

AWMA, Agility World Team Regulations and Team Selection Criteria for the 2010 FMBB Agility World Championships



The American Working Malinois Association (AWMA) will take a team of eight (8) dogs to the 2009 FMBB World Agility Championships, which will be held May 19 – 23, 2010, in Cottbus, Germany, to represent the USA at this event. Team members will receive a team uniform and paid competition entry to the event from the AWMA. All other expenses 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 2010 FMBB World Agility Championships. These rules 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 Selection criteria and rules will be adjusted to reflect any FMBB/FCI changes which directly affect the 2010 FMBB World Championships.

AWMA, Agility World Team—The top eight (8) eligible dog/handler teams from submitted AKC & USDAA entries at large and the point system noted below will earn positions on the FMBB World 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.

Qualifying for the 2010 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 Malinois 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 2010 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—The Declaration Form can be found at [\[click here\]](#). The completed Declaration Form along with the following additional information is due back to the AWMA Agility Chairperson no later than February 1, 2010. 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, a copy of their AWMA scorebook, an official copy of their Awards Record from the AKC/USDAA, and copies of their ribbon scores (if available) to the AWMA, Agility Chairperson. Failure to send a completed package may constitute a rejection of a team position. The declaration must be received by the AWMA Agility Chairperson no later than February 1, 2010 along with 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. The team will be selected February 15, 2010.

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 three (3) Standard and three (3) JWW from any Regular AKC and/or USDAA Excellent/Masters titling classes are required at the 26" jump height.
- All scores must be clean rounds with scores of 100.
- Scores may be combined from either venue's regular trialing events.
- Scores meeting the criteria must be obtained between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009 at standard AKC/USDAA licensed agility trials.
- All times and YPS's listed shall be rounded to the 2nd decimal place (*Suggested minimum JWW yps/time for 2010 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 AT 26" JUMP HEIGHT FROM ENTRIES AT LARGE. Any regular AKC or USDAA Excellent/Master Level trialing event (minimum accumulation is six (6) points) (maximum is twelve (12) points).
1 point Standard (minimum 3 at 26") Qualifying Round, Placement

1 point JWW (minimum 3 at 26") Qualifying Round, Placement

REGULAR ENTRIES AT LARGE. Any regular AKC or USDAA Excellent/Master Level trialing event (at team's regular jump height) (maximum is eighteen (18) points). (24" and 26" entries will take precedence over 20" and 22").

1 point each: Qualifying Round, DQ

ABMC AGILITY NATIONALS. (at team's regular jump height) (maximum accumulation four (4) points).

1 point each: Placement, DQ

AKC ISC CLASS TRIALING EVENT. (26" jump height only) (maximum accumulation four (4) points).

1 point each: Qualifying Round, Placement

AWMA AGILITY TRIAL (ISC 26"Format—if offered). (maximum accumulation 4 points).

1 point each: Qualifying Round, Placement

AKC AGILITY NATIONALS AND/OR TEAM COMPETITION, USDAA NATIONALS, AKC INVITATIONAL (at team's regular jump height) (maximum accumulation eight (8)).

1 point each: Competitor, Qualifying Round, Placement

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1 point each: Competitor, Qualifying Round, Placement in any Round

3 points Finals and/or Top Ten Finish



Basic Eligibility—

- Candidate must be a member in good standing, with paid Agility 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 Score Book and have received a SchB title.
- Dog must compete at the 2010 World Championship in the 26" jump height.
- 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 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 2010 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 dogs per Candidate will be permitted. No Candidate may compete in more than one venue at the FMBB World Championships. No Candidate may compete with more than one dog at the FMBB World Agility Championships unless: (a) a Candidate accepted for the team who originally submitted two dogs for consideration, in which both dogs qualified for the Agility Team, may bring their second dog to the event as an alternate if the handler/dog teams selected as alternates choose not to attend or (b) the FMBB World Championship criteria allows a Candidate to compete with more than one dog and the AWMA has not filled all eight (8) positions plus two (2) alternate positions with Candidates.
- 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 2010 FMBB World Agility Competition.
- Candidate must commit to attending 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; dog 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 Malinois dog) required by the FMBB or any local club hosting the event. This documentation may include but is not limited to: an AKC Belgian Malinois registration number;

acceptable FCI recognized Belgian Malinois pedigree (i.e. AKC 4-generation pedigree (with numbers); dog may be required to have 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.
- 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 agility 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 or fellow competitor or acts abusive or challenging to a judge.
- Candidate acknowledges that they are a representative of the USA, the AWMA, and any company, club, or individual that sponsors the AWMA or its agility program.
- Candidate is required to send the following with your Declaration form: a copy of your dog's FCI recognized registration; a copy of your dog's generation pedigree; a passport size photo of you, a photo of you and your dog; an official copy of your AKC/USDAA Awards Record, and a copy of your dog's current rabies vaccine.
- 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 2010 FMBB World Agility Championship.



Declaration Form Basic Information—Candidates are required to provide the following information by the closing date: a complete list of your competition history from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 which will include your scores from any AKC/USDAA agility events during that time period, and must include judge, course times, yardage, jump height, class, and placement. Scores may only be submitted if they were attained by the "Team". All scores submitted will be verified by the AWMA, Agility World Team Chairperson and/or Committee. In the event that one or more scores cannot be verified, Candidate acknowledges that said score(s) will be forfeited.

Final AWMA, Agility World Team Selection—Final selections will be announced February 15, 2010. If needed, running positions (including alternates, if any) at the FMBB World Championships shall be chosen by the AWMA, Agility World Team Captain.

Questions—any questions regarding the AWMA, Agility Program, the AWMA, Agility World Team, or the selection process should be directed to: Shari Lipski, AWMA, Agility Chairperson, AWMA, World Championship/National Events Committee Chairperson, shari@malinoisdogs.com, 815-713-4354.