

# Scoring Guidelines

## South Central Puppy and Handler Contest

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### Introduction

The contest will consist of multiple categories held over several days. Each category has a set number of points. The sum of the points for all categories determines the winner.

Olympic Scoring will be utilized for all categories. For each contestant on each category, the highest and lowest judges score will be eliminated and the average of the remaining judges will be utilized as the contestants score for that category.

Judges are encouraged to take notes and provide feedback for all contestants. Copies of the judge's feedback and scores for each contestant will be mailed after the contest. Contestants will only receive their scores and feedback, not that of other contestants.

All categories are mandatory, including the Meet & Greet on Friday and the Victory Brunch on Sunday. Special provisions may be made for Meet and Greet in the event of preapproved scheduling concerns or unexpected travel delays.

In all categories and during the weekend, attire is what the puppy or handler is comfortable with for that category (that is legal for the venue). It is recommended that the contestant utilize the opportunity to wear different attire to show different aspects of themselves to the judges.

### Categories and Points

Meet and Greet: Friday Evening. Included in Lifestyle/Image, below.

- Contestants meet the Judges and others involved in the contest.
- First opportunity for the contestants to make an impression.

Fantasy: Friday Night during entertainment: 75 points.

- Fantasy scene of 3:00 to 4:00 minutes.
- Points may be deducted if the scene is too long or too short.
- Must be related to being a puppy or handler, otherwise open.
- Contestant may but is not required to provide a soundtrack.
- A narrator is available to read a script if that is desired.
- It is expected that most contestant's fantasies will be separate. In the event a puppy and handler couple are both competing, with advance notice they may choose to do one fantasy together. In this situation, both the puppy and handler are individually graded by the judges at the same time.

- Outside of the above, a contestant is not permitted to be a participant in another contestant's fantasy.
- Contestant may have up to two assistants helping with their fantasy, or more assistants with permission of the producers.
- Contestant is responsible for providing any props for the fantasy.
  - Assistance with placing props before the fantasy is available for small props – contestant must provide stage hands for large props.
  - Setup and takedown must be quick and is not timed – it is in addition to the scene time.

Pop Questions: Friday or Saturday Night: 25 points.

- Contestants will be asked one humorous and one serious question on stage.
- A contestant's pop questions may be anytime during the Friday evening entertainment but will not be immediately before or after the contestant's fantasy.
- If entertainment is time constrained, pop questions may move to Saturday after the contestant gives their speech.

Mosh: Friday Night: Included in Lifestyle/Image, below.

- There will be multiple moshes during the weekend. It is possible the mosh that is judged may move.
- Contestants must attend the event mosh Friday evening from 10:00 to 11:00pm
- The puppy or handler will be judged on how they interact with others.
- There is no requirement on how the puppy or handler participate, only that they do participate.

Interview: Saturday Morning: 150 points.

- Each contestant will have a 15-20 minute private closed door interview with the judges
- Questions may include the contestants interest in puppy, other fetishes, ability to represent the title, and other subjects the judges believe will help them select the right candidate.

Speech: Saturday Night: 100 points.

- Contestants will give a 2:30 to 4:00 minute speech on a subject of their choosing.
- Points may be deducted if the speech is too long or too short.
- Attire is whatever the contestant is comfortable represents them as a puppy.

Lifestyle / Image: Friday and Saturday: 75 points

- Overall observation of the puppy or handler over the course of the weekend, including their ability to represent the title and community at the winner.
- Points awarded based on judge's observations of the puppy or handler outside of the above categories that award points.
- Contestants should make an effort to spend a few minutes speaking with each judge in a public setting outside of the contest segments.