

## **AWMA, Agility World Team Regulations and Team Selection Criteria for the FMBB IPO World Championships**

The American Working Malinois Association (AWMA) will take a team of eight (8) dogs to the FMBB World Agility Championships. Team members will be able to purchase a team uniform. All other expenses (including the entry) will be the responsibility of the AWMA member.

Rules for the competition will be based upon the FMBB/FCI rules which will be in effect at the FMBB World Agility Championships and may change from the time this document is released to the time the event takes place and may include changes to jump and A-frame height changes, course and equipment judging methods, and/or rules on handler eligibility.

**AWMA, Agility World Team**—The top eight (8) eligible dog/handler teams from submitted AKC/USDAA/UKI Entries-At-Large and the point system noted below will earn positions on the Team. There will also be a minimum of two (2) alternate positions. The top four (4) eligible dog/handler teams will also compete in the ‘Team’ competition at the FMBB Event.

**Qualifying for the AWMA, Agility World Team**—A “Team” shall be considered, for purpose of these rules, to be an owner/handler or a co- owner/handler and a Belgian Shepherd Dog which meets requirements listed here and in the Agility Regulations of the Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI), as updated. A “Candidate/Dog/Handler Team” is the owner/co-owner/handler that intends to compete for a position on the AWMA, Agility World Team and is the primary handler that has trialed the dog during the trialing calendar year and is a member of the AWMA. All Teams must meet the Basic Eligibility and Team Selection criteria listed herein.

**Declaration Form**—A \$250 entry fee/good faith deposit, along with the following additional information must be received no later than January 5th:

- Declaration Form
- Rabies vaccination certificate
- FCI recognized pedigree
- FCI recognized registration
- AWMA Membership card
- AWMA or AWDF scorebook
- Entry Qualification Form
- Photo of handler
- Photo of dog

Failure to send a completed package may constitute a rejection of a Team position. Members who are not selected for the team will have their \$250 entry fee/good faith deposit refunded upon final team selection.

**Declaring for a Team Position**—In order to be selected, Teams can qualify by submitting Entries-At-Large and earning additional points at selected agility events. Selection will be determined when the scores are achieved and documented on the Declaration Entry Form.

- A minimum of six (6) points from any regular Excellent/Masters and/or tournament classes from the AKC, USDAA, and UKI classes listed below at the 26” jump height.

- Scores must be from the 26" jump height.
- Clean round scores will take precedence over faulted scores.
- Scores may be combined from any of the agility venues regular trialing events listed herein.
- Scores meeting the criteria must be obtained during the calendar year prior to the championship at standard AKC/USDAA/UKI licensed agility trials.
- All times and YPS's listed shall be rounded to the 2nd decimal place (Suggested minimum JWW yps/time is 4.50/34.00).
- The applicant must be the handler who showed the dog to gain the score requirements listed herein.

**Point System**—Positions for the team will be filled based on a combination of the average yards per second of each qualifying score submitted on the entry form and the number of points earned on those qualifying scores according to the criteria below. A tie in points will be broken by the highest average yps score. If there is still a tie, then it may be decided by a vote of the AWMA, WC/NE Committee. The minimum point system entry requirement is six (6) from Entries-At-Large. The maximum point accumulation is fifty (50).

**MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENT FROM ENTRIES-AT-LARGE**- Any regular Excellent/Masters and/or tournament classes from the following AKC, USDAA, or UKI trialing events (minimum accumulation is six (6) points). 1 point each: Standard, Agility, MC Standard, Grand Prix, Jumpers, Jumpers with Weaves, MC Jumpers, Steeplechase, Speed Stakes, Masters Series, 1st thru 4th Placement

ABMC/ABTC/BSCA AGILITY NATIONALS. (maximum accumulation four (4) points). AKC ISC CLASS TRIALING EVENT. (26" jump height only) (maximum accumulation four (4) points). AWMA, LOCAL AGILITY CLUB TRIAL (—if offered). (maximum accumulation 4 points).

