

ROM/ROMX/ROMXX Regulations

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The AWC Register of Merit program was developed to recognize Whippet sires and dams with superior producing ability. This program recognizes specific conformation, racing and coursing titles, keeping with the original purpose of the breed. By utilizing events that already have inspection of disqualifying faults, this proposal provides a fairly simple way for people to utilize several different champion level titles in recognizing superior sires and dams. Following are a list of the titles and venues that will be accepted for the requirements.



ROM/ROMX/ROMXX contributing titles:

- AKC Bench Champion
- AKC Field Champion
- ASFA LCM: Lure courser of Merit or higher titles
- CWA ARX: Award of Racing Excellence
- NAWRA RCh: Race Champion or Supreme titles
- NOFCA CC and CM: Coursing Champion, Courser of Merit
- NOTRA ORC: Oval Racing Champion or Supreme titles
- WRA WRCh: Whippet Racing Champion or Supreme titles
- The “get/offspring” who earns a ROM/ROMX/ROMXX certificate will count as a contributing title for its Sire and Dam's ROM/ROMX/ROMXX title

Qualifying titles and events:

- AKC JC: Junior Courser
- AKC SC: Senior Courser
- AKC MC: Master Courser
- ASFA FCh: Field Champion
- CWA TRP: Title of Racing Proficiency

ROM/ROMX/ROMXX – Effective April 2014

The AWC awards the producing titles of ROM (Register of Merit) ROMX (Register of Merit Excellent) and ROMXX (Register of Merit Excellent Excellent) to Whippets who have sired or produced numbers of bench, race or coursing champions. The American Whippet Club will award the Register of Merit, Register of Merit Excellent and the Register of Merit Excellent Excellent titles to outstanding sires and dams (alive or deceased) when the following requirements have been met:

Register of Merit (ROM)

For any Whippet sire whose offspring have earned a minimum of 15 or any Whippet dam whose offspring have earned a minimum of 7 of the following titles:

Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX)

For any Whippet sire whose offspring have earned a minimum of 25 or any Whippet dam whose offspring have earned a minimum of 10 of the following titles:

Register of Merit Excellent Excellent (ROMXX)

For any Whippet sire whose offspring have earned a minimum of 50 or any Whippet dam whose offspring have earned a minimum of 20 of the following titles:

1. Contributing Titles:

Unconditional Titles: AKC Champion, AKC Field Champion, ASFA LCM, ARM, ARX.

Conditional Titles: CC, CM, ORC, RCH, WRCh. Since these titles are earned in venues where breed disqualifications are not completely inspected, or dogs with disqualifications can title, every dog contributing one of the conditional titles must present proof of an additional qualifying title or attendance in an event where height, eye and bite disqualifications, as described in the AWC breed standard, are examined for.

2. Qualifying titles and events include:

For the above listed events, either proof of title (photocopy) or an official record of attendance can serve to prove the dog has been inspected at least once, for all breed disqualifications.

- AKC coursing (JC, SC, MC)
- CWA racing (TRP)
- ASFA coursing (FCh)
- Proof of competition in the AKC conformation ring.
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3. Contributing Title certificate

A copy of the Contributing Title certificate **MUST** accompany the ROM/ROMX/ROMXX application (proof of AKC Ch, ARX, LCM, etc.). It is up to the applying party to present all necessary documentation for all contributing titles! This is **NOT THE JOB** of the program director and the application **WILL NOT BE PROCESSED** if the paperwork is not complete.

4. Qualifying Title or an official record of attendance

A copy of the Qualifying Title or an official record of attendance **MUST** accompany the ROM/ROMX/ROMXX application where a conditional title is used. It is up to the applying party to present all necessary documentation for conditional titles! This is **NOT THE JOB** of the program director and the application **WILL NOT BE PROCESSED** if the paperwork is not complete.

5. One title in each field of endeavor

Only one title in each field of endeavor to be counted (one racing title, one coursing title, one open field title).

- Conformation: AKC Champion
- Lure Coursing: ASFA LCM or higher, AKC FCh
- Racing: ARX, RCh, ORC, WRCh
- Open Field Coursing: NOFCA CM, NOFCA CC
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6. ONLY two titles count per offspring **WITH the exception of “get/offspring” earning ROM/ROMX/or ROMXX titles themselves.****

ROM awards are granted by application only. The applicant need not be the owner of the dog, but a completed form must be submitted, including proof of all contributing and qualifying titles.

ROM/ROMX/ROMXX APPLICATION

Please refer to the AWC ROM Guidelines for full explanation of qualifying titles. The American Whippet Club will award the Register of Merit Title to outstanding sires and dams when the following requirements have been met:

Register of Merit (ROM)

For any Whippet sire whose offspring have earned a minimum of 15 titles as described in the AWC ROM Guidelines. Only one title in each field of endeavor is to be counted. For any Whippet dam whose offspring have earned a minimum of seven (7).

Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX)

For any Whippet sire whose offspring have earned a minimum of 25 titles as described in the AWC ROM Guidelines. For any Whippet dam whose offspring have earned a minimum of ten (10).

Register of Merit Excellent Excellent (ROMXX)

For any Whippet sire whose offspring have earned a minimum of 50 titles as described in the AWC ROM Guidelines, or any Whippet dam whose offspring have earned a minimum of 20.

Please note that one single dog can qualify multiple times by winning multiple titles, however, THESE TITLES MUST BE IN DIFFERENT VENUES! Multiple field and racing titles do not count double.

ROM/ROMX/ROMXX awards are granted by application only. The applicant need not be the owner of the dog, but a completed form must be submitted. All offspring must be free of disqualifying faults as described in the AKC Whippet Standard.

Submission Information

Applications for ROM/ROMX/ROMXX certificates to be awarded at each year's AWC National MUST be received before February 15th (NO EXCEPTIONS).

Additional Certificates available at \$5.00 each

For each mailed Certificate add \$5.00 - print legibly the name and address of to whom the Certificate is to be mailed.

Make check payable to AWC and mail with application to:

Jenny Boyd, ROM Director
8945 Hope Hill Lane
Apex, NC 27502
racin783@gmail.com

ROM/ROMX/ROMXX APPLICATION

Award: **ROM []** **ROMX []** **ROMXX []**

Nominated
dog: _____

AKC#: _____ Sex: _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Owner(s) of
Dog: _____
(In the case of multiple ownerships, please indicate if a duplicate certificate is required.)

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Qualifying Offspring

List qualifying offspring with AKC champion, field or racing titled confirmations. Only two titles maximum count per offspring. ROM awards are granted by application only. The applicant need not be the owner of the dog, but a completed form must be submitted, including proof of all contributing and qualifying titles.

Examples of acceptable of 'proof of confirmation' are: AKC Progeny Report, copies of certificates verifying titles received. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide proof of confirmation. Please list registered name, title(s) and date title was confirmed. Use extra paper if necessary.

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