

2026 TOP DOG CARTING AWARDS – SINGLE & TEAM

The points for the ARC Top Dog Carting Awards are based on class placements and wins at ARC approved Carting Tests from January 1st through December 31st, as reported to the ARC Carting Coordinator. There are 6 levels of awards: Started; Intermediate; Excellent; Started-Team; Intermediate-Team; Excellent-Team. The points are calculated as follows:

PLACEMENT	The dog must place in a class, then 1 point is counted for each dog defeated in the class, i.e. if a dog was 1st in a Carting Started class that had 10 entries, the dog would earn 9 points - 10 total class entries minus 1 (dog itself). A dog or team can enter and compete at any level. However, while a CS dog can continue to compete at the CS level indefinitely, the ARC Top Dog statistics for the Started level will be calculated using ONLY the dog's first CS qualifying score. (BOD approved 08/09/22)
HIGH IN TRIAL	A HIT win is calculated as minus 1 point from the test's total regular entry as reported to the ARC Carting Coordinator.
RESERVE HIT	<u>This is counted at the ARC National Specialty - Armetale Day ONLY.</u> A Reserve HIT would be calculated as minus 2 points from the test's total regular entry as reported to the ARC Carting Coordinator.
TEAMS	A team counts as one entry.

Dogs must have a minimum of 5 points to be in the final rankings in the Carting Started and Carting Intermediate Levels; in Carting Excellent and all Team Levels, there is no minimum.

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1st Quarter

There were no Carting Tests held during the 1st Quarter 2026.