

Regulations for the AWDF

FCI IPO Championship Team Selection

A. Team Entry Submission

1. **Only AWDF member clubs may submit dog/handler teams for selection to the FCI IPO Championship.**
2. An AWDF member club may submit the names of up to **6 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 June 10th**
8. The top two eligible dog-handler teams from the AWDF Championships will be included in their member club's team submission for a total of 6 provided these teams meet the criteria stated in Section A. # 3 & # 4.

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 Championship and National Championship 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. All dog-handler teams must submit 2 passing scores with a minimum of 270pts from National championship or International Championship competition.
7. The qualifying scores must be achieved within 12 months of the current FCI IPO FH event entry deadline.
8. All handlers must contact their AWDF member club directly regarding their intent to compete

C. AWDF/FCI Team Selection 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 **June 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.
2. The AWDF FCI Team Selection Committee has the authority to select additional dog-handler teams for the FCI IPO Team, if there are not enough teams declared by the member clubs.

3. The only scores that will be considered for the FCI IPO team are International Championship and National Championship scores. All applicants must submit two (2) scores of at least 270 points obtained from International Championship and/ or a National Championship.
4. The 2 scores will be added together to determine team placement
5. In the case of a tie, the scores will be prioritized in the following order:
 - a. Highest Protection Score
 - b. Highest Obedience Score
 - c. Highest Tracking Score
7. A total of 2 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 alternate will be utilized as necessary to fill the team.
8. **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 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.**
- 9.. **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.**
10. **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.**
11. 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 June 10th**. The final decision and team announcement rests solely on the AWDF Executive Board.
12. 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.
13. These rules are subject to change in accordance to current FCI regulations.