

UNITED STATES MONDIORING ASSOCIATION FCI WORLD TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

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This document describes the selection process and responsibilities for the FCI World Team.
Please see the **Breed Specific World Team Selection Criteria** for FMBB and WDSF Requirements.
See Team Leader document for **Team Leader** Information.

Updated December 2023, effective for FCI World Championship Criteria in 2025 and beyond.

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Section 1.01 Team Member Selection

- (a) Qualification Requirements for World 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.
 - (iii) Applicants must be a resident of the United States, having resided within the United States for at least the two years prior to submission of declaration.
 - (iv) Upon request, the applicant 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.
 - (v) The dog must be registered with the AKC for a minimum of 6 months and meet all FCI documentation and identification requirements.
 - (vi) Any male dog 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 FCI-Mondioring competition and needs to have one (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.
 - (vii) The dogs of all applicants 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.

Section 1.02 Application and Selection Process

- (a) Complete the FCI World Team declaration form found on the **USMRA website's International Page**. Deadline: July 15 at midnight PST.
- (b) If the compete and correct declaration application and required attachments (listed below) are not received by the deadline the competitor *will not be considered for the team*.

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- (i) If you are not sure you have the correct paperwork for you or your dog, please declare well in advance. This will give the International Committee a chance to review submitted paperwork and provide you with input as to what items need to be corrected (if any) as well as give you time to rectify your 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. The dog must not be wearing equipment.
- (d) Submitted declaration applications will be received by the USMRA Secretary and sent to the USMRA International Committee for review.
- (e) 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 July 25th.
- (f) The USMRA Board of Directors will vote to approve the final team by July 30th.
- (g) A \$250 deposit will be collected at the time the declaration application is submitted. The deposit will be returned if the applicant is not selected for the team. If selected, the deposit will be returned after the team member has competed at the FCI Grand Prix or World Championship or attended the World Championship as the reserve level 3 competitor.
- (h) The number of USMRA dog/handler teams selected will be in accordance with the current rules of the FCI World Championship.

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- (i) A wait list of alternate team members will be established to fill any vacant spots that become available prior to the deadline to submit the team to the FCI. 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 wait list, a partial team will participate in the Championships. Any declared and selected Applicant declining or forfeiting their position on the team who elects to re-apply will be placed at the end of the wait list.

Section 1.03 Team Selection Criteria

- (a) USMRA National Championship: If the winner of the USMRA National Championship at Level 3 (MR3) attains a passing score, they will automatically be selected as one of the Applicants for that year's FCI World Team to compete at the FCI World Championship.
 - (i) The winner at Level 3 at the USMRA National Championship still needs to submit a declaration application.
 - (ii) The winner of the USMRA National Championship at levels MR1 and MR2, as well as a non-passing winner of MR3, will need to qualify via the Main Qualifying Criteria or Step-Down Criteria outlined in Section 1.04.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Period for Qualifying Scores: July 16 – July 15
- (d) 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

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- (vi) At the USMRA Board of Director's and International Committee's discretion, one club score from a foreign country may be allowed to substitute for a Club Trial score.
- (vii) If the applicant only submits two club trial scores, they must have different judges, decoys, hosing clubs and fields.
- (viii) 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 USMRA Nationals, the FCI World Championship, FMBB or WDSF, the score will still be allowed.

Section 1.04 Formulas

- (a) FCI Main Qualifying Criteria Formula: To apply using the FCI Main Qualifying Criteria, applicants must compete in either the USMRA National Championship, the prior year's FCI World Championship, the FMBB Championship, WDSF Championship or any other world Mondioring Championship, during the qualifying period. If a competitor competes at the USMRA National Championship, that score will be used regardless of whether they competed at the prior FCI World Championship, FMBB Championship, WDSF Championship or any other world Mondioring Championship. However, if an applicant only competes at a world championship (currently FCI, FMBB or WDSF) that score will be used in lieu of a USMRA National Championship score.
 - (i) Team selection will be made by ranking the weighted average of two Club Trial scores and twice (2x) the Championship score. The Club Trial scores will be the two highest passing scores from USMRA Club Trials meeting the qualifications in **Section 1.03(d)**.
 - (ii) Weighted average score = [Club Trial Score #1 + Club Trial Score #2 + (2 x Championship Score)] ÷ 4. The weighted average score will be ranked from highest to lowest with others meeting this criterion.
- (b) FCI 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 in **Section 1.04(b)**.
 - (i) Step-Down Criteria 1: Applicants that attend a Championship and have two club scores, passing or not passing, that meet the requirements in **Section 1.03(d)**. Team selection will be made by averaging the three 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.

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Mean average = (Trial Score 1 + Trial Score 2 + Trial Score 3) ÷ 3.

- (ii) Step-Down Criteria 2: Applicants that attend a Championship and have only one club score, either passing or not passing, that meets the requirements in **Section 1.03(d)**. 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.

Mean average = (Trial Score 1 + Trial Score 2) ÷ 2.

- (iii) Step-Down Criteria 3: Applicants that do not compete in any Championship but have three Club Trial passing scores, that meet the requirements in **Section 1.03(d)**. Team selection will be made by averaging the three scores. 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 2.

Mean average = (Trial Score 1 + Trial Score 2 + Trial Score 3) ÷ 3.

- (iv) Step-Down Criteria 4: Applicants who do not compete in any Championship and have two Club Trial passing scores, that meet the requirements in **Section 1.03(d)**. Team selection will be by the mean average of the two scores. 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 3.

Mean average = (Trial Score 1 + Trial Score 2) ÷ 2.

- (c) Tie Breakers for FCI Main Criteria and FCI Step-Down Criteria 1 and 2: In the event of a tie of the average scores, 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 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.

Section 1.05 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.

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- (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 World 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 for the entry fee, 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 World Team involvement.

Section 1.06 International Committee Responsibilities and Selection Process

- (a) 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.
- (b) Sends an official communication to all USMRA members no later than one (1) month 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.
- (c) Reviews declarations submitted to ensure every detail of eligibility, entry and team logistics has been addressed and completed.
- (d) Be current on international travel requirements with dogs and the current championship policies.
- (e) Works with the USMRA Treasurer and Team Leader to ensure that any approved costs are paid. Following the World Championships, the International Chair will inform the USMRA's Treasurer to refund Team Members' deposits (who competed or attended as the Level 3 Reserve).
- (f) Reminds the USMRA Board of Directors to schedule a conference call in advance for the timely approval of the World Team before their deadline.
- (g) 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).

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- (h) 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).
- (i) Once the USMRA Board of Directors has approved the team 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.