



United States Mondioring Association

A Member of the American Working Dog Federation



UNITED STATES MONDIORING ASSOCIATION TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA FOR INTERNATIONAL MONDIORING CHAMPIONSHIPS

FCI and FMBB World Championships

ELIGIBILITY: ELIGIBILITY FOR THE FMBB TEAM SHALL BE THE SAME/MINIMUM AS FOR THE FCI TEAM

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.
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 should 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, and bill of sale or import documents.
6. The dog must be registered with an F.C.I. recognized registry in the country it is playing for, 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 and submit form to the USMRA Secretary for FCI Championship and/or FMBB Championship team positions.
2. Complete the form by: FCI Championship Deadline: July 15 - FMBB Championship Deadline: 2 weeks before AWMA deadline.

- a. All teams wishing to be considered for the FCI World Championship team must apply by July 15. All applicants will be considered based on the World Team Criteria including the Step-Down Criteria. A waiting list of applicants will be established to fill any vacant spots that become available. If a full team can't be filled from the applicants and the waiting list, a partial team will participate in the Championships.
3. Submit the form, dog's registration certificate and pedigree, and a copy of the scorebook including the front data page/s and relevant score/s page/s, microchip, rabies vaccine documentation, and photo of handler and dog to the International Committee Chair.

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 National Champion: The winning MR3 team at the United States Mondioring National 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 for automatic entry.
3. MR3 teams will have priority. Team selection will be by the highest average of three scores, all at the level that you are applying to compete: the two highest passing scores from USMRA Club trials and the USMRA National Championship score (Trial Score 1 + Trial Score 2 + National Championship Score divided by 3). Competing in the USMRA National Championship is mandatory. The two Club trial scores submitted must be under different judges, on different field locations, with a distance separating the fields by not less than 250 miles, organized by different clubs and different decoys, meaning the same decoy cannot be used for the two Club trial scores submitted. At the Board of Directors (BOD) and International Championship Committee's discretion, one score from another country may be allowed to substitute for a Club trial score. MR2 and MR1 teams will follow with the same criteria as the MR3 teams for the Level 2 and Level 1 team positions, although the winner of those levels will not receive an automatic entry to the FCI Championship.
4. In the event of a tie (of the average score), the higher score at the National Championship will be the tie breaker. If the National Championship total score is also a tie, the higher total score of the protection exercises at the National Championship will be the tie breaker.
5. The International Championship Committee will have the right to recommend additional teams in cases where the US team cannot be filled using the following step-down criteria for team selection:
 - a. Members that attended Nationals that have two club passing or non-passing scores, meeting the criteria of different fields, different Judges, different decoys, and 250-mile distance between club trial fields. Average of the three scores will be ranked with others meeting this criterion and then will be ranked in that order below the others meeting the posted World Team Criteria.
 - b. Members that attended Nationals and have only 1 club score, meeting the requirement of different fields, different Judges, different decoys. Average of two scores will be ranked with others meeting this criterion and then ranked in that order below the others meeting the posted World Team Criteria.

- c. Members that did not attend Nationals that have 3 club passing scores, meeting the requirement of different fields, different Judges, different decoys, and 250-mile distance between club trial fields. Average of the three scores will be ranked with others meeting this criterion and then ranked in that order below the others meeting the posted World Team Criteria.
 - d. Members that did not attend Nationals and have 2 club scores meeting the requirements of different fields, different Judges, different decoys and 250-mile distance between club trial fields. Average of the two scores will be ranked with others meeting this criterion then ranked in that order below the others meeting the posted World Team Criteria.
 - e. A member not meeting any of the World Team Criteria or Step-Down Criteria will not be considered.
 - f. Any member declining or forfeiting their position on the World Team will be placed at the end of the waiting list.
6. 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.
 7. To be considered for any international event, an applicant must submit all relevant documents to the International Championships Committee Chair, at least two (2) months prior to the international championships. The deadline for declaring for the world team will be July 15.
 8. Submission of the team declaration form constitutes a commitment to participation on the international team, which includes following instructions from team leader and Championship officials, appearing on field, and for ceremonies promptly, and in team uniform. IF the contestant withdraws after USMRA has made financial outlay, contestant may be responsible for losses incurred.
 9. Trials that count towards International Team eligibility are any trials that occur up to 2 ½ months prior to that year's championship date.
 10. The USMRA Board of Directors will approve any and all candidates recommended by the International Committee that are representing the US in international competition.
 11. 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. The USMRA National Championship is not a requirement to attend the FMBB.

TEAM LEADER SELECTION AND GUIDELINES

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.

Team Leader 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.

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. If the money is available, USMRA will pay for the entry and uniform. USMRA may give the competitor a small stipend to defray costs. Those who do not meet full entry team requirements will be required to pay for their own entry fee.
2. Competitors agree to pay for all other costs relating to their travel, meals and lodging for themselves and their dogs.

COMMITTEE/CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Publicize team member and team leader eligibility deadlines and website link to criteria.
2. Contact members about their selection.
3. Make sure that every detail of eligibility, entry and team logistics has been addressed and completed. Be current on international travel with dogs and championship policies.
4. Complete/Submit entry into the appropriate championships, eg, FCI Mondioring Championships and FMBB as needed. Work with USMRA Treasurer to ensure that (if applicable) uniform costs and entry fees are paid.
5. An e-mail/official post 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/Chair will coordinate with other organizations as needed to facilitate teams at/to international events.

FMBB: USMRA AND AWMA SELECTION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. USMRA International Championship Committee/Chair will select the FMBB Team and send no later than current deadline for 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 Committee 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 as soon as known.
4. The Secretary will make the announcement to the members via the list and website.
5. International Committee Chair or designee will send the entry fee/paperwork to AWMA by their deadline. Submit paperwork to International Championships Committee Chair (link to USMRA BOD/ Committee page on www.usmondioring.org)

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