# BSDCC Meritas Program - FAQs

## Who can participate in the Meritas Program?

Anyone who’s been a member of the BSDCC for at least 1 year can participate in the Meritas Program.

## What sports are eligible?

Here’s the list of 14 eligible sports. To be eligible for the Meritas Program, a sport must be managed by an eligible organization. If your sport is not on the list, you can submit a request by writing to: meritas@bsdcc.org

## How many titles does my dog need to obtain a Meritas?

You need one title to obtain a Title Meritas. If you earn several Meritas, you can get the Bronze Meritas and more! Check the table for the calculation of titles. You must provide proof (certificate, photo, ribbon) of your title, podium placement, or achievement.

## Which achievements are eligible for a Star Meritas?

Check the list of special achievements that are eligible for a Star Meritas.

## I don’t see my dog’s title or achievement on the list, what can I do?

The list of sports and achievements is not exhaustive. If your sport or achievement is not there, contact us at meritas@bsdcc.org and we will review your request to see if it meets criteria.

## What is the difference between Title Meritas and Star Meritas?

You can obtain a Meritas in 2 ways, by completing a **title** or a **special achievement.**

1. A **title** obtained in an event sanctioned by an eligible organization, under a judge accredited by this organization, can earn a **Title Meritas**. Here’s the list of eligible titles/organizations.
2. A **special achievement** can earn a **Star Meritas**. Here’s the list of eligible **special achievements** for a **Star Meritas.** You will need to provide proof (copy of certificate, ribbon, medal and/or photo) of your dog’s achievement.

Both types of Meritas count towards a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Meritas.

## I am eligible for a Bronze Meritas. What happens if I can not be at the Meritas presentation?

Your Bronze Meritas certificate will be mailed to you!

## I won a BPISS (Best Puppy in Specialty Show) - does that count?

Yes! All regional or national specialty wins that are listed in the premium list are eligible for a Star Meritas.

## Does a High in Class or a class best time count?

No, only a best score (HIT) or a best time of the **trial** count.

## Do all the HIT (High in Trial) count?

**High in Trial (HIT)** in any sports competition which mentions this award in the rulebook. HIT awarded in a fun match is not admissible.

## My dog is in the Top 10 at my regional sport club. Does it count?

No, only Top 10 based on the CKC model are accepted unless it is a regional, national or international event podium placement.

## What is an eligible organization?

An eligible organization meets several criteria, including the following:

* administrative structure (board of directors),
* record keeping,
* regulations, and
* accredited judges.

## What happens if I apply for a Meritas award after June 1st?

You can apply at any time, but if you apply after June 1st, you will receive your Meritas the following year.