

International Committee Suggestions:

At the June meeting changes for world team selection were suggested. Here are the changes, please review them as we plan to vote on them at the July meeting.

1. The deadline for declaring for the world team will be moved up to July 15.

(this is the reason why we have to have a meeting prior to July 15th so this change can go into effect for 2014)

2. Preference for world team selection will be given to members trialing under different judges and decoys.

(this is a non quantitative/objective criteria therefore could be used only in case 2 handlers have the SAME or are very CLOSE in qualifying score point average. In other words we cannot say that a 200pt average under different judges is better than a 250pt average obtained under the same judge.)

3. Lisa suggested that we require handlers to obtain a score from a trial at least 500miles away from home.

The international committee feels that rather than making this a requirement we make participation in the nationals a requirement for any applicant to the world team. This will ensure support of the nationals, exposure to foreign judges and national caliber decoys, and for most members a test of how well their dogs travel and compete away from home field. Most members can justify the expense of traveling and staying out of town for a prestigious event like the nationals but probably cannot justify the cost of traveling and staying out of town for a club trial.

4. The scores at the Nationals will count 1.25 times more than a club trial.

Lisa and Sharon also feel strongly that anyone should have the opportunity to be on the team. So if the team does not fill with qualified candidates than the board can select non qualified candidates to the team (this is already in the by-laws). Some memebers of the committee do not agree with this. If we have team members who did qualify for the team this shows disrespect for their effort. However if this practice does continue then th non qualified members of the team should not receive any monetary help from the organization. They will be responsible for the purchase of their own uniforms and not be eligible for any stipends available. Your input at the July meeting is anticipated.

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