., One which in the wild or natural state can be found in the submerged form as a natural occurrence at some time during the course of any one complete season.

#2— Plants are to be identified. The **Encyclopedia of Water Plants** by Jeri Strodola will be used as the main reference for identification of most plant species, unidentified species will be assigned a code number for recording purposes until correctly identified

#3—Verification and registration of each propagation is required in all classes. In classes A & B, verification can be made by any member in good standing. In all other classes verification must be made by the HAP Chairperson or other committee member.

In the case where the HAP chairperson or other committee member is wishing to register a propagation, another committee member must make the verification.

#4 Classes A through C, and class E, need only to be verified once. Class D & F must be verified twice; once when flowering and again when the young plants are old enough to be identified as being the young of the parent plant.

#5—A written report is required for classes C, D, &F before the points will be awarded.

#6—Following a successful propagation, it is the member's own responsibility to see that his/her points have been properly registered.

## REGISTRATION:



To register a plant for the HAP program, you must fill out the HAP registration form in duplicate and turn it in to the HAP chairperson. One copy will come back to you and the second copy will stay with the HAP chairperson.

Then, you must either donate a portion of the plant to the monthly auction or donate a registration fee to the club. These amounts are listed next to each category, in the following section.

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PLANT GROUPING 7 POINT ALLOCATIONS:

Class A ..... 5 points ..... 25 cents

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.-any Azolla sp.        | 7.-any Salvinia sp.      |
| 2.-Any Ceratophyllum sp. | 8.-Any Sagittaria sp.    |
| 3.-Any Elodea sp.        | 9.-Any Ceratopteris sp.  |
| 4.-Any Hygrophilia sp.   | 10.-Any Valisneria sp.   |
| 5.-Any Lemna sp.         | 11.-Any Egewria sp.      |
| 6.-Any Riccia sp.        | 12.-Any Lagarosiphon sp. |

Class B ..... 10 points ..... 50 cents

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| 1.-Any Ambulia sp.                     | 15. Any Nuphar sp.                     |
| 2.-Any Bacopa sp. (except spatterdock) | 16. Any Potamogeton sp.                |
| 3.-Any Cardamine sp.                   | 17. Any Nymphoides sp.                 |
| 4.-Any Cabomba sp.                     | 18. Any Rotala sp.                     |
| 5.-Any fontinalis sp. (coldwater)      | 19. Any Utricularia sp.                |
| 6.-Any Heteranthera sp.                | 20. Any Eleocharis sp.                 |
| 7.-Any Hydrilla sp.                    | 21. Any Samolus sp.                    |
| 8.-Any Limnophila sp.                  | 22. Pygmy Chain Swordplant.            |
| 9.-Any Lobelia sp.                     | 23. Chain of Stars                     |
| 10.-Any Ludwigia sp.                   | 24. Any Acorns sp. 25.                 |
| 11.-Any Hydrocotyle sp.                | Any Lilaeopsis sp.                     |
| 12.-Any Myriophyllum sp.               | 26. Any Marine Macroalgae.             |
| 13.-Any Nitella sp.                    | 27. Pond Plants ( that grow with roots |
| 14.-Any Najas sp.                      | in the water; marginal plants          |
|  | not accepted)                          |

Class C ..... 15 points ..... 75 cents

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|--|--------------------------|
| 1.-Any Aponogeton (except Madagascar<br>Lace Plant)    | 6. Any Isoetes sp.       |
| 2.-Any Cryptocoryne sp.                                | 7. Any Pistia sp.        |
| 3.-Any Echinodorus ( except Pygmy<br>Chain Swordplant) | 8. Any Marsilea sp.      |
| 4.-Any Eichhornia sp.                                  | 9. Didipilis diandra     |
| 5.-Any Bobotis sp.                                     | 10. Microsorium pteropus |
|  | 11.- Trapa natans        |

Class D . . . . .	20 points . . . . .	\$1.00
1.-Any Aldrovandia sp.		4. Ottellia alismoides
2.-Any Anubias sp.		5. Cape Fear Spatterdock
3.-Any Legenandra sp.		6. Madagascar Lace Plant

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Class E—Flowering . . . . . 25 cents  
Extra points will be given for plants which flower for you. Flowering will be considered the same as propagation of the plant. The points awarded will be the same as the plant would earn in it's designated class. (For example: Cabomba + 10 points for doubling the original mount plus 10 points for flowering)

Verification must be done when the plant is in full bloom. The flower must be attached to the aquarist's own plant in his/her own aquarium, in his/her own house.

