

# **Regulations for the AWDF**

## **FCI FH Championship Team Selection**

### **A. Team Entry Submission**

1. By December 10<sup>th</sup> each breed club may submit the names of up to 4 handlers/dogs to the AWDF FCI Team Selection Committee
2. Submission of names must include copies of their respective scorebooks.
3. Submission of scorebooks will be considered as declaration of intent from the handlers.
4. The top two eligible dog-handler teams from the AWDF FH2 Championship will be included in their breed club's team submission.
5. If the top two eligible dog-handler teams from the AWDF Championships have declined their position on the FCI FH Team (to the Trial Committee Chairperson), their breed club may substitute additional handler/dogs.

### **B. Handler/Dog Qualifications**

1. All handlers must be current members of their respective 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. 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 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 reader must be brought to the international events.
8. All handlers/dogs must have a minimum of 2 FH/FH2 scores from national or international competition, scoring 85 points or higher.
9. The qualifying scores must be achieved within 12 months of the entry deadline.
10. In the event there are no eligible candidates, the AWDF FCI Team Committee will open entries to other applicants. Level of competition and highest score will determine acceptance onto the FCI FH Team.
11. All handlers must be in compliance with their breed club's selection criteria.
12. All handlers must contact their breed club directly regarding their declaration of intent.

### **C. AWDF/FCI Team Committee Guidelines**

1. The Committee Chair will request team submissions from the breed club Delegates/Presidents via email
2. The Committee Chair will make this request at 1 month and 2 weeks prior to entry closing date.
3. The Committee Chair will request volunteers for Team Leader along with team entry submissions.
4. The Committee Chair will be responsible for submission of the AWDF FCI Team entries.
5. The Committee Chair will assist the AWDF FCI Team Leader as necessary.
6. The AWDF FCI Team will be filled by the following guidelines:
  - a. Each year the top two eligible dog-handler teams from the AWDF FH2 Championships
  - b. The remainder of the team will be chosen from the breed club team submissions.
  - c. The remainder of the team will be chosen using the highest average score from 2 national and/or international trials within 12 months prior to entry closed.
7. 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 FH Championships and are subject to the FCI FH Team qualification rules.
  - 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.
  - d. The number of each year's team will be decided by the FCI.
8. The Committee has the authority to select additional dog-handler teams for the FCI FH Team, if there are not enough teams declared by the breed clubs.
9. The AWDF FH Team Committee may change the date of entry close if necessary. The Committee Chair will give sufficient advance notice to the breed club Delegates and Presidents of any changes.