

UNITED STATES MONDIORING ASSOCIATION
WORLD TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA
For International Mondioring Championships in 2022 and later
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This document describes the selection process and responsibilities for both the FCI world team and the FMBB (international Malinois breed organization) world team. The criteria written herein for the FMBB world team would also apply to any other breed specific world team. However, we only know details for FMBB world championship application process, and are therefore the FMBB is the only breed specific world event referenced. As other international breed organizations develop Mondioring championships, those details will be included.

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TEAM MEMBER SELECTION

Qualification Requirements for World Team Members and their Dogs

1. Team members should reflect the highest level of good sportsmanship, ethics and conduct in our sport and organization. Team members must have had no documented and/or verifiable record of poor sportsmanship, misconduct or animal abuse within the qualifying period (see below, #3, entitled "Period for Qualifying Scores").
2. Team members must be members in good standing with the USMRA and with their international breed organization.
3. Team members must be a resident of the United States, having resided here for at least the previous two years prior to submission of declaration.
4. Upon request, the handler must present valid documentation of residency of the dog in the United States for the previous 12 months prior to submission of declaration. Valid documents would include, but not exclude, veterinarian records, AKC records, and bill of sale or import documents.
5. The dog must be registered with the AKC and meet all FCI documentation and identification requirements.
6. 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.

Application and Selection Process

1. Complete the applicable World Team Member declaration form found on the [USMRA website's International Page](#) by the deadline below:
 - a. For FCI World Championship Team: July 15 at midnight PST (of the year of the championship).
 - b. For FMBB Championship Team: December 31st at midnight PST (of the year preceding the championship).
2. The form requires the following attachments:
 - a. The dog's AKC registration certificate

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- b. The dog's AKC pedigree
 - c. Copy of the dog's scorebook page 1 and relevant score pages
 - d. Rabies vaccine documentation with microchip number noted
 - e. Copy of Sociability test certificate
 - f. Copy of the handlers passport
 - g. Photo of handler and their dog
3. Submitted declaration forms and attachments will be received by the USMRA Secretary and sent to the USMRA International Committee for review.
 - a. The International Committee will review each applicant against the criteria outlined in this document and recommend the qualifying teams and Team Leader to the USMRA Board of Directors by July 25th for FCI and by January 10th for FMBB.
 - b. The USMRA Board of Directors will vote to approve the final team by July 30th for FCI and by January 15th for FMBB.
 - c. FMBB: The USMRA International Committee Chair will present the selected team to the AWMA for their approval. The AWMA will announce the team shortly after.
 4. FMBB: At the time the International Committee Chair submits the team selection to the AWMA, each selected team member will be required (by the AWMA) to submit a deposit. Either mail the deposit to the: AWMA, Attention Treasurer, PO Box 10278 Bowling Green, KY 42102 -or- via Paypal at AWMAtreasurer@paypal.com. *The deposit will be returned if you are not selected. If you are selected, it will be returned to you once you have competed at the FMBB World Championships.*
 5. The number of USMRA dog/handler teams selected will be in accordance with the rules of the particular international championship.
 6. A waiting list of applicants will be established to fill any vacant spots that become available. The waiting list will include competitors that have submitted the declaration form by deadline, but were lower on the list and did not make the team initially. If a full team cannot be filled from the applicants and the waiting list, a partial team will participate in the Championships. *Any declared team member declining or forfeiting their position on the World Team that decides to re-apply, will be placed at the end of the waiting list.*

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Team Selection Criteria

1. For FCI World Team: If the winner of the USMRA National Championship at Level 3 (MR3) attains a passing score at the National Championship, they will automatically be selected as one of the team members for that year's FCI World Team to compete at the FCI World Championship. *The winner of the National Championship at levels MR1 and MR2 will not automatically be selected for that year's FCI World Team. They will need to qualify via the below Main Criteria or Step Down Criteria.*
2. **Score and Title Requirements**: During the qualifying period, an MR3 team must have earned at least one score of 320 or higher. An MR2 team must have earned at least one score of 240 or higher and must have an MR2 title. An MR1 team must have earned at least one score of 160 or higher and must have an MR1 title.

3. Period for Qualifying Scores

- a. FCI: the one year period prior to declarations being due: currently July 16th - July 15th
- b. FMBB: the one year period prior to declarations being due: currently January 1st - December 31st

4. Requirements for Club Trial Scores

The following requirements apply *only to* the Club Trial Scores which are to be used for qualifying (in both the Main Qualifying Criteria and the Step Down Qualifying Criteria).

- a. Scores must be obtained within the qualifying time period (see #3 above, entitled "Period for Qualifying Scores")
- b. One decoy may only be repeatedly used at two of the different club trials
- c. One judge may only be repeatedly used at two of the different club trials
- d. The submitted club trials must be held on different field locations. There must be a minimum distance of 25 miles between each field you compete on
- e. Club trials must be organized by different clubs
- f. At the USMRA Board of Directors and International Committee's discretion, one score from another country may be allowed to substitute for a club trial score.

