

AWDF FCI Team Captain Guidelines IGP and IGP-FH FCI Championships

The AWDF IGP and IGP-FH teams will submit the names of their recommended team captain to the AWDF Executive Board within seven days of when the team is selected. The application must include a short history of experience as a previous team captain, world team competitor, foreign traveler, and general leadership qualities (need not be longer than 100-125 words, 250 words max). The AWDF Executive Board will select the team captain from the nominations submitted by the team. The team captain is an advocate and will support the FCI team but is accountable to the AWDF Executive Board.

The team captain has the following responsibilities:

1. Before the event

- a) review any open entry items and assist to have them resolved (missing tattoo/chips, paperwork, etc.)
- b) assist dog and handler teams in preparation for international competition: current vaccination and handler/dog passport information; hosting country's language, location, monetary conversion, etc.
- c) advise team members in all matters pertaining to their and their dog's well-being while overseas (allowable equipment, training methods, food, medicine, crates, etc.)
- d) oversee obtaining and transporting the team's flag, music, trophies, etc.
- e) organize advance preparations for the team's visit to the host country and arrangements for competition in the Championship. These include:
 1. filing competitor/team information/applications, providing ancillary documentation and payment to the FCI/hosting organization
 2. itinerary for arrival, etc.
 3. air travel reservations as needed
 4. ground transportation to and from the airport to the host hotel as needed
 5. host hotel lodging as needed
 6. team uniforms, with approval by the Executive Board
 7. all competitor and event correspondence, etc.
 8. set deadline for team member arrival at the event

2. At the event

- a) act as spokesperson for the AWDF and the team in all matters pertaining to the team's participation in the FCI World Championship
- b) ensure that the team behaves in a sportsman-like manner and that all competitors are acting as representatives of the AWDF
- c) ensure that all participants have access to the resources that they need while at the event to be successful competitors
- d) serve as the liaison between the AWDF and the FCI at the competition by ensuring that the competitors have all the information provided by the FCI and acting as an advocate for the team to the FCI
- e) serve as liaison between the team members and the host club
- f) be available to the team for any questions or issues that arise while traveling
- g) attend or administer the team's meetings, draw night, dinners and other social events offered by the host club
- h) hold at least one team meeting prior to draw

3. After the event

- a) provide a report to the AWDF Executive Board about any observations, issues, etc.
- b) request that declaration deposits made to the AWDF are returned to competitors per guidelines