



2018 IFCS World Team Selection Rules

Competitors wishing to qualify for the 2018 IFCS World Agility Championships are required to attend four of the team selection events listed below. Team Selection shall be based on the performance results from the required events with ranking of all competitors entered in the events listed below:

- 2017 Cynosport World Games – Required – October 25-29, Murfreesboro, TN
- 2017 IFCS World Team Selection Event – Required – September 15-17, Castle Rock, CO
- Two* of the following are required:
 - 2017 Regional Championships
 - Wild West – March 9-12, Queen Creek, AZ
 - South Central – March 17-19, Kerrville, TX
 - North Central – May 12-14, Canton, MI
 - Southwest – May 12-14, Camarillo, CA
 - Pacific Northwest – May 25-28, Auburn, WA
 - Southeast – June 9-11, Perry, GA
 - Mid-Atlantic – June 16-18, Barto, PA
 - Rocky Mountain – June 16-18, Farmington, UT
 - New England – July 7-9, North Kingstown, RI
 - Central – August 18-20, Olathe, KS
 - Western – September 1-4, Prunedale, CA
 - 2017 Title Mania
 - West – April 20-23, Camarillo, CA
 - East – May 25-28, North Kingstown, RI
 - Central – July 6-9, Franklin, TN

**Any combination of two from the 11 Regionals and 3 Title Mania events. For example, 2-Regionals, 2-Title Mania, 1-Regional & 1-Title Mania. If multiple Regional and Title Mania events are attended, the scores from your two best events will be used to determine your ranking on the 2018 IFCS World Team.*

At the Cynosport World Games, scores shall be evaluated based upon entry in the following classes:

- Masters Challenge Biathlon (each round will be scored separately)
- Grand Prix, the better of
 - Semi-Finals
 - Finals
- Dog Agility Steeplechase, the better of
 - Semi-Finals
 - Finals

- Team
 - Standard
 - Jumpers
 - Snooker

Points for all seven (7) classes will be added together for one overall score.

At the 2018 IFCS World Team Selection Event, scores shall be evaluated based upon the classes below, including:

- Masters Challenge Standard x 2
- Masters Challenge Jumpers x 2
- Masters Gamblers
- Masters Snooker

Points for all six (6) classes will be added together for one overall score.

At Regional Championship events, scores shall be evaluated based upon results in the following classes:

- Masters Challenge Biathlon (each round to be separately evaluated)
- Team Snooker

Points for all three (3) classes will be added together for a point total for the event.

At Title Mania events, scores shall be evaluated based upon results in the following classes:

- Three rounds of each:
 - Masters Challenge Standard
 - Masters Challenge Jumpers
 - Masters Snooker

Points for all three (3) class types will be added together, with the points earned in each round of each class type being averaged. For example:

- MC Standard Points = $\text{Rnd1} + \text{Rnd2} + \text{Rnd3} / 3$
- MC Jumpers Points = $\text{Rnd1} + \text{Rnd2} + \text{Rnd3} / 3$
- Masters Snooker Points = $\text{Rnd1} + \text{Rnd2} + \text{Rnd3} / 3$

The four events are weighted by the number of classes offered and Team Selection Points (TSPs) that can be earned.

- Cynosport: 7 classes, max of 350 TSPs
- World Team Selection Event (WTSE): 6 classes, max of 300 TSPs
- Regionals and/or Title Mania: 3 classes, max of 150 TSP each event, for a maximum of 300 TSPs

Total max TSPs that could be earned from all four events is 950.

TEAM SELECTION RANKINGS

Team Selection Points (TSPs) are to be accumulated through the foregoing events and classes for all entered competitors. TSPs are comprised of two components and will be earned based on a proportional placement ranking system (calculated similar to the system used for the 2017 selection process), with a bonus awarded equal to 100% of the Placement Ranking Points for that run if a qualifying score is earned. Points are calculated on the specific classes as set forth below.

