

Regulations for the AWDF

FCI IPO Championship Team Selection

A. Team Entry Submission

1. By June 10th each breed club may submit the names of up to 6 handlers-dogs teams to the AWDF/FCI Team Selection Committee
2. Submission of names must include copies of their respective scorebooks.
3. Submission of scorebooks accompanied by the FCI IPO Declaration form will be considered as notice of intent from the handlers.
4. The top two eligible dog-handler teams from the AWDF Championships will be included in their breed club's team submission for a total of 6.

B. Handler/Dog Qualifications

1. All handlers must be current members of their respective AWDF breed clubs and in good standing.
2. All handlers must have only one scorebook issued by the AWDF, their respective AWDF member breed club, or approved by their respective AWDF member breed club.
3. All handlers must have a record of proper sportsmanship conduct for the previous 3 years.
4. All dogs must be registered with their AWDF breed club or with a registry recognized by their AWDF breed club.
5. Neutered males: If you have a veterinarian's certification for the procedure to remove the testicles, the dog is qualified to participate in the FCI Championship.
6. Only national trials and scores authorized by AWDF member clubs will be considered.
7. All dogs must be permanently identified with either a microchip or tattoo. A microchip reader must be brought to the international events.
8. All dog-handler teams must have a minimum of 2 passing scores from national or international competition.
9. The qualifying scores must be achieved within 12 months of the entry deadline.
10. All handlers must be in compliance with their breed club's selection criteria.
11. All handlers must contact their breed club directly regarding their intent to compete.

C. AWDF/FCI Team Selection Committee Guidelines

1. The Committee will request team submissions from the breed club Delegates and Presidents via E-mail
2. The Committee will make this request at 1 month prior to entry close, and again at 2 weeks prior to entry close.
3. The Committee will request volunteers for the position of Team Leader along with team entry submissions.
4. The Committee will be responsible for submission of the AWDF Team entries to the FCI.
5. The Committee will assist the AWDF FCI Team Leader as necessary.
6. The AWDF FCI Team will be filled by the following guidelines:
 - a. 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 qualification rules. (Note: These handlers do not need a second score as stated in B8 above.)
 - b. The remainder of the team will be chosen from the breed club submissions using the highest average score from 2 national and/or international trials within a 12 month prior to entry closing date
 - c. A total of 3 alternates will be chosen using the same criteria as the rest of the team.
 - i. The first alternate may accompany the team to the Championships.
 - ii. The following two alternates will be utilized as necessary to fill the team.
7. The Committee has the authority to select additional dog-handler teams for the FCI Team, if there are not enough teams declared by the breed clubs.
8. The AWDF IPO Team Committee may change the date of entry close if necessary.
9. The Committee Chair will give sufficient advance notice to the breed club Delegates and Presidents of any changes.