

2011 AWDF FCI-IPO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM DECLARATION

ELIGIBILITY

1. The handler must be a member in good standing of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America (USCA) and a full member of a full-member USCA club.
2. The handler is not required to be a citizen of the United States provided he or she is a permanent resident of the United States.
3. The handler and dog must remain the same throughout the qualification process and the championship.
4. The handler is not required to be the owner of the declared dog.
5. Competition is restricted to one dog per handler.
6. The scorebook of a declared dog must have been recorded by the USA Office by January 1, 2011.
7. Members representing USCA at the FCI World Championship are restricted to German Shepherd Dogs.
8. Declared dogs must be registered with the USCA Breed Registry or USCA/SV Breed Registry no later than April 1, 2011.
9. Declared dogs must have a SchH3 or IPO 3 title to represent USCA on the AWDF / FCI Team.
10. Any dog that has ever been disqualified by a judge in a trial due to temperament cannot be declared.
11. Candidates aspiring to be on the AWDF FCI-IPO World Championship Team must submit the following to the USCA Office postmarked no later than May 1, 2011 even though all of the qualifying events have not yet been held. This deadline will be strictly enforced.
 - a. Letter of declaration that includes the name of the dog being declared and the name of the person declaring.
 - b. Copy of the dog's registration papers showing ownership; and, if the owner is different from the handler, a letter from the owner granting permission and naming the handler.
 - c. USA and AWDF scorebook number. If you do not have an AWDF scorebook one will be provided.
 - d. Letter signed by two club officers attesting the declarant is a full member of their full member club.
 - e. Completed USCA AWDF / FCI-IPO World Championship Team Candidate Information Form (included with this document and also available on the USCA website as an interactive form). This form is necessary for timely scheduling of details, including advance travel arrangements and team uniforms.
 - f. Failure to submit this form and the required information could result in rejection of the application.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

The USCA Office shall notify a candidate by email if the candidate does not meet the necessary requirements. The notification shall contain the reasons for the decision. The candidate may appeal this decision to the World Championship Committee.

PREREQUISITES

Candidates who qualify to represent the United Schutzhund Clubs of America in the 2011 FCI-IPO World Championship must demonstrate the following:

1. The best consistent performance in USCA sanctioned trials.
2. Conduct that exemplifies good sportsmanship and self-discipline.
3. A strong desire to attend the FCI-IPO World Championship and represent the United Schutzhund Clubs of America in international competition.

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QUALIFICATION PROCESS

1. The handler/dog team must have received a qualifying score of 270 points in at least two (2) of the qualifying trials. The World Championship Committee will select the teams from those that have qualified based on the average of their two highest qualifying scores.
 - a. Scores from the 2010 USCA-GSD National Championship, the 2011 USCA Working Dog Championships, and the 2011 AWDF Championship (the three eligible qualifying trials) will be used to determine selection.
2. The USCA World Championship Committee will conduct a final review to determine which team members will represent USCA based on the qualification requirements listed previously. If USCA cannot submit six (6) handler/dog teams to the AWDF because they don't meet the previous requirements then the World Championship Committee may select additional teams so long as they have two (2) qualification scores. One (1) of those scores must be at least 270 points at one of the three eligible qualifying trials to be considered.
3. Scores compiled after the qualifying trials will be used in the selection of those qualified to be submitted to the AWDF /FCI Team Selection Committee. Announcement of the team members will be made as soon as practical to the team members and on the USCA website.

TEAM MEMBERS

1. All USA members of the FCI-IPO World Championship Team are representatives of USCA, and shall strive to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner both on and off the field.
2. All team members, including the alternate, shall adhere to AWDF and FCI rules by wearing their team uniforms during competition and at all official events such as draw night, opening ceremonies, and closing ceremonies.
3. Any member of the team who conducts him or herself in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal from the team. The decision to dismiss a team member shall lie solely with the team captain.
4. Any disciplinary action taken against USCA members for detrimental conduct shall be filed in an Exception Report with the World Championship Committee no later than 30 days after the FCI-IPO World Championship. The World Championship Committee shall decide if further action is to be taken by filing charges with the Board of Inquiry if necessary.

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AWDF FCI-IPO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM

SECTION 1. CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name _____ USCA Member # _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone: Home _____ Mobile _____
Email Address _____ Club Affiliation _____

SECTION 2. DOG REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name of Dog _____
Titles _____ Reg # _____ USCA Score Book # _____
Birth Date _____ Sex _____
Breed Surveyed: Yes _____ No _____ KKL1 _____ KKL2 _____
Name of Sire _____
Titles _____ Reg # _____
Name of Dam _____
Titles _____ Reg # _____

SECTION 3. PRELIMINARY TRAVEL INFORMATION

Airport of Departure _____
Number in Party _____
Travel Class Desired: 1st _____ Business _____ Coach _____
Rental Vehicle Required: Car _____ Station Wagon _____ Mini Van _____
Hotel Accommodations:
Number in Party _____ Single _____ Double _____
Dog Crate Dimensions: L _____ W _____ H _____
Weight of Crate Including Dog _____ Lbs.

SECTION 4. UNIFORM INFORMATION

(Please indicate all women's clothing in both ladies and unisex sizes.)

Jacket _____ Sport Coat _____ Sweater _____
Shirt/Blouse Size _____ Sleeve Length _____
Slacks: Waist _____ Length _____
Ladies Size _____

Please note:

Although some of the information is preliminary, this form must be completed and submitted with your declaration of candidacy.