

The British Flyball Association



BFA Young Members Award Scheme

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Introduced in 2005, the BFA Junior Handler Awards have traditionally been an annual competition with two age groups and trophies awarded to third place. The new Young Members Award Scheme will reward all participants with a milestone award scheme for all members aged 6 to 18.

Points are earned in all aspects of Flyball including contribution to team, ring party duties and racing; these young people may become the qualified judges of the future with an all-round in-depth knowledge of the sport.

The awards seek to take the names from previous successful juniors who have achieved 1st place in the Annual Competition along with a precious metal or gemstone, as follows: No two awards will have the same surname.

100 points Silver Aubrey-Wilson Award (Certificate)

200 points Gold Merryman Award (Certificate)

500 points Platinum Frost Award (Certificate)

1000 points Pearl Knott Award (Certificate)

1500 points Jade Mills Award (Certificate)

2000 points Sapphire Jennison Award (Certificate and small Glass Award)

2500 points Diamond Barnard Award (Certificate and small Glass Award)

3000 points Opal Anderson Award (Certificate and small Glass Award)

3500 points Topaz Novasio Award (Certificate and small Glass Award)

4000 points Emerald Short Award (Certificate and small Glass Award)

5000 points Ruby Barraclough Award (Certificate and medium Glass Award)

6000 points Amber Reynolds Dobson Award (Certificate and medium Glass Award)

From 7000 points onwards the Milestone awards will take the **surname** of the person reaching the required points first adding a **precious gem** of their choice.

7000 points (Certificate and medium Glass Award)

8000 points (Certificate and medium Glass Award)

9000 points (Certificate and medium Glass Award)

10000 points (Certificate and large Glass Award)

Points are awarded as follows;

100 points (equal to the 1st milestone certificate) when a BFA member aged between 6 and 18 has been an active member of a registered BFA Flyball Team or Teams for a year, the active team member points can only be awarded once, and require authorisation by the members Team Captain. (this award is to allow buy-in to the scheme by the current young members, parents/guardians and team captains, allowing the first certificate to be awarded early in the scheme)

25 points – when a member Judges, at a sanctioned tournament or starters (within a sanctioned tournament). Must be a minimum of 16 years of age for sanctioned tournaments and 16 years of age for starters. (These points are earned per ½ division or a minimum of 7 races in staggered format and should be signed off by the supervising qualified judge).

20 points – when the member is a Handler of a dog in the BFA team at a sanctioned tournament or starters (within a sanctioned tournament). (These points are earned per ½ division or a minimum of 2 races in staggered format and should be signed off by the divisional qualified judge).

15 points – when a member is the Boxloader for a BFA team at a sanctioned tournament, (These points are earned per ½ division or a minimum of 2 races in staggered format and should be signed off by the divisional qualified judge).

10 points – when a member performs ring party duty; either Line judge, scribe or box judge, at a sanctioned tournament or starters (within a sanctioned tournament). (These points are earned per ½ division or a minimum of 7 races in staggered format and should be signed off by the supervising qualified judge).

5 points – when a member performs ball collecting duties for their own BFA registered team, (These points are earned per division ½ division or a minimum of 2 races in staggered format and can be signed off by the Captain of the team)

All BFA Members under the age of 18 remain the responsibility of their parent or guardian whose responsibility it is to ensure the safeguarding of the young person whilst carrying out the roles within a BFA sanctioned ring.

All young members performing ring party duties or divisional judging must be mentored whilst learning the roles undertaken, where possible young members should attend a ring party training seminar in their region. Team Captains must assure themselves that the young member is competent to undertake ring party roles or provide appropriate supervision.

Forms to record the dates, tournament details, tasks completed, signatures and points earned are available from the BFA Awards Co-ordinator upon registration for the scheme and should be retained by the young member.

Milestone Awards can be claimed by the young person using the Points Record Form and providing copies of the logged experience. The Points Record Form should be signed as correct by the parent or guardian and countersigned by the Team Captain. Copies of the completed form should be submitted to the BFA Awards Co-ordinator.