

BSDCC Agility World Team Regulations & Team Selection Criteria for the 2020 FMBB World Agility Championship

The Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of Canada (BSDCC), in collaboration with the Canadian Working Belgian Shepherd Association (CWBSA), may select a team of up to 8 dogs to attend the Fédération Mondiale du Berger Belge (FMBB) World Agility Championship (WAC). All expenses will be the responsibility of each dog's handler.

Rules for the competition will be based upon the FMBB/Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) rules in effect at the FMBB World Agility Championship. These rules may change between the time this document is released to the time the event takes place. Examples of possible changes include changes to jump and A-frame heights, course and equipment judging methods, and rules on handler eligibility.

BSDCC Agility World Team (AWT) - The top 8 eligible dog/handler teams from submitted CKC/AAC/UKI events (see eligible events and point system below) will earn positions on the team to run in the FMBB WAC Individual events. There may also be a maximum of 2 alternate positions. The top 4 eligible dog/handler teams will also compete in the FMBB WAC Team events.

Who Can Apply - A "Team" shall be considered, for purpose of these rules, to be an owner/handler or a co-owner/handler and a Belgian Shepherd Dog that meets the requirements listed here and in the current FCI Agility Regulations. A "Candidate/Dog/Handler Team" is the owner/co-owner/handler that intends to compete for a position on the BSDCC AWT. This person is the primary handler that has trialed the dog during the trialing calendar year, and is a member of the CKC and BSDCC. All Teams must meet the AWT Selection Criteria and Basic Eligibility information listed below.

How to Apply - Submit the following information, along with a \$200 entry fee, to the BSDCC AWT Committee Chairperson by **December 31, 2019**. If a handler is submitting applications for two dogs, the fee is \$200 for the first dog and \$150 for the second dog. (Note: Please submit copies of original certificates.)

- Application Form
- Entry Qualification Form
- FCI recognized scorebook
- CKC membership number
- CKC registration certificate
- Rabies vaccination certificate*
- Photo of dog with handler

Failure to send a completed package may constitute a rejection of a Team position. Members who are not selected for the team will have their \$200 entry fee refunded once the final team is selected.

* **NOTE:** A successful candidate must provide proof that their dog has a valid rabies vaccine, and any other vaccination required by the host country, and that the vaccinations will be current and valid on the dates of the 2020 FMBB WAC. This proof must be provided at least two months prior to the 2020 FMBB WAC.

AWT Selection Criteria - A Team must submit an Entry Qualification Form with their qualifying scores and AWT points earned at selected CKC, AAC and/or UKI agility events. AWT positions will be filled based on a combination of the average YPS of each qualifying score submitted and the points earned on those qualifying scores, according to the criteria below. A tie will be broken by the highest average YPS score. If there is still a tie, then it may be decided by a vote of the BSDCC AWT Committee. The minimum entry requirement is 10 points, and the maximum that will be considered is 50 points.

- Scores must be from the 24" jump height.
- Clean round scores will take precedence over faulted scores.
- Scores may be combined from any of the agility venues' regular trialing events listed below.
- Scores must be obtained between January 1, 2019 and March 1, 2020.
- All times and yards per second (YPS) listed shall be rounded to the 2nd decimal place (suggested minimum JWW YPS is 4.50).
- The applicant must be the handler who showed the dog in the events submitted.

AWT Point System - A Candidate Team must have a minimum of 10 points from any of the following:

- STANDARD AGILITY CLUB TRIAL (minimum 6 points) - Any of the following regular Excellent/Masters/Tournament classes (CKC/AAC/UKI): Standard, Agility, Jumpers, Jumpers with Weaves, Steeplechase, Speed Stakes, Masters Series
 - 1 point each: Qualifying round
 - 1 point each: 1st through 4th placement
- BSDCC NATIONAL AGILITY TRIAL (if offered) (maximum 6 points)
 - 1 point each: Qualifying round (Excellent level)
 - 1 point each: 1st through 4th placement (Excellent level)
- AAC NATIONALS, UKI NATIONALS, CKC INVITATIONAL (max. 16 points)
 - 2 point each: Top ten placement in any round
- UKI CUP, AAC REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, CANADIAN CLASSIC, CKC TRYOUTS (max. 12 points)
 - 2 point each: Top ten placement in any round
- PRIOR YEAR FMBB AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (max. 6 points)
 - 1 point each: Competitor
 - 1 point each: Qualifying round
 - 1 point each: Top ten placement in any round
 - 3 points: Finals and/or top ten finish
- PRIOR YEAR AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (WAO, IFCS, FCI, EO) (max. 16 points)
 - 1 point each: Competitor
 - 3 point each: Top ten placement in any round

Basic Eligibility

- Candidate must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.
- Candidate must be a member in good standing of the BSDCC and the CKC.
- Dog must be a CKC-registered Belgian Shepherd Dog, with a legible ISO microchip or tattoo.
- Dog must compete at the FMBB WAC in the 600 cm/24" jump height.

- Any Candidate younger than 18 years of age who is accepted on the team must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at their own expense (e.g. air, hotel and ground travel, accommodations) for the World Championship as well as any offered team practice(s).
- Entries for a maximum of two (2) dogs per Candidate will be permitted. No Candidate may compete in more than one performance venue at the FMBB World Championship without the written authorization of the BSDCC AWT Committee. A Candidate may compete with more than one dog at the FMBB WAC as long as the FMBB criteria allow.
- The Candidate/handler trialing the dog during the trialing calendar year will be the only handler allowed to compete with the dog at the FMBB WAC.
- Candidate must be willing to pay all their own expenses and costs for the FMBB WAC.
- Candidate must be willing to attend a FMBB WAC practice, if offered.
- Candidate must be willing to acquire any documentation (for them or their dog) required by any government agencies, the FMBB or any local club hosting the event. This documentation may include but is not limited to acceptable and valid vaccination records as determined by the host country.
- Dog must be intact or have a letter from a veterinarian explaining that the dog was altered for medical reasons and was fertile prior to the procedure (FMBB rule).
- Candidates must meet the residency requirements as defined by the FMBB. If the Candidate or co-owner of the dog competed for another country, under any flag other than Canada or for any breed club other than the BSDCC at the previous year's FMBB WAC, they are ineligible for selection for the next year's team (FMBB rule).
- A Candidate who receives a misconduct charge from the CKC or the BSDCC, after earning a spot on the BSDCC AWT but before the FMBB WAC, may also be subject to disqualification from the FMBB WAC. If this occurs, any fees the Candidate has paid will not be refunded.
- Candidate must at all times demonstrate extreme good sportsmanship while participating in or watching any dog sport event. The BSDCC and/or the BSDCC AWT Committee may refuse entry selection to any handler who demonstrates verbal or physical abuse to a dog, fellow competitor, spectator, judge or trial volunteer.
- Candidate acknowledges that they are a representative of Canada, the BSDCC, and any company, club, or individual that sponsors the BSDCC or its agility program.

Final BSDCC Agility World Team Selection - Final selections will be announced as soon as possible. If needed, running positions (including alternates, if any) at the FMBB WAC shall be chosen by the BSDCC AWT Captain.

Questions? Please Contact:

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