



AAC IFCS 2012 Team Selection Process

AAC will sponsor a team to participate in the 2012 IFCS World Agility Championships to be held in Fort Worth, Texas, USA on May 11-13, 2012 (for more information on the event, go to <http://www.usdaa.com/article.cfm?newsID=1722> . For more information on IFCS regulations, see the official IFCS website at the following URL: <http://www.dogsport.ru/>)

AAC will oversee the selection of the team and will make such selections in accordance with guidelines set forth herein. Selected team members agree to follow all policies and procedures set forth by IFCS, AAC, the Team Coach, the Team Assistant Coach and the AAC WT Committee.

Team Selection

- 1) Team members are selected by the AAC Selection committee.
- 2) Four teams of 3 dogs are chosen to compete in the four IFCS height divisions. An individual handler may have more than one dog on the team but may **not** have more than one dog in each height division. In addition, two alternates will be designated for each height division; they will be designated as First Alternate and Second Alternate. The First Alternate will be substituted only in the event a team member must withdraw prior to the event closing date. In the event of a second team member withdrawing or if the First Alternate is unable to attend, the Second Alternate will be designated for competition.
- 3) Consideration for a position on the AAC team is offered first to the handler/dog with the highest number of selection points based on the selection criteria. The team selection committee reserves the right to strongly consider the supporting materials in the selection process. Points can be earned at AAC Nationals in 2011 and by performance as a member of past 2010 AAC IFCS team.
- 4) The potential team member must send their application (details at the end of this document) to the AAC vice-president, MJ Thuot, her coordinate are on the AAC Website.
- 5) Selection of team members will be announced before December 1st, 2011.

Eligibility of Handler

- 1) The handler must be a member in good standing of the AAC.
- 2) The handler of a dog under consideration for the team must have been the handler of the dog in 100 % of the results submitted for consideration.
- 2) The handler must have participated at a minimum of 6 approved AAC trials in a 2 year period, i.e. 2010 and 2011 (beside Regionals and Nationals – minimum number of classes run per trial is 4, list of trial and classes must be supplied with application).
- 3) The handler must either be a citizen of the Canada or have permanent resident status within Canada. Note that a permanent resident who competes as a representative for their country of residency will be ineligible to compete for their country of citizenship for a period of 5 years following the IFCS competition.
- 4) The handler must have satisfied all conditions pertaining to travel documentation (i.e. passports and health certifications) required for themselves and their dog for travel in the USA no later than 30 days (for rabies) and 15 days (for health certificates) prior to the event, or as set forth by Team Coaches as more information becomes available regarding travel arrangements.
- 5) If the handler is under 18 years of age, written permission must be given by a parent or guardian for participation on the team and that the handler must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at their own expense.
- 6) The handler must be physically able to compete in the event. Ill or incapacitated handlers should inform the Selection committee no less than 15 days prior to the closing date so that an alternate can be notified, if any is to be named. The closing date will be announced as soon as it is known.
- 7) A competitor must be financially able to provide their personal travel expenses to and from the event should financial sponsorship not be available.
- 8) A competitor shall be expected to serve as a representative and goodwill ambassador representing Canada, the AAC, and of the sport of dog agility. Any written complaints filed against a potential team member for actions or incidents occurring at an AAC trial and which are found to be upheld by the AAC Disciplinary Committee will be reviewed by the Selection Committee and the Committee at its sole discretion and without recourse may declare such a competitor ineligible for the team.
- 9) After selection, each handler (or parent/guardian of a minor) will be required to sign a contract in order to confirm participation on the team. This contract will outline duties and responsibilities for team members, financial responsibilities, team practices, code of conduct and more.

Eligibility of Dog

1) The dog's official height must have been verified in accordance with the Application form for compliance with IFCS jump height standards (see below for clarification regarding measurements). Note that in addition, all dogs in the Toy, Mini, and Midi divisions will be measured by IFCS judges or officials prior to the start of the IFCS competition. Any dog that is measured over the height limit at any point will not be allowed to compete.

2) Official IFCS height breakdowns are as follows (NOTE: these are different than AAC height cutoffs!):

(a) Toy: 30 cm (11.81 in)

(b) Mini: 40 cm (15.75 in)

(c) Midi: 50 cm (19.69 in)

(d) Maxi: over 50 cm

Since the 2012 event will be held in the United States, all measuring devices will be inch-based. Measurements from wickets will not be accepted.