Standard, Jumpers, Grand Prix, and Steeplechase

The first-place competitor in each jump height will receive a maximum of 50 points, being 25 points for placing first plus 25 points (100% of the placement points awarded) for earning a qualifying round. All other competitors in the class will earn placement points based on their placement in the class by evaluating their performance score relative to the first-place competitor's score, and if a qualifying score is earned, then the placement points are doubled.

NOTE: All Standard, Jumpers, Grand Prix and Steeplechase classes will be scored on a time plus faults basis for Team Selection Rankings.

Example:

- First-place competitor has a qualifying score and a time of 35.00 seconds. This competitor earned 50 points, being 25 placement points for being first-place, plus 25 points for the qualifying round.
- Second place competitor has a qualifying score and a time of 36.50 seconds, being 1.5 seconds behind than the first-place dog. This competitor earned 47 points, being 23.50 placement points and 23.50 points for the qualifying round. Placement points are calculated as 25 points minus the score differential from the first-place competitor's score. (In this case, 25 minus 1.50.)
- Third place competitor has a score of 5 faults and a time of 33.75 seconds, so their score (time plus faults) equals 38.75, being 3.75 behind the first place score. This competitor earned 21.25 points, being 21.25 placement points total (25.00-3.75). Placement points are calculated as 25 points less the time plus faults differential from the first-place competitor's time. There is no doubling because they did not receive a qualifying score.

Snooker and Gamblers

A qualifying score in team events shall be a score within 15% of the winning score, and in Title Mania, a qualifying score is based upon titling regulations.

The first-place competitor in each jump height will receive a maximum of 50 points, being 25 points for placing first plus 25 points (100% of the placement points awarded) for earning a qualifying round. All other competitors in the class will earn placement points based on their placement in the class by evaluating their performance score relative to the first-place competitor's score, and if a qualifying score is earned, then the placement points are doubled.

Example for Snooker:

- First-place competitor earns 51 points in the class. This competitor earned 50 points, being 25 points for first-place, and 25 for the qualifying round.
- The next three (3) competitors also earn 51 points. These competitors also earn 50 points.
- The next two (2) competitors earn 49 points in the class, being a 2-point differential from the first place score. These competitors earn 46 points, being 23 points (25-2) for placement points, and 23 points for a qualifying round.
- The next competitor earns 33 points in the class. This competitor earns 7 points, being 18 points below the first-place score of 51 points. No qualifying score was earned so points are not doubled.

Example for Gamblers:

- First-place competitor earns a score of 42 points in the class. This competitor earned 50 points, being 25 points for placing first in the class and 25 points for qualifying.
- The next four (4) competitors earn a score of 40 points in the class, being a 2-point differential from the winning score. These competitors earn 46 points, being 23 points (25-2) for placement and 23 points for qualifying in the class.
- The next three (3) competitors earn a score in the class of 33 points, being a 9-point differential from the winning score. These competitors earn 16 points (25-9) for placement, but points are not doubled because they did not qualify.

NOTE: All competitors competing in these classes at the specified events will be tracked and ranked regardless of whether or not they intend to compete for a spot on the IFCS World Team. Rankings will be posted periodically by USDAA as they become available.

Team Configuration

A Team of up to sixteen (16) competitors, without regard to jump height, may be selected for the 2018 IFCS World Agility Championships, based upon demonstrated ability overall through competition from March 1, through October 31, 2017. Invitations to be on the team shall be issued to top ranked competitors having qualifying scores earned in 75% or more of classes from which points were earned for ranking purposes, up to the limits specified herein. Others may be invited at the sole discretion of the National Governing Organization (i.e., USDAA), but is under no obligation to do so.

There shall not be a fixed number of competitors per jump height, but should either of the two divisions not include competitors with at least four dogs, USDAA in its sole discretion may select competitors for up to four dogs from the division in order that rules for fielding three-dog team in each division in the Team Triathlon competition may be met, though it is under no obligation to do so.

In accordance with IFCS rules and regulations, up to four additional competitors who have been past medal winners at IFCS international events may be named to the Team, with such selections at the sole discretion of the National Governing Organization (i.e., USDAA).

