

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



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 microchipped 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 postmarked by Feb 1st, 2010 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 2 of the previous year to February 1 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

You can download the 2010 IPO Declaration Form and the Competitor Guideline on the AWMA website at <http://www.workingmalinois.org/events/>. Would you like to be the 2010 IPO Team Captain? For selection criteria, please visit the AWMA website at <http://www.workingmalinois.org/events/> and download the information.