Class F—Sexual Propagation. . . . . 50 cents

The sexual propagation of a plant will be given extra points. The points awarded will be the same as the plant would have earned in it's designated class. (For example Cabomba = 10 points for doubling the original amount, plus 10 points for flowering, plus 10 points for the seeds collected and grown.)

TYPES OF PLANT REPRODUCTION:

- 1.—Floating plants—doubling the original amount.
- 2.—Bunch Plants—Doubling the original amount, to be determined by root count of the growing plants.
- 3.—By Runner or Division— One healthy plant capable of living independently from the parent plant while the parent plant is still alive and in good health. Bunch plants are not allowed in this category.
- 4.—Sexual reproduction—One plant reproduced by sexual means from the aquarist's own parent plant.
- 5.—Flowering—Extra points will be awarded for plants which flower. Verification must be done while the plant is in full bloom. The flower must be attached to the member's own plant in their own house.

HAP COMMITTEE:

The HAP committee shall consist of at least 3 members who are in good standing. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the President. The remaining members shall be selected by the Chairperson, then approved by the BOD.

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## FUNCTION & AUTHORITY OF THE HAP COMMITTEE:

The committee shall oversee and enforce all the rules and regulations governing the HAP program. Among these are: verifying and awarding points to qualified members in a timely manner, keeping proper records of the awards, making proper awards to qualified members, publishing the results in the **Youngstown Aquarist**, reviewing the rules and regulations of the program at least once each year for possible improvements, and reporting to the Board of Directors regularly.

Special ruling may be requested by the committee. Appeals to those rulings may be referred to the Board of Directors and may be modified by a two thirds majority.

Should the committee ever feel that certain changes in the rules may be advised, they will adhere to the following procedure and no changes will be retroactive:

- 1.-A date for the changes or modifications will be chosen by the committee.
- 2.–The changes or modifications will be brought before the Board of Directors  
If it is approved there, then:
- 3.–The proposal, with the effective date, will be published in a conspicuous manner in the **Youngstown Aquarist** at least 3 months preceding the effective date.

The HAP committee reserves the right to temporarily assign any plant not covered by the program to whichever class they feel appropriate until such time as it can be given its rightful designation according to the steps outlined above. The points will not be awarded until this time but the plant will be registered as a successful propagation, etc.

## SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO THE HAP:

- 1.- The definition of a "family" is outlined in the Constitution. Art. 3, Sect. C
- 2.–To avoid future confusion, children within a family are encouraged to participate separately in the HAP program.
- 3.–Understanding that married couples or partners will often wish to participate in the HAP program jointly, YATFS has made the following provisions.
  - A.– In the event that 2 people who are jointly engaged in the HAP program

should be separated by divorce, death, etc.:

I.– Each party will maintain the award level and total points equal to what they previously earned together

II.– In the event a divorced couple remarries, they may either, continue the HAP program where they left off as a partnership, in which case any points accumulated after their dissolution will be null OR—they may choose to continue their participation separately.

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III. In the event of a new marriage/partnership, the newly joined couple can elect to: participate in the program separately, whereby the previous HAP participant shall retain his/her points—OR—they may choose to begin the HAP program anew as a couple, in which case any previously earned points are forfeited.

