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This document describes the selection process and responsibilities for international Mondioring competition for the Fédération Mondiale Bergers Belges (FMBB) and World Dutch Shepherd Federation (WDSF) world teams. The criteria written herein would also apply to any other breed specific world team however specific requirements are not outlined for other breeds yet. As other international breed organizations develop Mondioring championships, those details will be included.

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Section I.01 Team Member Selection

- (a) Qualification Requirements for Team Members and Their Dogs
 - (i) Applicants should reflect the highest level of good sportsmanship, ethics and conduct in the sport of Mondioring and within USMRA. Applicants must have had no documented record of poor sportsmanship, misconduct, or animal abuse that resulted in disciplinary action after investigation through the Board of Inquiry within the qualifying period.
 - (ii) Applicants must be members in good standing with the USMRA and with their national and/or international breed clubs if applicable.
 - (iii) Applicants for FMBB must be current members in good standing with the AWMA at the time the declaration is submitted. Applicants for WDSF must be current members in good standing of the WDSAA at the time the declaration is submitted.
 - (iv) Applicants must be a resident of the United States, having resided here for at least the two years prior to submission of declaration.
 - (v) 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.
 - (vi) The dog must be registered with the AKC for a minimum of 6 months and meet all FCI documentation and identification requirements.
 - (vii) Any male dog competing at his first Championship or competing for the first time after November 1, 2023 needs to have a veterinary certificate (written in English, with the name of the veterinary and contact information) stating that he has two testicles that appear normal and completely descended in the scrotum. If the dog has an accident or illness after he started his first Mondioring competition and needs to have one (of his) testicle(s) removed due to injury or sickness, he needs a second certificate (in English) stating that he was complete before the testicle(s) was/were removed due to injury or illness.
 - (viii) All dogs competing must be safely examinable by a veterinarian at the vet check at the event and must be able to submit to a microchip check after relinquishing the leash upon entering the competition field.

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Section I.02 Application and Selection Process

- (a) Complete the FMBB or WDSF Declaration form found on the **USMRA website's International Page**. Deadline: December 31 at midnight PST.
- (b) If the complete and correct declaration application and required attachments (listed below) are not received by the deadline the applicant will not be considered for the team.
 - (i) Please declare well in advance of the deadline. This will give the International Committee a chance to review submitted paperwork and provide input as to what items need to be corrected (if any) as well as give the applicant time to rectify paperwork prior to the deadline.
- (c) The declaration application requires the following attachments:
 - (i) The dog's AKC registration certificate
 - (ii) The dog's AKC pedigree
 - (iii) Copy of the dog's scorebook page 1 and relevant score pages
 - (iv) Rabies vaccine documentation, signed by the veterinarian with microchip number noted
 - (v) Copy of CGC certificate (evaluation forms are not acceptable) or USMRA Sociability test, CSAU or BH written in scorebook and signed by the judge
 - (vi) Proof of passport expiration date at least six months after expected departure date from the U.S.
 - (vii) Photo of handler with their dog in portrait orientation, no equipment on the dog.
- (d) Submitted declaration applications will be received by the USMRA Secretary and sent to the USMRA International Committee for review.
 - (i) The International Committee will review each applicant against the criteria outlined in this document and recommend the qualifying teams to the USMRA Board of Directors by January 10.
 - (ii) The USMRA Board of Directors will vote to approve the final team by January 15.
 - (iii) FMBB: The USMRA International Committee Chair will notify the AWMA of the selected team.
 - (iv) WDSF: The USMRA International Committee Chair will notify the WDSAA of the selected team.

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- (e) A \$250 deposit will be collected at the time the declaration application is submitted. The deposit will be returned if you are not selected for the team. If you are selected, the deposit will be returned once you have competed at the Grand Prix or Championship or attended the Championship as the reserve level 3 competitor.
- (f) The number of USMRA dog/handler teams selected will be in accordance with the current rules of the Championship.
- (g) A wait list of applicants will be established to fill any vacant spots that become available prior to the deadline to submit the team to the breed organization. The wait list will include applicants who have submitted a complete declaration application by the deadline, paid the application fee and met the minimum step-down criteria outlined in **Section 1.04(b)**. If a full team cannot be filled from the applicants and the waitlist, a partial team will participate in the Championships. Any declared team member declining or forfeiting their position on the team who elects to re-apply will be placed at the end of the waitlist.

