

# **AWMA, IPO World Team Regulations and Team Selection Criteria for the 2018 FMBB IPO World Championships April 23rd through April 29th in Ajdovščina, Slovenia**

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. Dogs must be micro-chipped to compete at the FMBB. Dogs 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.

## **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 two (2), or more, positions plus at least one (1) alternate position will be filled via the point system.

## **Declaring for a Team Position**

Handlers are responsible for sending the following items to the World Championship/National Events Committee Chairperson:

- Declaration Form
- Rabies vaccination certificate
- FCI recognized pedigree
- FCI recognized registration
- Scorebook (front pages and applicable trial date entries)
- Photo of handler
- Photo of dog
- AWMA Membership Card

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 January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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 5<sup>th</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 IPO III level trials.

AWMA Nationals, USA DVG Nationals, USCA Working Dog Championships, AWDF Nationals ( <i>as a representative of the AWMA</i> ), FMBB, and/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
Top ten finish at the prior year FMBB and/or FCI IPO III World Championships:	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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (other than the AWMA National IPO Championship) in the same time period as (2) above.

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 Euros) 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 IPO Declaration Form and the Competitor Guidelines on the AWMA website at <http://www.workingmalinois.org/events>.

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