

Issue I was investigating was the request from ARF that the USMRA accept their scorebooks at trials.

ARF is not FCI registered. Even though an email was provided, there is nothing I can find within it stating they are registered. Additionally, there is nothing on the ARF website stating they are actually a part of the FCI.

A majority of the information I was able to gather came from Al Govednik of the AWDF. NARA is currently a member of the AWDF, and as such, ARF is unable to join the AWDF due to AWDF rules in place, which will not allow two French Ring organizations to exist under their umbrella. Similarly, FCI will not register more than one organization from the US.

Per my conversation with Al Govednik, FCI President, we are unique in the AWDF in terms of our sport, and how it encompasses many other sports. The AWDF is not opposed to us accepting the ARF scorebooks if that is what our group would like to do, so we are allowed to accept the books. However, the books that ARF gets our scores written in will not necessarily be accepted by any other groups, which has nothing to do with our decision. If we record a score in their books for ARF, it does not mean it is an FCI accepted book nor does it mean they will be able to go to Europe and compete in a world competition with them. It is no different than writing their score in a blank notebook for them instead of a scorebook. He has stated that the decision should be ours and the AWDF is not opposed to either option.

Additionally, if we choose to accept ARF scorebooks to record our scores in, it also does not mean we are obligated to accept their scores to transfer over in obtaining higher levels in Mondio. Also, we are not obligated to accept NARA scores in their books.

In my opinion, we have not been provided with a reasonable request to accept their books. It opens up a lot of gray areas by accepting their books. If we open the door to accepting their book there is no reason we would not accept anyone's book, regardless of their organization. They are a lone organization, which does not appear to have an affiliation with any larger governing body, and as such, my recommendation is to not accept their scorebooks or any scores recorded from other AWDF organizations within their books. We can offer them scorebooks for their use in our trials, and the prices are reasonable enough to not be a huge financial burden on their members.