These requirements do not apply to the National Championship; for example, *if you attend a club trial that has the same decoy as Nationals, your score will still be allowed.*

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Main Qualifying Criteria Formulas

FCI Main Qualifying Formula: Competing in the USMRA National Championship is mandatory if you are applying utilizing this FCI Main Qualifying Criteria Formula. Team selection will be by ranking a weighted average score of 2 Club Trial scores and the National Championship score, applying a coefficient of 4 to the National Championship score. The Club Trial scores will be the two highest *passing* scores from USMRA Club trials that meet the requirements for club trial scores (*see #4 above, entitled "Requirements for Submitted Club Trial Scores"*). Weighted average score = $(\text{Club Trial Score 1} + \text{Club Trial Score 2} + 4 \times \text{National Championship Score}) \div 6$. The weighted average score will be ranked from highest to lowest with others meeting this criterion.

FMBB Main Qualifying Formula: Team selection will be by the mean average of three scores, all at the level that you are applying to compete. The USMRA National Championship score may be used even if it is not a passing score. All USMRA Club trial scores used must be passing scores that meet the requirements for club trial scores (*see #4 above, entitled "Requirements for Submitted Club Trial Scores"*). Mean average = $(\text{Trial Score 1} + \text{Trial Score 2} + \text{Trial Score 3}) \div 3$. The mean average of the three scores will be ranked from highest to lowest with others meeting this criterion.

Step Down Criteria Formulas

In cases where the World Team cannot be filled utilizing the Main Qualifying Criteria, the International Committee will have the right to recommend additional team members using the following Step Down Criteria for team selection (below).

FCI Step Down Criteria Formulas:

1. **Members that attended Nationals that have two club scores**, either passing or non-passing, that meet the requirements for club trial scores (*see #4 above, entitled "Requirements for Submitted Club Trial Scores"*). Team selection will be by a weighted average of the three scores applying a coefficient of 4 to the National Championship score. Weighted average score = $(\text{Club Trial Score 1} + \text{Club Trial Score 2} + 4 \times \text{National Championship Score}) \div 6$. The weighted average score will be ranked from highest to lowest with others meeting this criterion and then will be ranked in that order below the qualifiers meeting the Main Qualifying Criteria.
2. **Members that attended Nationals and have only one club score**, either passing or non-passing, that meet the requirements for club trial scores (*see #4 above, entitled "Requirements for Submitted Club Trial Scores"*). Team selection will be by the weighted average of one Club Trial and the National Championship score applying a coefficient of 2 to the National Championship score. Weighted average formula = $(\text{Club Trial Score} + 2 \times \text{National Championship Score}) \div 3$.

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Trial Score + 2xNational Championship Score) ÷ 3. The weighted average scores will be ranked from highest to lowest with others meeting this criterion and then ranked in that order below the qualifiers meeting the #1 Step Down Criteria.

3. **Members that did not attend Nationals that have three club passing scores**, that meet the requirements for club trial scores (*see #4 above, entitled "Requirements for Submitted Club Trial Scores"*). Team selection will be by the mean average of the three scores. Mean average = (Trial Score 1 + Trial Score 2 + Trial Score 3) ÷ 3. The mean average scores will be ranked from highest to lowest with others meeting this criterion and then ranked in that order below the qualifiers meeting the #2 Step Down Criteria.
4. **Members that did not attend Nationals and have two club passing scores**, that meet the requirements for club trial scores (*see #4 above, entitled "Requirements for Submitted Club Trial Scores"*). Team selection will be by the mean average of the two scores. Mean average = (Trial Score 1 + Trial Score 2) ÷ 2. The mean average scores will be ranked from highest to lowest with others meeting this criterion and then ranked in that order below the qualifiers meeting the #3 Step Down Criteria.

FMBB Step Down Criteria Formulas:

Members that have achieved three scores. These scores may include 3 passing or non-passing club scores that meet the requirements for club trial scores (*see #4 above, entitled "Requirements for Submitted Club Trial Scores"*). Nationals can also count as one of the scores, but is not required. Team selection will be by the mean average of the three scores. Mean average = (Trial Score 1 + Trial Score 2 + Trial Score 3) ÷ 3. The mean average scores will be ranked from highest to lowest with others meeting this criterion and then will be ranked in that order below the qualifiers meeting the Main Qualifying Criteria.

Members that have achieved two scores. These scores may include 2 passing or non-passing club scores that meet the requirements for club trial scores (*see #4 above, entitled "Requirements for Submitted Club Trial Scores"*). Nationals can also count as one of the scores, but is not required. Team selection will be by the mean average of the two scores. Mean average = (Trial Score 1 + Trial Score 2) ÷ 2. The mean average two scores will be ranked from highest to lowest with others meeting this criterion and then ranked in that order below the others meeting the #1 Step Down Criteria.

Tie Breakers

Tie Breakers for FCI Main Criteria and FCI Step Down #1 and #2: In the event of a tie of the weighted 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. If there is still a tie, the higher

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jump points at the National Championship would win, followed by higher obedience points, followed by the age of the dog where the younger dog would win.

