



2018 IFCS World Team Selection Rules

Competitors wishing to qualify for the 2018 IFCS World Agility Championships are required to attend the IFCS World Team Selection Event (WTSE) being held September 15-17, 2017, in Castle Rock, Colorado. Team Selection Points (TSPs) will be earned at this event only.

Eligibility

To be eligible to compete at the WTSE, competitors are required to earn one qualification in either the Masters Challenge (MC) Biathlon or individual MC titling classes (standard or jumpers) in the Championship program at one of the events listed below:

- 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
 - Eastern Canada – June 9-11, Barrie, ON
 - 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

Dogs may qualify at Regional and Title Mania events at their USDAA championship jump heights.

TSPs will not be earned at Regionals or Title Mania events.

In addition, those wishing to be considered for the team must file an Intent to Compete (ITC) form with the Team Coach (ifcsteamcoach@usdaa.com) no later than August 15, 2017. This form is available at the end of this document.

The ITC form establishes the competitor's statement of intent to participate on the team if selected, to partake in all mandatory preparation exercises, to attend at least one world team practice, to abide by policies, rules and guidelines established for competition and team travel. In addition, this form acknowledges the competitor's statement of Financial Responsibility, indicating that the team member is financially able and willing to fund their trip, should they be selected. Any airfare subsidies that may

be made shall be determined at the sole discretion of United States Association of Cynological Sports, a nonprofit, tax-exempt charity that supports amateur athletic sports involving dogs.

The World Team Selection Event

Dogs at the World Team Selection Event must compete at their IFCS jump heights. Official jump heights for IFCS (under current regulations):

For Dogs Measuring at Withers	IFCS Jump Height
≤11-7/8" (300mm)	30cm (12")
≤15-3/4" (400mm)	40cm (16")
≤19-5/8" (500mm)	50cm (20")
>19-5/8" (500mm)	60cm (24")

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

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

Note: The dog and handler must be the same for all rounds in which TSPs are earned.

The members of the 2018 IFCS World Team will be required to participate in preparation exercises designed and presented by the coaching staff beginning October 1, 2017 and running up to the 2018 IFCS World Championship event.

Scoring

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

- Masters Challenge Standard – 2 rounds
- Masters Challenge Jumpers – 2 rounds
- Masters Gamblers – 1 round
- Masters Snooker – 1 round

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

For all six classes TSPs will be earned based on a proportional placement ranking system. In addition, for Standard and Jumpers Speed Points are calculated as set forth below.

Masters Challenge – Standard and Jumpers

All Standard and Jumpers classes will be scored on a time plus faults basis for Team Selection Rankings.

TSPs can be earned two ways:

Placement Points – Maximum of 20 points for first place.

Speed Points (based on time only) – For every 1/100 of a second under SCT a bonus will be earned.
(Time under SCT) x (multiplier of 2) = Speed Points.

The first-place competitor in each jump height will receive 20 placement points. In addition they can earn speed points if their time is better than the standard course time.

Example of scoring: SCT = 41.00 seconds

1st place competitor has a time of 39.75 seconds and zero course faults. TSPs earned for that round would be:

Placement Points = 20.00

Speed Points = $2 \times (\text{SCT} - \text{competitor's time}) = 2 \times (41.00 - 39.75) = 2 \times 1.25 = 2.50$

Total TSPs for the round = $(20 + 2.50) = 22.50$

2nd place competitor has a qualifying score and a time of 40.25 seconds and zero course faults. TSPs earned for that round would be:

Placement Points = $20.00 - (\text{competitor's score} - \text{first place score}) = (40.25 - 39.75) = 20.00 - 0.50 = 19.50$

Speed Points = $2 \times (\text{SCT} - \text{competitor's time}) = 2 \times (41.00 - 40.25) = 2 \times (0.75) = 1.50$

Total TSPs for the round = $19.50 + 1.50 = 21.00$

3rd place competitor had a time of 42.90 seconds and zero course faults. TSPs earned for that round would be:

Placement Points = $20.00 - (\text{competitor's score} - \text{first place score}) = (42.90 - 39.75) = 20.00 - 3.15 = 16.85$

Speed Points = None (competitor had time faults)

Total TSPs for the round = 16.85

4th place competitor had a standard fault and a time of 39.50 seconds for a score of 44.50. TSPs earned for that round would be:

Placement Points = $20.00 - (\text{competitor's score} - \text{first place score}) = (44.50 - 39.75) = 20.00 - 4.75 = 15.25$

Speed Points = $2 \times (\text{SCT} - \text{competitor's time}) = 2 \times (41.00 - 39.50) = 2 \times (1.50) = 3.00$

Total TSPs for the round = $15.25 + 3.00 = 18.25$

Snooker and Gamblers

A qualifying score will be based upon titling regulations.

