

Club Team Challenge Regulations

For the **AWDF IPO** Championships

1. All handlers must be current members in good standing of their respective AWDF member clubs
2. All handlers must hold a scorebook issued by the AWDF & their respective AWDF member club
3. All dogs must be registered with their AWDF member club.
4. **Handlers must submit entries to their respective AWDF member club official**
5. **Entries will be submitted from the AWDF member clubs only to the AWDF Secretary.**
6. Handlers may compete for a new title; however, no handler may compete at a lower level than his/her current title. *EXCEPTION:* A person can compete at a lower level if the dog entered is **6 yrs of age or older**. These entries are only eligible for awards provided if no other dog entered passes that would be entitled to that award.
7. Club Team Challenge competition will follow IPO rules. The FH competition will follow the standard rules applying to the FH1
8. All dogs entering the AWDF championships must be tattooed or micro-chipped. The handler/owner is responsible for supplying the reader/scanner for their dog at the national championship
9. All entries will be considered as part of their member club team.
10. In order to be eligible for scoring as a team, each member club team must consist of no fewer than 3 members. Each member club team must have at least one IPO I or IPO II entry.
11. To be eligible for individual High in Trial, the handler/dog must have previously trialed in the United States.
12. All dogs and handlers are eligible for individual awards.
13. Final scores for the Club Team Challenge will come from the 3 highest scores distributed as indicated below:
 - The first highest score must come from the I or II level
 - The next highest score must come from the III level
 - The final highest score may come from either the I, II or III level.
14. The top two eligible dog-handler teams are automatically chosen to represent the AWDF at the FCI IPO Championships and are subject to the FCI IPO Team Selection rules. (Note: These top two handlers do not need a second trial to qualify. See FCI IPO Team Selection rules.)
15. The AWDF FCI Team Selection Committee will contact the top two eligible teams to confirm their position on the FCI IPO Championship Team.
16. The AWDF encourages the use of IPO judges with FCI World Championship experience.
17. Only regulation trial equipment is allowed on the trial field at any time.
18. Handlers shall conduct themselves in a sportsman's like manner and practice humane standards of training with special care at public events.
19. The Host club, Trial Chairperson and the AWDF will be responsible for enforcement of these regulations.