Section I.03 Team Selection Criteria

- (a) Score and Title Requirements: During the qualifying period, an MR3 team must have earned at least two scores with 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 a MR2 title. An MR1 team must have earned at least one score of 160 or higher and must have an MR1 title.
- (b) Period for Qualifying Scores: January 1 – December 31
- (c) Requirements for Club Trial Scores: The following requirements apply only to the Club Trial scores which are to be used in the declaration application.
 - (i) Scores must be obtained within the qualifying period.
 - (ii) One decoy may be repeated at two of the Club Trials.
 - (iii) One judge may be repeated at two of the Club Trials
 - (iv) The submitted Club Trials must be held on different field locations. There must be at least 25 miles between the fields used for the trials.
 - (v) The submitted Club Trials must be hosted by different clubs
 - (vi) At the USMRA Board of Directors' and International Committee's discretion, one club score from a foreign country may be allowed to substitute for a Club Trial score.

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- (vii) These requirements do not apply to Championship scores; for example, if an applicant competes at a Club Trial that has the same judge(s) or decoy(s) as Nationals, the FCI World Championship, FMBB or WDSF, the score will still be allowed.

Section I.04 Formulas

- (a) Main Qualifying Criteria Formula: To apply using the Main Qualifying Criteria, applicants must have competed in at least 3 trials. All 3 scores can be club trial scores but all 3 must be passing scores. The applicant may elect to submit a score from the USMRA National Championship, the prior year's FCI World Championship, the FMBB Championship, WDSF Championship or any other world Mondioring Championship. If a Championship score is used, that score may be passing or non-passing.

- (i) Team selection will be made by ranking the average of the three submitted scores. Scores submitted from Club Trials must meet the qualifications in **Section 1.03(c)**.

1.
$$\text{Mean average} = (\text{Trial Score 1} + \text{Trial Score 2} + \text{Trial Score 3}) \div 3.$$

- (b) Step-Down Criteria Formulas: In cases where the 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 in **Section 1.04(b)**.

- (i) Step-Down Criteria 1: Applicants that have two passing scores, that meet the requirements in **Section 1.03(c)**. Team selection will be made by averaging the two scores. The 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.

2.
$$\text{Mean average} = (\text{Trial Score 1} + \text{Trial Score 2}) \div 2.$$

- (ii) Step-Down Criteria 2: Applicants that have two scores, either passing or not passing, that meets the requirements in **Section 1.03(c)**. Team selection will be made by averaging the Club Trial and the Championship score. 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 Step-Down Criteria 1.

$$\text{Mean average} = (\text{Trial Score 1} + \text{Trial Score 2}) \div 2.$$

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- (iii) Step-Down Criteria 3: Applicants that have one passing score, that meets the requirements in **Section 1.03(c)**. Team selection will be made by ranking scores from highest to lowest with others meeting this criterion and then ranked in that order below the qualifiers meeting the Step-Down Criteria 2.

- (c) Tie Breakers for Main Criteria and Step-Down Criteria 1, 2 and 3: In the event of a tie of the mean average scores, the higher total score of the protection exercises from the submitted scores used in the formula will be the tie breaker. If there is still a tie, the higher jump points would win, followed by higher obedience points, followed by the age of the dog where the younger dog would win.

Section I.05 World Team Responsibilities and Financial Considerations

- (a) Timely communication is imperative. All inquiries must be responded to within a 24-hour period. This applies to communication from both the international committee chair as well as the team leader.

- (b) 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.

- (c) Declared Team Applicants 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.

- (d) The USMRA will pay the entry fee and may subsidize expenses for the gala dinner and team uniform. 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 Team involvement.