

## **FMBB IGP World Team Regulations and Team Selection Criteria**

Current members of the AWMA in good standing with Belgian Malinois are eligible for the AWMA IGP 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.

The top six eligible dog/handler teams at the AWMA IGP Nationals earn positions on the FMBB World Team. Ties will be broken by high protection score, then high obedience score.

### **Qualifying for the Team**

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

### **Declaring for a Team Position**

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 January 5, 2020, and include a \$250 good faith deposit. (Deposit may be made by check payable to AWMA or via PayPal to awmatreasurer@gmail.com by "Friends and Family" so no fees are deducted. ) 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.

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## **Policy for Financial Support for AWMA IGP FMBB and AWMA IGP FCI 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 IGP 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 IGP 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 IGP Declaration Form and the Competitor Guidelines on the AWMA website at <http://www.workingmalinois.org/events>.

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