

American Working Dog Federation  
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Policy for behavior of dogs and handlers at the AWDF National Championship

This policy is in addition to that provided in the FCI rules, wherein the trial judge can disqualify a handler for unsportsmanlike behavior, and note such disqualification in the dog's scorebook. This decision can be contested by the submission of a written complaint by the handler and signed by a witness to the trial secretary within 8 days.

Any dog that is a danger to the health, safety and welfare of the event participants (human and dog) or spectators at the AWDF National Championship will be subject to disciplinary action based on unsportsmanlike conduct. Note that the trial begins with the draw and continues through the awards ceremony. The transgression will be reported to the Trial Secretary, who will then promptly convene a three member event committee consisting of a judge, AWDF officer, and the Trial Secretary. The handler in question will be allowed to participate in the hearing and bring in witnesses as appropriate. The committee can decide for immediate action including dismissal from the AWDF Championship and additional consequences. The findings of this committee are final. If it is not possible to render a decision at the event, this committee may bring the charges to the AWDF Board of Inquiry for action. Transgressions before the draw or after the awards ceremony may be subject to BOI action pending submission of charges.