The first-place competitor in each jump height will receive a maximum of 20 points. All other competitors in the class will earn placement points based on their placement in the class by evaluating their total points and time relative to the first-place competitor.

Example for Snooker:

- First-place competitor earns 51 points in the class and has a time of 49.00 seconds. This competitor earned 20 points.
- The next three (3) competitors also earn 51 points and placed 2nd (time 49.50) 3rd (time 51.25) and 4th (time 52.35) based on their times relative to all earning 51 points. The following TSPs were earned by these three dogs:
 - 2nd Place = (TSPs from 1st place) - (reduction factor of 1.00 in TSPs between placements)
= 20.00 - 1.00 = 19.00 TSPs
 - 3rd Place = (TSPs from 2nd place) - (reduction factor of 1.00 in TSPs between placements)
= 19.00 - 1.00 = 18.00 TSPs
 - 4th Place = (TSPs from 3rd place) - (reduction factor of 1.00 in TSPs between placements)
= 18.00 - 1.00 = 17.00 TSPs
- The next two (2) competitors earn 49 points and placed 5th (time 50.15) and 6th (time 50.45) based on their times relative to one another. The following TSPs were earned by these two dogs:
 - 5th Place = (TSPs from 4th place) - (reduction factor of 1.00 in TSPs between placements) - (difference in points between first place and fifth place) = 17.00 - 1.00 - (51.00 - 49.00)
= 17.00 - 3.00 = 14.00 TSPs
 - 6th Place = (TSPs from 5th place) - (reduction factor of 1.00 in TSPs between placements)
= 14.00 - 1.00 = 13.00 TSPs
- The next competitor earns 33 points in the class and places 7th. This competitor earns 0 points, being 18 points below the first-place score of 51 points. (TSPs from 6th place) - (reduction factor of 1.00 in TSPs between placements) - (difference in points from first place) = 13.00 - 1.00 - (51 - 33) = 12.00 - 18.00 = (4.00), there are no negative TSP points, so zero (0) points are assigned.

Example for Gamblers: 1, 3, 5, 7 point system, 25 second course time, Need 18 points in the opening, gamble = 20 points, 16 seconds gamble time

- 1st place competitor earns 30 points in the opening and successfully completes the gamble for 20 points has a time of 38.00 seconds. Their total score is 50 points. This competitor earned 20 TSPs for placing first.
- The next two (2) competitors also earned 50 points each and placed 2nd (time 39.25) and 3rd (time 40.85) based on their times relative to all earning 50 points. The following TSPs were earned by these two dogs:
 - 2nd Place = (TSPs from 1st place) - (reduction factor of 1.00 in TSPs between placements)
20.00 - 1.00 = 19.00 TSPs
 - 3rd Place = (TSPs from 2nd place) - (reduction factor of 1.00 in TSPs between placements)
19.00 - 1.00 = 18.00 TSPs

- The next competitor earns 47 points and placed 4th (time 39.00). The following TSPs were earned by this dog:
 - 4th Place = (TSPs from 3rd place) - (reduction factor of 1.00 in TSPs between placements) - (difference in points from first place) = 18.00 - 1.00 - (50 - 47) = 17.00 - 3.00 = 14.00 TSPs
- The next competitor earns 46 points and placed 5th (time 40.75). The following TSPs were earned by this dog:
 - 5th Place = (TSPs from 4th place) - (reduction factor of 1.00 in TSPs between placements) - (difference in points from first place) = 14.00 - 1.00 - (50 - 46) = 13.00 - 4.00 = 9.00 TSPs
- The next three (3) competitors earned 44 points and placed 6th (time 37.55), 7rd (time 39.75) and 8th (40.45) based on their times relative to all earning 44 points. The following TSPs were earned by these two dogs:
 - 6th Place = (TSPs from 5th place) - (reduction factor of 1.00 in TSPs between placements) - (difference in points from first place) = 9.00 - 1.00 - (50 - 44) = 8.00 - 6.00 = 2.00 TSPs
 - 7th Place = (TSPs from 6th place) - (reduction factor of 1.00 in TSPs between placements) = 2.00 - 1.00 = 1.00 TSP
 - 8th Place = (TSPs from 7th place) - (reduction factor of 1.00 in TSPs between placements) = 1.00 - 1.00 = 0.00 TSPs

2018 Team Configuration

A Team of up to sixteen (16) competitors, without regard to jump height, will be selected for the 2018 IFCS World Agility Championships, based upon demonstrated ability overall through competition at the 2017 WTSE. Invitations to be on the team shall be issued to top ranked competitors having qualifying scores earned in 50% 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).

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.