3) Any medications that the dog is receiving must be declared in advance to the Team Coaches and to the Selection Committee. No performance enhancing medications are permitted as IFCS regulations specifically forbid them.

4) Ill or exhausted dogs, bitches in heat or pregnant bitches are not permitted in the IFCS competition.

5) A dog shall be expected to serve as a representative of AAC and of the sport of dog agility. Any written complaints filed against a potential team dog for actions or incidents occurring at an AAC trial and which are found to be upheld by the AAC Disciplinary Committee will be reviewed by the Selection committee who can declare such a dog ineligible for the team.

Team Selection Points

1) Points are credited towards team eligibility as follows:

a. Toy (30 cm): points earned must come from 10" Regular classes by a dog measuring 30 cm (11.81 in) and under.

b. Mini (40 cm): points earned must come from 16" Regular classes by a dog measuring 40 cm (15.75 in) and under.

c. Midi (55 cm): points earned must come from 22" Regular classes by a dog measuring 50 cm (19.69 in) and under.

d. Maxi (65 cm): points earned must come from 26" Regular classes.

2) Points will be earned at the 2011 AAC National Championship. Points can also be earned through performance as a member of the AAC IFCS 2010 team.

Point accumulation table for 2011 AAC **National** Championship

(Note : because of the great differences between each Regional championship, no points are given for that event but results will be studied attentively – see below)

Class	Placement	Points earned
Standard	1 st	20
	2 nd	18
	3rd	16
	4th	14
	5th	12
	6th	10
	7th	8
	8th	7
	9th	6
	10th	5
Jumpers	1 st	20
	2 nd	18
	3rd	16
	4th	14
	5th	12
	6th	10
	7th	8
	8th	7
	9th	6
	10th	5
Gamblers	1 st	10
	2 nd	9
	3rd	8
	4th	7
	5th	6
	6th	5
	7th	4
	8th	3
	9th	2
	10th	1

Point accumulation table from IFCS 2010

Class	Placement	Points earned
Standard Agility (Individual All-Around, Biathlon, Team and overall medals)	1 st	5
	2 nd	4
	3rd	3
	4th	2
	5 th	1
Jumpers (Individual All-Round, Biathlon, Team placements and Overall medals)	1 st	5
	2 nd	4
	3rd	3
	4th	2
	5 th	1
Gamblers/Snooker (points awarded for placements each game in Individual All-Around)	1 st	5
	2 nd	4
	3rd	3
	4th	2
	5 th	1

(4) In the event of ties on the number of overall points, the team selection committee will make the decision based on supporting materials.

Application Deadline is September 30, 2011. The handler must supply the following by Sept. 30, 2011:

- Measurement form with the correct number of measurements. These measurements must be done by **TWO different** Masters judges using a measuring device (not a wicket) and one of these measurements must be done **AT A TRIAL, the other one will be done at the AAC Nationals by the judge selected by the IFCS committee for that purpose, Sue Miller**. Applications sent without a completed measurement form will not be considered.
- Mandatory Supporting Materials:
 - Minimum of 3 Masters Snooker runs from between December 1, 2010 and Sept. 30, 2011 (AAC or USDAA) (you must include the video, result, placement, and course map including venue, footing, date and judge)
 - Minimum of 2 Challenge Class runs from between December 1, 2010 and Sept. 30, 2011 (you must include the video, placement, and course map including venue, footing, date and judge)
 - Results from 2011 AAC Regionals (you must include the video, results, and placements.)
- Optional Supporting Materials (strongly recommended to include any materials from):
 - Results/videos from USDAA World Cynosport Games and Regional Championships (2010),
 - IFCS World Agility Championships (2010 only)
 - FCI World Championship (2010 only)
 - European Open (2010 and 2011)
 - World Agility Open (2011)
 - Any additional materials you would like the committee to consider, such as handler resume and important competitive results.

Sending your application material.

Paper document

The supporting materials can be sent electronically (Word or RTF document, scanned course maps in an e-mail) to the AAC vice-president who will distribute it to the selection committee. If the applicant chooses to send his application documentation by mail, he must send **5 copies** of all documents (see above) to the AAC vice-president who will distribute them to the selection committee.

A YouTube account will be setup for the **videos** and further information will be posted regarding the YouTube account where to upload your videos around August 15th, 2011.