

**United States Mondioring Association**  
**TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA**  
for  
**INTERNATIONAL MONDIORING CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**FCI and FMBB World Championships**  
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**ELIGIBILITY:**

(Eligibility for the FMBB Team shall be the same as for the FCI Team except as noted in bold.)

1. USMRA International FCI Team members must be members in good standing in USMRA.
2. **FMBB:** To be eligible for the FMBB the Team Member must be a member in good standing of AWMA and USMRA. The membership form for AWMA can be found at [www.workingmalinois.org](http://www.workingmalinois.org).
3. Team members must have had no documented and verifiable record of poor sportsmanship, misconduct or animal abuse within the current eligibility period. International Team members reflect the highest level of good sportsmanship, ethics and conduct in our sport and organization.
4. Team member must be a resident of the United States, having resided there for at least the previous two years.
5. Upon request, the handler must present valid documentation of residency of the dog in the United States for the previous 12 months. Valid documents would include, but not exclude, veterinarian records, AKC records, bill of sale or import documents.
6. The dog must be registered with an F.C.I. recognized registry, and meet all FCI documentation and identification requirements. Male dogs must have 2 normal testicles in the scrotum. Exception for neutered males: If the owner has a veterinarian's certification documenting that two testicles were removed during neutering for health related purposes, the dog is qualified to participate in the championships.
7. The handler must have owned and trained the dog for a minimum of the previous six (6) months.

## **DECLARING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM POSITION**

1. Complete the declaration form found on the USMRA website
2. Complete the form by:
  - FCI Championship Deadline: August 1
  - FMBB Championship Deadline: January 15
3. Submit the form, dog's registration certificate and pedigree, and a copy of the complete scorebook to include the front data page to the Chair, International Championship Team Selection Committee.

### **TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

1. International Championships: The number of USMRA dog handler teams allowed will be in accordance with the international championship rules.
2. USMRA Champion: The winning MR3 team at the United States Mondioring Championship will automatically be selected as one of the entries for that year's FCI championship. That team must have a passing score at the championship in order to be eligible. (**FMBB Note:** The USMRA championship is generally held after the closing date for the FMBB and too far in front of the next year's FMBB championship so this criteria is not valid.)
3. MR3 teams will have priority. Team selection will be by the highest average of the two highest passing scores from USMRA trials. The teams with the highest average scores will be selected in that order. MR2 and MR1 teams will follow with the same criteria as the MR3 teams if allowed.
4. The International Championships committee will have the right to select additional teams in case the team cannot be filled using the criteria for the above regulations.
5. The team must be willing and able to incur the expense of traveling to and from the competition. The USMRA will attempt to garner member support and gain financial sponsorship from interested corporations, but this should not be construed as a guarantee for financial relief.
6. To be considered for any international event, an applicant must submit all relevant documents to the International Championships Committee chair, two (2) months prior to the international championship.
7. Submission of the team declaration form constitutes a commitment to participation on the international team.
8. Team Leader: Preference will be given to an individual who has been a member of an international team. The Team Leader should have good team building skills, international travel experience and an ability to communicate well with the event organizers. See the section on Team Leader Guidelines for further information.

9. Trials that count towards International Team eligibility are any USMRA trial that occurs up to two (2) months prior to that year's championship date. (Example: To be eligible for the World Championships that are held in Oct. 2008, trials that would count towards that championship would be trials held between 1 Aug. 2007 and 1 Aug. 2008.)

10. **FMBB:** The FMBB team will follow the rules and procedures of AWMA once they have been selected by AWMA to represent them at the championship.

## **TEAM LEADER SELECTION AND GUIDELINES**

### Selection

1. Submit a cover letter stating desire to be the team leader and a resume by the deadlines indicated in Declaring for a Team Position. The resume should include a short history of trialing experience, previous team leader experience, communication skills, foreign travel and general leadership and judgment.

2. The Team Leader will be selected on the basis of experience and ability. Preference will be given to an individual who has been a member of an international team. The Team Leader should have good team building skills, international travel experience and an ability to communicate well with the event organizers.

Guidelines: To be completed later

**FMBB TEAM LEADER:** The team leader for the FMBB Team will be under the auspices and guidelines of the AWMA. See their website for the details.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

1. USMRA will pay for the entry and uniform. If the money is available, USMRA will give the competitor a small stipend to defray costs.

2. Competitors agree to pay for all other costs relating to their travel, meals and lodging for themselves and their dogs.

## **COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Publicize team member and team leader eligibility deadlines and criteria.

2. Contact members about their selection.

3. Make sure that every detail of eligibility, entry and team logistics has been addressed and completed.

4. Make entry into the appropriate championships, eg, FCI Mondioring Championships and FMBB as needed.

5. An e-mail will be sent out to all USMRA members by the International Championships Committee chair no later than three (3) months prior to the championship, reminding all

teams interested in submitting their request. Requests for the Team Leader position will be sent out at the same time.

6. The International Championships Committee will coordinate with other organizations as needed to field teams to international events.

**FMBB: USMRA and AWMA Selection and Application Procedures**

1. USMRA International Team Selection Committee will select the FMBB Team and send no later than February 1 the selected team members to the contact named on the AWMA declaration form.
2. AWMA will approve the final team and team leader. AWMA will notify the USMRA Committee Chair of the selection.
3. The USMRA Chair will notify the USMRA President and Secretary of the candidates. The Secretary of USMRA will announce the team members to the USMRA membership. The Chair will contact each candidate regarding the decision by February 20.
4. The Secretary will make the announcement to the members via the list and website.
5. USMRA will send the entry fee to AWMA by March 1.
6. The AWMA will submit entry forms and payment to the FMBB.

**International Championships Team Selection Committee:**

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