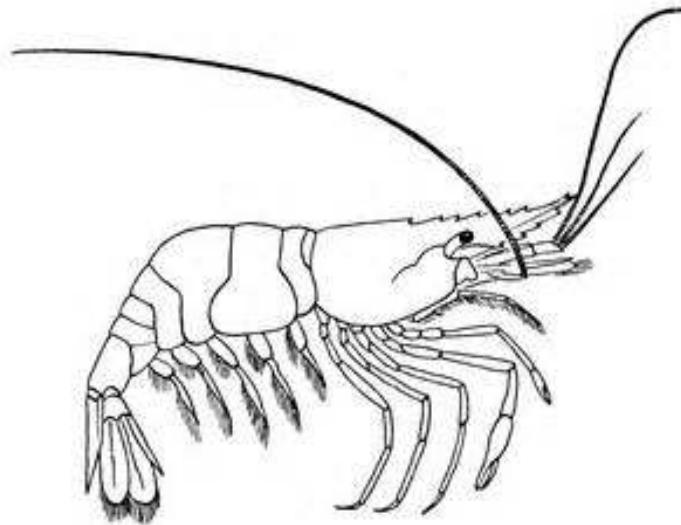
4.—In the event a member leaves the club, his/her points will be reinstated at any time that they rejoin the club.

5.—Any member of the society who loses his/her rights as a "member in good standing" shall lose all points earned in the program. The points may be reinstated if the member again attains "Good Standing" status with the Board of Directors and is cleared by the HAP committee.

# IAP

INVERTEBATE AWARD PROGRAM

## RULES & REQUIREMENTS



Follows the same guidelines as the BAP with the  
exception of the following changes

# Award levels

Titles	Required
Beginner	5
Novice	10
Advanced	20
Expert	35
Master	50
Grand Master	75
Supreme	100
Grand Master	

# Verification of Spawn

- IAP Chairperson and committee have the right to investigate any spawning
- Rare spawns need to notify IAP Chairperson within 2 weeks of spawn
- Rare spawns are determined by the fair market value of the invertebrates: \$10 or more in value per specimen
- 2 copies of IAP report 1 for IAP chairman 1 for you
- Get both signed

# Requirements

## Awarding spawn points

10 Invertebrates donated

Fill out the IAP Spawning Form

## Rare Spawns

Only donate 5 Invertebrates

Donate \$20 instead of donating Invertebrates

Don't have to bring to club meeting

IAP committee member must approve

Take pictures

## Corals

Donate % of the market value instead of the corals

IAP committee member must approve

Take pictures

Y.A.T.F.S IAP AWARD FORM

SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
BREEDING DATE OF SPAWN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF FREE SWIMMING \_\_\_\_\_

COMMON NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TECHNICAL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

INSPECTION DATES      MONTH                      DAY                      YEAR  
1      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_  
2      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

CONDITION OF BREEDERS:  
AGE \_\_\_\_\_                      TEMP \_\_\_\_\_  
SIZE \_\_\_\_\_                      TANK SIZE \_\_\_\_\_  
FOOD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CARE OF EGGS:  
APPROX. NO \_\_\_\_\_                      SIZE \_\_\_\_\_  
INCUBATION TIME \_\_\_\_\_                      COLOR \_\_\_\_\_  
FUNGICIDE ADDED \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION ON BREEDING  
TANK SIZE \_\_\_\_\_                      PH \_\_\_\_\_  
TEMP \_\_\_\_\_  
NO OF MALES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO OF FEMALES \_\_\_\_\_

CARE OF FRY  
TANK SIZE \_\_\_\_\_                      TEMP \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE WHEN MOVED \_\_\_\_\_                      TEMP \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NO OF YOUNG AT 60 DAYS \_\_\_\_\_                      DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
APPROX AVERAGE SIZE OF FRY AT  
60 DAYS OF AGE \_\_\_\_\_

SPAWNING REPORT SUBMITTED: YES \_\_\_\_\_  
(FOR RARE SPAWNS)

NOT REQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE FILL OUT IN DUPLICATE. ONE FOR IAP, AND ONE FOR YOUR RECORDS.  
USE BOTTOM SPACE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

SIGNATURE OF BAP/IAP COMMITTEE PERSON \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
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