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I. OVERVIEW

The American Working Dog Federation Championship competition is held the last weekend of March of each year. This popular event, which follows IPO rules, has grown in size since its inception, and current entries number close to 100 dog/handler teams.

The United Doberman Club has strongly supported its competitors at the AWDF Team Challenge, often providing logo wear and entry fee or travel stipends. UDC members are encouraged to participate to represent the Doberman in this all breed championship.

II. SCORING

- A. All entries will be considered as part of their breed club team.
- B. In order to be eligible for scoring as a team, each breed club team must consist of no fewer than 3 members. Each breed team must have at least one SchH I or SchH II entry.
- C. To be eligible for individual High in Trial, the handler/dog must have previously trialed in the United States.
- D. All dogs and handlers are eligible for individual awards.
- E. Final scores for the Breed Club Team Challenge will come from the 3 highest scores distributed as indicated below:
 - 1. The first highest score must come from the I or II level
 - 2. The next highest score must come from the III level
 - 3. The final highest score may come from either a I, II or III level.
- F. The top two eligible dog-handler teams are automatically chosen to represent the AWDF at the FCI IPO Championships and are subject to the FCI IPO Team Selection rules. (Note: These top two handlers do not need a second trial to qualify. See FCI IPO Team Selection rules.)
- G. The AWDF FCI Team Selection Committee will contact the top two eligible teams to confirm their position on the FCI IPO Championship Team.

III. STANDARD OF CONDUCT

- A. Only regulation trial equipment is allowed on the trial field at any time.
- B. Handlers shall practice humane standards of training with special care at public events.
- C. The Host club, Trial Chairperson and the AWDF will be responsible for enforcement of these regulations.

IV. ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER

- A. Owners and handlers of entered Dobermans must be current members in good standing of the UDC.

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- B. All Dobermans must have a scorebook issued by the AWDF or the UDC.
- C. All Dobermans must be registered with the UDC.
- D. All dogs entering the AWDF championships must be tattooed or microchipped. The handler is responsible for supplying the reader/scanner for the chip.
- E. An owner/handler may compete for a new title if s/he has previously titled a dog to the level they are entering or higher, but no dog/handler team may compete at a level lower than the dog's current title.
- F. The AWDF encourages the use of IPO judges with FCI World Championship experience.

V. ENTRY PROCEDURE

- A. Exhibitors must send a hard copy letter of intent (email notices are not acceptable) to the UDC AWDF Chair (or the designee) postmarked by January 31st indicating the level they for which they wish to compete and the including the following:
 - 1. complete contact information for the owner, including home phone, and cell phone if applicable, and current email address if applicable.
 - 2. the dog's name and titles, along with a copy of the dog's UDC registration;
 - 3. a copy of the dog's scorebook;
 - 4. a copy of the owner's UDC membership card;
 - 5. handler's shirt/jacket size.
- B. If the Chair has not received letters of intent for a full team by the deadline of January 31st, then the Chair will attempt to complete the team if possible (only for the levels that have not been filled). The selection of individuals to complete the team is at the discretion of the AWDF Chair ONLY.
- C. After submitting the letter of intent, the owner or handler must submit a completed entry form with entry fee to the UDC AWDF chair no later than 3 weeks prior to the AWDF entry closing date. The full entry fee must be paid by check payable to United Doberman Club. The closing date for entries will be posted on the AWDF website and on the UDC website.
- D. The UDC AWDF Committee Chair will submit the UDC entries to the AWDF Trial Chairperson by the closing date for the competition.

II. STIPENDS

- A. UDC will reimburse the entry fee for the three high scoring Doberman competitors - one from each level (IPO 1, 2, & 3) after the team competes at the AWDF. In order to qualify for the reimbursement, the team must meet all of the conditions listed above and must compete at the event. The team may not be disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct. Should there not be a high scoring Doberman at any given level, an entry fee will not be reimbursed for said level.
- B. UDC will provide a logo item to each competitor (item to be determined by the AWDF Committee).