

# Regulations for the AWDF FCI FH Championship Team Selection

## A. Team Entry Submission

1. **Only AWDF member clubs may submit dog/handler teams for selection to the FCI FH Championship.**
2. An AWDF member club may submit the names of up to **4 handlers/dogs teams** to the AWDF FCI Team Selection Committee.
3. **All handlers must be in compliance with their AWDF member club's selection criteria.**
4. Any Handler name that is submitted by an AWDF member club must be a current member in good standing of that AWDF member club.
5. AWDF member clubs may only submit the **AWDF Declaration Form** and copies of respective score books for each of their handlers to the FCI Team Selection Committee. A legible copy of the dog's official FCI recognized registration/ pedigree may be required. Anything other than the above requested documents sent in for submission will be considered ineligible and discarded.
6. The team will be chosen from **the AWDF member club team submissions**
7. **Deadline for AWDF member club submission of teams is December 10<sup>th</sup>**

## B. Handler/Dog Qualifications

1. All handlers must have a scorebook issued by the AWDF; their respective AWDF member club; or approved by their respective AWDF member club.
2. All dogs must be registered with an FCI recognized registry.
3. According to FCI regulation, if you have a veterinarian's certification for the procedure to remove the testicles, the dog is qualified to participate in the FCI Championship.
4. Only International and National trials and scores authorized by AWDF member clubs will be considered.
5. All dogs must be permanently identified with either a microchip or tattoo. The owner/handler is responsible for supplying a reader to the international events.
6. The qualifying scores must be achieved within 12 months of the current FCI IPO FH event entry deadline.

## C. AWDF/FCI Team Committee Guidelines

1. The Committee Chair will request team submissions from the member club Delegates/Presidents.
2. The Committee Chair will make this request at 1 month and again at 2 weeks prior to club team submission closing date of **December 10th**.
3. The Committee Chair will request volunteers for Team Leader along with team declaration submissions.
4. The AWDF Secretary will be responsible for submission of the AWDF FCI Team entries.
5. The Committee Chair will assist the AWDF FCI Team Leader as necessary.

## D. The AWDF FCI Team will be filled by the following guidelines:

1. The team will be chosen from the member club team submissions. The AWDF FCI Team Selection committee has the authority to select additional dog-handler teams for the FCI FH Team, if there are not enough teams declared by the member clubs
2. The only scores that will be considered for the FCI IPO FH are International and National scores. All applicants must submit two (2) scores of at least 85pts obtained from the following events – FH, FH2 & 170 pts obtained in an IPO FH. If scores from an International Championship IPO FH event are used the score must be at least a 170. The International Championship IPO FH score will then be added to the other qualifying score. In order to determine the placement of the applicants, the two (2) scores will be added together. The following determines the weighted value of the scores:

**FV = Face Value Score**

	FH	FH2	IPO FH
National	85%	FV	FV
International Championship	N/A	N/A	FV

In the case of a tie, the scores will be prioritized in the following order:

- a. International Championship IPO FH
- b. National IPO FH
- c. National FH2
- d. National FH

*\*If a tie still remains, the individual with the highest score in the highest event level will be chosen*

3. The number of each year's team will be decided by the FCI.
4. A total of 3 alternates will be chosen using the same criteria as the rest of the team.
  - a. The first alternate chosen will accompany the team to the Championship
  - b. The remaining two (2) alternates will be utilized as necessary to fill the team.

5. **All handlers selected, including the alternate chosen to travel with the team, must submit a \$250.00 deposit along with the letter of commitment to the AWDF Secretary within five days of notification of making the AWDF FCI FH Championship Team. The \$250.00 deposit will be returned to each handler, upon participation in the event. The alternate must travel with the team to be eligible to have the deposit refunded.**
6. **Once the commitment letter and the deposit have been received by the AWDF Secretary, the Handler/Dog Team will not be allowed to withdraw from the AWDF/FCI Team.**
7. **If a handler/dog team decides to withdraw their name, they will forfeit their deposit and may forfeit any eligibility to declare for an AWDF/FCI team in the future.**
8. **Any exceptions to these regulations must be submitted to and will be reviewed by the AWDF FCI Team Selection Committee and a recommendation will be given to the AWDF Executive Board.**
9. The AWDF FCI Team Selection Committee will recommend a slate of candidates to the AWDF Executive Board within 10 days after the **team submission closing date of December 10th**. The final decision and team announcement rests solely on the AWDF Executive Board.
10. The AWDF Team Selection committee may change the date of declaration submission if necessary. The Committee Chair will notify the AWDF member club Delegates and Presidents of any changes.
11. These rules are subject to change in accordance to current FCI regulations.