Tie Breakers for FMBB Main Criteria, FMBB Step Down and FCI Step Down #3 and #4: In the event of a tie of the mean average score, the higher total score of the protection exercises of all scores used in the formula will be the tie breaker. If there is still a tie, the higher total jump points of all scores used in the formula would win, followed by higher total obedience points of all scores used in the formula, followed by the age of the dog where the younger dog would win.

TEAM LEADER SELECTION

1. The Team Leader will be selected on the basis of experience and skills required. Preference will be given to an individual who has been a member of an international team. The Team Leader should have proven skills in team building, getting things done under pressure, international travel experience, and the ability to communicate in a professional manner with the event organizers.
2. The Team Leader should reflect the highest level of good sportsmanship, ethics and conduct in our sport and organization. The Team Leader must have had no documented and/or verifiable record of poor sportsmanship, misconduct or animal abuse within the qualifying period (see above, #3, entitled "Period for Qualifying Scores").
3. The Team Leader must be members in good standing with the USMRA. The membership form for the USMRA can be found at <https://www.usmondioring.org>.
4. The FMBB Team Leader must also be a member in good standing with the AWMA. The membership form for AWMA can be found at www.workingmalinois.org.
5. The FMBB Team Leader will be under the auspices and guidelines of the AWMA (<http://www.workingmalinois.org>). There is a designated team leader for each discipline (IGP, Agility etc) that the AWMA sends to the FMBB Championships. The FMBB Mondioring Team Leader will collaborate with the other disciplines' Team Leaders to complete requirements for their specific discipline.
6. Complete the declaration form for Team Leader found on the [USMRA website's International Page](#) by the deadline below:
 - a. For FCI World Championship Team: July 15 at midnight PST (of the year of the championship).
 - b. For FMBB Championship Team: December 31st at midnight PST (of the year

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preceding the championship).

7. The form requires the following attachments:
 - a. Cover letter (The cover letter should make a statement of why you desire to be the Team Leader)
 - b. Resume (The resume should include a short history of trialing experience, previous team leader experience, foreign travel experience and support the required skills of organization, good communication, team building, general leadership and clear judgement)
 - c. Copy of your passport
 - d. Photo of you

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1. Submission of the team declaration form constitutes a commitment to follow instructions from the World Team Leader and Championship officials, appearing on field for competition and for all ceremonies promptly, and in complete team uniform.
2. Declared World Team Members and Team Leader agree to and are prepared to pay for all costs relating to their participation on the World Team, including the entry fee, uniform, travel, meals and lodging for themselves and their dogs.
3. If the money is available, the USMRA will pay for the entry and uniform for the FCI World Team but not for breed specific championships (for example FMBB). If a declared team member withdraws after the USMRA has made financial outlay, this individual will be responsible for losses incurred by the USMRA, relating to their World Team involvement. *Any declared team member declining or forfeiting their position on the World Team that decides to re-apply, will be placed at the end of the waiting list.*

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND SELECTION PROCESS

1. Works directly with the USMRA Secretary to update the [USMRA website's International Page](#) and declaration forms at least two (2) months prior to declarations being due to USMRA for each world event.
2. Sends an official communication to all USMRA members no later than one (1) month

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prior to USMRA team declarations being due reminding all teams interested to submit their request. Requests for the Team Leader position will be sent out at the same time.

3. Reviews declarations submitted to ensure every detail of eligibility, entry and team logistics has been addressed and completed.
4. Be current on international travel requirements with dogs and the current championship policies.
5. Works with the USMRA Treasurer and Team Leader to ensure that any approved costs are paid.
6. Reminds the USMRA Board of Directors to schedule a conference call in advance for the timely approval of the World Team before their deadline (see #8).
7. The International Committee Chair will make the Team Leader and World Team members' recommendation to the USMRA Board of Directors within the 10 days following the declaration deadline (by July 25th for FCI, and by January 10th for FMBB).
8. The USMRA Board of Directors will review and approve the final team within 5 days of receiving the recommendation from the International Committee Chair (no later than July 30th for FCI, and January 15th for FMBB).
9. FCI: Once the USMRA Board of Directors has approved the team (July 30th), the USMRA International Committee Chair will contact each candidate regarding the decision and the Secretary of the USMRA will make the announcement of the team members to the USMRA membership via email and on the Official USMRA Facebook Page.
10. FMBB: Once the USMRA Board of Directors has approved the team (January 15th), the USMRA International Committee Chair will contact each candidate regarding the decision.
 - a) The International Committee Chair will email Jill Lyden, the AWMA Secretary, at jillagin2000@gmail.com 724-771-1265, the list of team members along with their declarations.
 - b) At this time, each selected team member will be required to submit a deposit to the AWMA via mail at: AWMA, Attention Treasurer, PO Box 10278 Bowling Green, KY 42102 or via Paypal at AWMAtreasurer@paypal.com. *If the AWMA does not approve any of the members submitted by the USMRA, the individual will receive their deposit back. Team members' deposits will be refunded after the World Championship as long as they compete.*
 - c) The AWMA will make the public announcement of the team.

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- d) Once the AWMA makes the public announcement of the FMBB Team, the Secretary of the USMRA will make the announcement of the team members to the USMRA membership via email and on the Official USMRA Facebook Page.