1 point each: Qualifying Round, 1st thru 4th Placement, Double Q AKC AGILITY NATIONALS AND/OR TEAM COMPETITION, USDAA NATIONALS, AKC INVITATIONAL (at team's regular jump height—if required by the association, otherwise must be at the 26" jump height) (maximum accumulation eight (8)). 1 point each: Competitor, Qualifying Round, Placement

PRIOR YEAR FMBB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. 1 point each: Competitor, Qualifying Round, Top Ten Placement in any Round 3 points Finals and/or Top Ten Finish

### **Basic Eligibility**

- Candidate must be a member in good standing, with paid Membership Dues, with the AWMA during both the year that the selection scores are accumulated and the year the event is being held.
- Dog must have a valid AWMA and/or AWDF Score Book.
- A Belgian Shepherd Dog is defined as any dog with a recognized FCI Pedigree for a Belgian Malinois, Groenendael, Laekenois, or Tervuren.
- Dog must compete at the World Championship in the 65cm jump height or a height as designated at the event.

- Candidate must be a member in good standing with any agility association that their Declaration Entries are being submitted from.
- Team must be actively competing at the AKC/USDAA/UKI Excellent/Masters Levels.
- Any Candidate younger than 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at their own expense (e.g.: air, hotel and ground travel) for the World Championships as well as any offered team practice(s), should the minor become an AWMA, Agility World Team Member.
- Entries for a maximum of two (2) dogs per Candidate will be permitted. No Candidate may compete in more than one venue at the FMBB World Championships, without the written authorization of the AWMA WC Committee. A Candidate may compete with more than one dog at the FMBB World Agility Championships as long as the FMBB criteria allows.
- The Candidate/handler trialing the dog during the trialing calendar year will be the only handler allowed to compete with the dog at the FMBB World Agility Championships.
- Candidate must be willing to travel with the team to the FMBB World Agility Competition.
- Candidate must be willing to commit to attend a FMBB World Championship practice, if offered.
- Candidate must be willing to acquire any documentation (for them or their dog) required by any government agencies for traveling purposes and in the actual trial event hosting county. This documentation may include but is not limited to: acceptable and valid vaccination records as determined by the hosting country; dogs are required to have a tattoo or micro-chip, which is readable. Although the AWMA will select dogs without a tattoo or microchip, selected dogs must then be tattooed or micro- chipped within 30 days of World Team Member selection and prior to the FMBB trial.
- Candidate must be willing to acquire any documentation (for them or their Belgian Shepherd Dog) required by the FMBB or any local club hosting the event. This documentation may include but is not limited to: an AKC Belgian Shepherd Dog registration number; acceptable FCI recognized Belgian Shepherd Dog (i.e. AKC 4-generation pedigree (with numbers); a tattoo or micro- chip, which is readable; acceptable and valid vaccination records.
- 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.
- Candidates must meet the residency requirements as defined by the FMBB to be considered for the AWMA, Agility World Team.
- If a Candidate or co-owner of the dog competes for another country, under any flag other than the United States of America, or for any Kennel Club other than the AWMA at the previous year's FMBB World Championships, they will be ineligible for selection for the next year's team, as defined by the FMBB Rules.
- Any Candidate, who receives a misconduct charge after earning a spot on the AWMA, Agility World Team, and before the FMBB World Championship event, may also be subject to sanction by the AWMA and disqualification from the FMBB World Agility Championship event.

- Candidate must at all times demonstrate extreme Good Sportsmanship while participating in or watching any dogsport event. The AWMA, AWMA, Agility Committee, and/or AWMA, World Team Committee may refuse entry selection to any handler who demonstrates verbal or physical abuse to a dog, fellow competitor, spectator, or acts abusive or challenging to a judge.
- Candidate acknowledges that they are a representative of the United States of America, the AWMA, and any company, club, or individual that sponsors the AWMA or its agility program.
- If you are chosen for the team you will need to prove that your dog has been vaccinated for rabies, and any other vaccination required by the hosting country, no more than one year prior, but no less than one month prior to the date of the FMBB World Agility Championship.

**Final AWMA, Agility World Team Selection**—Final selections will be announced as soon as possible. If needed, running positions (including alternates, if any) at the FMBB World Championships shall be chosen by the AWMA, Agility World Team Captain.

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