

# AWMA, IPO World Team Regulations and Team Selection Criteria for the 2017 FMBB IPO World Championships April 26th through April 30th in Halle (Saale), Germany

Current members of the AWMA in good standing with Belgian Malinois are eligible for the AWMA FMBB Team if their dog is AKC registered, or registered with another FCI recognized kennel club. The dog must be intact, or have a letter from the neutering veterinarian explaining that the dog was altered for medical reasons and was fertile prior to the procedure. Dogs must be tattooed or micro-chipped to compete at the FMBB, although the AWMA will select dogs without a tattoo or microchip. Selected dogs must then be tattooed or micro-chipped prior to the FMBB trial.

## ***Qualifying for the Team***

The top four eligible dog/handler teams at the AWMA IPO Nationals earn positions on the FMBB World Team. Ties will be broken by high protection score, then high obedience score. Should one of these top four handlers reject or be ineligible for their position, the position(s) will be filled via the point system. The remaining 2 (or more) positions plus the one alternate position will be filled via the point system.

## ***Declaring for a Team Position***

Handlers are responsible for sending a completed/signed (both owner and handler) declaration form along with a copy of four generation FCI recognized pedigree, copy of registration, and a copy of the scorebook to the World Championship/National Events committee. Failure to send the completed form and all supplemental copies and fees constitutes a rejection of a team position. The declaration must be received by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and include a \$250 good faith deposit. Members who are not selected for the team will have their \$250 deposit refunded upon final team selection. Selected team members' deposits will be refunded at the World Championships. Deposits will not be returned to handlers who decide not to trial after being selected for the team.

## ***Point System***

The time period to earn qualification points will run from February 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year to January 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the team will be selected. Positions for the team will be filled in order according to the number of points earned. A tie in points will be broken by the highest average score. If there is still a tie, then it will be broken by highest average protection score, then highest average obedience score. All points earned must be with the same handler/dog team and only applicable to SchH III/IPO III level trials.

- AWMA Nationals, USA North American Championship, DVG Nationals, USA HOT Tournament, AWDF Nationals  
*(as a representative of the AWMA), FMBB, or FCI World Championship*  
V 5 points    SG 4 points    G 3 points    S 2 points
- USA Regionals, DVG Regionals  
V 3 points    SG 2 points    G 1 point
- All other trials, with a maximum of 3 points earnable  
V 1 point
- Additional points may be earned for a top ten finish at the FMBB and FCI IPO III World Championships:  
Top Ten Finish    2 points

## ***Policy for Financial Support for AWMA IPO FMBB Team Members***

Effective with the 2017 FMBB event, everyone who submits a declaration as part of the IPO team must adhere to the following conditions to be eligible for any financial sponsorship from the AWMA, which includes payment of the FMBB entry fee and uniforms:

1. The handler must have a current membership that was paid by July 1 of the membership year in which they declare (membership year runs from June 1 – May 31).
2. The handler must be a current member of a full AWMA club that has held a trial or qualifying event in the time period from February 1 of the year prior to the date of the FMBB declaration to January 31 of the year when the declaration is submitted, or the club had petitioned for a waiver from an event at the prior annual meeting (see Article V, Section 1b, iv-v) and/or
3. The handler must have competed (not just entered) with any dog at an AWMA trial\*\* in the same time period as (2) above.

**\*\*Note that this is a trial other than the AWMA National IPO Championship**

If these conditions are not met, or if proof of compliance not provided with the declaration, the handler must submit payment for the FMBB entry fee (typically 100 Euro) along with their \$250 deposit. Entrants will also be required to cover the cost of their uniforms (if uniforms are purchased by the AWMA) and will not be eligible for any team funds raised by the AWMA.

You can download the 2017 IPO Declaration Form and the Competitor Guidelines on the AWMA website at <http://www.workingmalinois.org/events/>.

Would you like to be the 2017 AWMA IPO Team Captain? For selection criteria, please visit the AWMA website at  
<http://www.workingmalinois.org/events/> and download the information.