

AWMA FMBB IGP TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA



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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TEAM MEMBER AND THEIR DOGS

1. Applicants for the FMBB IGP Team must have been AWMA members since July 1 before the submission of their declaration to be on the Team.
2. Applicants must have been a resident of the United States for a minimum of 24 months prior to applying for the IGP FMBB team.
3. Applicants must have had no documented record of poor sportsmanship, misconduct, or animal abuse that resulted in disciplinary action after investigation by the Board of Inquiry for the past 1 year (from the time of submission).
4. All members of the AWMA FMBB World Championship Team are representatives of AWMA and shall strive to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner both on and off the field. Team members include the competitors, alternates, and Team Captain.
5. The dog must be AKC registered or registered with another FCI recognized kennel club.
6. The dog must be microchipped and that microchip number must match their scorebook.
7. The dog must be intact or have a letter from the altering veterinarian explaining that the dog was altered for medical reasons and was fertile prior to the procedure.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete the application form found on the AWMA website by December 31 at 11:59 PM PST
2. The application must be correct and complete by the deadline, or the applicant will not be considered for the team.
3. Attach:
 - Dog's AKC/FCI registration certificate
 - Dog's AKC/FCI pedigree
 - Copy of the dog's scorebook and all relevant scorebook pages
 - Rabies vaccine, signed by the veterinarian with the microchip number noted
 - Handler passport
 - Photo of dog and handler
 - AWMA Membership card
4. A \$250 deposit. This deposit will be returned if you are not selected for the team or returned once you compete at the Championship.

HOW TO QUALIFY

1. Time period will be the calendar year, January 1 to December 31
2. The handler and dog must have competed and passed at an AWMA trial (other than the AWMA National IGP Championship) within the qualification period (January 1 to December 31 of that current year).
3. The top 3 finishers at the AWMA National Championships will earn spots on the FMBB IGP team. Spots number 4, 5, 6, and the alternate (spot 7) will be filled in order according to the number of points earned.
 - a. A tie in points will be broken by the highest average score.
 - b. If there is still a tie, then it will be broken by the highest average protection score, then the highest average obedience score.
4. All points earned must be with the same handler/dog team only at the IGP III level.
5. The following National Championships will qualify for the point system:
 - AWMA National Championship
 - For USCA, the Working Dog Championship is the recognized National Championship.
 - AWDF National Championship (as a representative of the AWMA)
 - Any other AWDF Member Club National Championship
 - Any international FCI recognized IGP National Championship
6. The following Regional Championships will qualify for the point system:
 - Any AWDF Member Club Regional Championship

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POINT SYSTEM

Type of Trial	Score	Points
AWMA National Championship	V	5
	SG	4
	G	3
All other AWDF Member Club	V	3
National Championship	SG	2
AWMA Regional Championship	V	3.5
	SG	2.5
All other AWDF Member Club	V	3
Regional Championship	SG	2
All AWDF Member Club Trial	V	2
	SG	1

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FMBB IGP TEAM AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All Team members, including the alternate, shall wear their uniforms during competition and at all official events such as draw night the opening. and closing ceremonies.
2. By submitting an application and declaring for the Team, the handler agrees to pay for all costs relating to participation on the Worlds Team, including entry fees, uniforms, travel expenses, meals, lodging, etc.
3. AWMA may subsidize expenses for team members, but if a team member withdraws after AWMA has made any financial outlay, that team member will be responsible for any financial losses incurred by AWMA.
4. All Team members must provide the Team captain with any missing information, required information, and/or payments for the Team captain to complete their duties.
5. All Team members must be conscious of the hosting Country's language, location, monetary conversion, allowable equipment, training methods, where to secure food, medicine, crates, and other traveling necessities.
6. All Team members must attend draw night, the opening ceremony, and the closing ceremony, unless excused by their Team captain.
7. In the event that an alternate chooses to travel with the Team, the alternate will function as the Assistant Team Captain.

POLICY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR AWMA FMBB IGP TEAM MEMBERS

This policy applies to the handler of the dog who will be participating in the FMBB Championships. All handlers who submit a declaration as part of the FMBB IGP team must adhere to the following conditions to be eligible for any financial support from the AMWA.

1. Handlers must have been an AWMA member since July 1 of the qualification year.
2. The handler and dog must have competed and passed at an AWMA trial (other than the AWMA National IGP Championship) within the qualification period (January 1 to December 31 of that current year).
 - a. Proof of compliance is a copy of the scorebook with the handler's name listed and trial scoresheet previously submitted to the AWMA Secretary.
3. Handlers will not be eligible for any funds raised by the AWMA if these conditions are not met.

AWMA FMBB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM CAPTAIN POLICY

1. Applications for Team Captain must be submitted to the WNEC or the AWMA Secretary via email as soon as possible. The application must include a short history of experience as a previous Team Captain, world team competitor, foreign traveler, and/or of general leadership qualities.
2. The Team Captain's highest priority is to represent the best interests of the AWMA. This person is selected by the organization to ensure that the team behaves in a sportsman-like manner and that all competitors are acting as representatives of the AWMA.
3. The Team Captain is the liaison between the AWMA and the FMBB at the competition. In this capacity, the Captain ensures that the competitors have all of the information provided by the FMBB and acts as an advocate for the team to the FMBB.
4. Recommendation of the Team Captain will be made by the WNEC to the Executive Board.
5. If an alternate chooses to travel with the Team, the alternate will function as the Assistant Team Captain.
6. The designation as Team Captain for the AWMA FMBB World Championship Team shall carry with it the following responsibilities:
 - a. Assist dog and handler teams in preparation for international competition, including current vaccination, passport information, USDA forms, monetary conversion, etc.
 - b. Advising Team members in all matters pertaining to their well-being and the well-being of their dogs while overseas (i.e., allowable equipment, training methods, food, medicine, crates, etc.)
 - c. Transportation of the USA flag
 - d. Register the FMBB IGP Team and work with the Treasurer to submit payment.
 - e. Provide a budget for Team Uniforms to the Executive Board before ordering. The Team captain must obtain approval from the Executive Board for the uniform designs.

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7. The Team captain must attend any AWMA Team meetings, draw night, opening ceremonies, and closing ceremonies. The Team captain may participate in other social events offered by the FMBB or the hosting club.
8. The Team captain must attend all FMBB Team Captain meetings offered.
9. The Team Captain will be responsible for providing a formal report and write-up on any Team member who conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner or engages in any other actions that are contrary to the best interest of the Team. Those Team members may be subject to disciplinary action, and the Team captain will notify the AWMA Executive Board within 72 hours, who will conduct a hearing and decision, if appropriate. After the closing ceremonies have completed, any concerns will be submitted as a Board of Inquiry. A formal written report by the Team Captain must be submitted to the AWMA Secretary within 30 days of the alleged violation.