

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IFR WORLD TEAM

Qualifications for the IFR Team shall be for competitors of the USRC IGP National the year preceding the next IFR World Championship. Additional team spots may be filled with consideration to the following exceptions:

Exceptions:

Participants (dog and handler team) in the IFR World Championship of that year are exempt from the mandated participation in the USRC National qualifier for the following year IFR World Championship due to travel hardships if the USRC National is outside of a 300-mile distance from the team's residence.

Petition for any remaining IFR World Team positions can be made based on the following point system.

The time period to earn qualification points will run from the calendar year (July 25 - June 30) prior to the year in which the team will be selected. The remaining positions for the team will be filled in order according to the number of points earned. A tie in points will be broken by the highest average score. If there is still a tie, then it will be broken by highest average protection score, then highest average obedience score. All points earned must be with the same handler/dog team only at the IGP III level.

IFR or FCI World Championship:

- V - 10 points
- SG - 8 points
- G - 5 points
- S - 3 points
- Additional 5 points for a top ten finish at any prior IFR and/or the FCI World Championships.

Additional points may be awarded for the following

- Passing score at the AWDF Championship as a representative of USRC: 5 points
- Passing score at any AWDF Member Club National Championship: 4 points.
- An additional 2 points are awarded if the score at these championships if the dog earns an overall score of V or SG.

The following points are awarded for any Regional or higher-level competition at an AWDF or FCI recognized club:

- Overall scores: V = 5 points; SG = 4 points; G = 3 point with an additional 2 points awarded if earned at an USRC Regional

Overall scores at any AWDF Member club trials are awarded as follows:

- V = 3 points SG = 2 points G = 1 points S = .5 points

POLICY FOR IFR TEAM MEMBERS

Each handler that submits a declaration for a position on the USRC IFR IGP World Team must adhere to the following conditions and adhere to all competitor guidelines:

1. In order to declare for a spot on the team, every entrant must submit the declaration form no later than July 30.
2. A \$250 deposit must be submitted that is only refundable upon completion of participation at the IFR World Championship.
3. The handler and/or owner of any dog participating on the IFR World team must have participated in one USRC event in the prior 2 years in order to declare for a spot on the team.
4. The handler must have a current USRC membership that was paid by April 30 of the membership year in which they declare and be in good standing.

If the above conditions are not met, the handler must petition the USRC Executive Board for a waiver of any of the above requirements. The petition must be received no later than July 25.

USRC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITOR GUIDELINES

1. All members of the USRC IFR World Championship Team are representatives of USRC and shall strive to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner both on and off the field. Team members include the competitors, alternates, and Team Captain. This includes both two weeks prior to the event until closing ceremonies.
2. All Team members, including the alternate, shall wear their uniforms during competition and at all official events such as draw night, opening and closing ceremonies. Team members are expected to participate in all ceremonies associated with the event.
3. Any member of the Team who conducts him or herself in an unsportsmanlike manner, or engages in any other actions that are contrary to the best interests of the Team, shall be subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal. The decision to dismiss a Team member before the Team leaves for the Championship shall be by a majority vote of the USRC Executive Board. After departure to the competition, the Team Captain can initiate disciplinary action against a Team member. The Team Captain shall present evidence of the infraction to the President of the USRC. The Team Captain, President, and the Executive Board shall collectively decide if the competitor shall be dismissed from the Team or if other disciplinary action should be pursued then or in the future through a Board of Inquiry hearing.
4. Any disciplinary action taken against a Team member for detrimental conduct while traveling to or attending the IFR World competition shall be filed in a report to the USRC Executive Board no later than 45 days after the end of the Championship.