Selection criteria for team selection are set forth herein under Scoring and Ranking, which shall incorporate qualitative standards in addition to raw ranking standards.

Eligibility

Those wishing to be considered for the team must file an Intent to Compete (ITC) form. In addition, the dog and handler must be the same for all rounds in which TSPs are earned.

The form shall include a statement of Intent to participate on the team if selected, to abide by policies, rules and guidelines established for competition and team travel, and a statement of Financial Responsibility, indicating that the team member is financially able and willing to fund their trip, should they be selected and subsidies are not available. Any subsidies shall be determined at the sole discretion of the managing board of United States Association of Cynological Sports, a nonprofit, tax-exempt charity that supports amateur athletic sports involving dogs.

Official jump heights for IFCS (under current regulations) are 30cm, 40cm, 50cm and 60cm. A competitor shall be eligible for specific heights as forth below. For Cynosport, Regionals, and Title Mania, competitors may compete at their standard USDAA Championship Program jump heights. Dogs at the World Team Selection Event must compete at their IFCS jump heights. A competitor shall be selected for the team in an IFCS jump height based upon their performance in the corresponding Championship Program jump height listed in the table below:

Championship Program Jump Height	IFCS Jump Heights <i>(Withers cutoff same as jump height)</i>
10" or 14"	30cm (<11-7/8")
16"	40cm (<15-3/4")
20" or 22"	50cm (<19-5/8")
24"	60cm

The Intent to Compete Form shall also include the dog's identity information, and certified dog height measurement made at the 2017 World Team Selection Event, supporting the actual height of the dog for determination of the proper IFCS height division as set forth in the table above (except for dogs 19-5/8" competing at 24" at the IFCS WAC).

More than one measurement shall be obtained at the 2017 World Team Selection Event if either of the following conditions exist:

- The measurement is precisely on the cutoff line for the jump height, or
- Above the cutoff line for the jump height

A final review of height may be made at the 2017 Cynosport World Games if the measurement at the 2017 World Team Selection Event is not conclusive. Such measurement shall override any other measurements, should there be any questions on the dog's actual height.

USDAA reserves the right in its sole discretion to invite one or more competitors who have not submitted Intent to Compete Forms, but have competed in the required number of events and who have excelled in competition pursuant to the Team selection criteria established herein.

IFCS regulations are established by the International Federation of Cynological Sports, and USDAA cannot be held responsible for changes in IFCS regulations that may subsequently affect these selection rules.



2018 IFCS World Team – CERTIFICATION OF MEASUREMENT & INTENT TO COMPETE FORM

This form needs to be submitted to the USDAA official at the World Team Selection Event held in Colorado, September 15-17, 2017.

Through submission of this form, I declare my intent to be a candidate for the 2018 IFCS World Team representing the United States at the IFCS World Agility Championships to be held in the Spring of 2018. Further I have read and understand the IFCS Qualification Regulations set forth by the United States Dog Agility Association.

Handler Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Day: _____ Evening: _____ Cell: _____

Dog's Call Name: _____ Breed: _____

USDAA Reg. #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

IFCS JUMP HEIGHT (circle one) 30 cm 40 cm 50 cm 60 cm

I acknowledge through my signature below that I am aware of and understand that IFCS height cut-offs differ from those currently used in USDAA competition, and that those height cut-offs are as follows:

1. Toy: 30 cm (11-13/16 in) and under jump 30 cm (12")
2. Mini: 40 cm (15-3/4 in) and under jump 40 cm (16")
3. Midi: 50 cm (19-11/16 in) and under jump 50 cm (20")
4. Maxi: over 50 cm jump 60 cm (24")

Further, I understand that a measuring official chosen by USDAA will make the final height determination through measurement of the candidate's dog at the 2018 World Team Selection Event.

Dog's Height _____ World Team Selection Event

Measurer's Signature _____ Date _____

Finally, my signature below further attests that I will accept a position on the 2018 IFCS World Championship Team if nominated, subject to compliance with the dog measurement requirements listed herein.

Competitor Signature _____ Date _____