

FMBB IPO World Team Regulations and Team Selection Criteria

Current members of the AWMA in good standing with Belgian Malinois are eligible for the AWMA IPO 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
- Proof of compliance with the policy for receiving financial support from the AWMA; *see below*

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 DATE WILL CHANGE 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 after 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 the calendar year (January 1-December 31) prior to 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 only at the IPO III level.

FMBB and/or FCI World Championship:

- V 5 points SG 4 points G 3 points S 2 points
- Additional 3 points for a top ten finish at the prior year's FMBB and/or the FCI World Championships
- 1 point for finishing in the top ten in the Cup without a top ten finish in the championship.

For any points awarded for the FCI World Championship, the dog handler team is required to have qualified for the event by representing the AWMA at the AWDF National Championship.

AWMA National, USA DVG National, USCa Working Dog Championship, AWDF National Championship (as a representative of the AWMA): V 5 points SG 4 points G 3 points S 2 points

USCa 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

Policy for Financial Support for AWMA IPO FMBB and AWMA FCI IPO Team Members

This policy applies to the handler of the dog who will be participating in the FMBB or FCI Championships.

All handlers who submit a declaration as part of the IPO team must adhere to the following conditions to be eligible for any financial sponsorship from the AWMA. For the FMBB, this includes payment of the FMBB entry fee and cost of the 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). Proof of compliance is a current AWMA membership card.

In addition, the handler must comply with one of the two items below:

2. The handler is a current member of a full AWMA club in good standing from January 1 of the year prior to the date of the FMBB declaration to December 31 of that same year. This AWMA club must have held a trial or qualifying event in the same time period or have petitioned for and been granted a waiver from hosting an

event at the prior annual meeting (see Article V, Section 1b, iv-v). Proof of compliance is an official AWMA club roster listing the handler's name.

3. The handler has 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. Proof of compliance is a copy of the scorebook with the handler's name listed.

For both the FMBB and FCI championships, handlers will not be eligible for any funds raised by the AWMA if these conditions are not met. For the FMBB team, if proof of compliance is 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.

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>.