

AWDF Scorebook Policy Changes

Effective July 15, 2009

At the general board meeting of the AWDF held in conjunction with the annual Championship, discussions were held regarding the issuing of scorebooks for a specific breed by another breed club. As the umbrella organization for our breed and sport clubs, the majority of the clubs felt that the AWDF should have a universally applied policy that would allow each breed club to stipulate what criteria should be applied for a dog to have a breed designation in the scorebook. To meet this need, a vote was held on the following motion: *All AWDF score books must be acquired from their specific AWDF member sport/breed club with the exception of the sporting clubs (Mondioring, LV/DVG, etc) in order to retain the breed identification in the AWDF score book, otherwise the breed ID will be listed in the AWDF score book as MIX BREED.* This motion passed unanimously.

What does this mean for members of the AWDF organizations? It simply means that if there is a breed club for a specific breed of dog, the scorebook for that dog must come from that organization for the breed to be recorded. Otherwise, the dog will be listed as a mix. As an example, if a handler applies for a scorebook for a German Shepherd Dog from USA and the required paperwork is submitted, the dog would be listed as a GSD. If the application went to any of the other breed clubs in AWDF, the dog would be listed as a mix. The exceptions to this rule are, but not limited to, the DVG, NARA, US Mondio Ring Association, and any other sport (non breed specific) club which are sport organizations joining the AWDF in the future. In the latter situations, these organizations decide whether or not a dog would be listed as a specific breed based on the provided registry information. If you have a breed that does not have an AWDF member club, your dog's breed will be listed in the scorebook provided by any organization to which you belong provided that you submit the required registry information.

These changes will take effect at the USA Office July 15, 2009. AWDF member clubs are being sent information to include on scorebook application forms so that handlers will know of the new regulation. If you have any questions about the scorebooks, be sure to contact your breed club for clarification.

This policy will only apply to new scorebooks. If a dog already has a scorebook from an AWDF member club, there is no need to acquire a new one and the old scorebook will be honored by all other AWDF member clubs. The only exception is if the handler wishes to enter the AWDF Championship and the dog does not have an AWDF scorebook. This is because the AWDF unanimously voted and agreed upon a policy requiring an AWDF scorebook for the event. Many of the AWDF member clubs have been using the AWDF scorebooks for many years, and these dog/handler teams are already in compliance. USA has now completely switched over to the new AWDF scorebooks. To eliminate any hardship on handlers who do not have the new book and wish to represent USA at the AWDF Championship, they will be provided for free. If you are a DVG member, your DVG scorebook will be recognized at all other AWDF club trials but you must have an AWDF scorebook to enter the AWDF Championship (this can be purchased through DVG).

It is important to note that USA still requires that any scorebook not issued by USA must be sent in for stamping before it will be recognized at a USA trial. This holds for AWDF scorebooks issued by any other breed or sport organization as well as DVG books.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact the USA Office or contact me personally with the numbers below.

In light of these new policies, and in summary, here are the points to keep in mind:

1. If you want your dog's breed listed in a scorebook and there is an AWDF member club for that breed, apply for your scorebook from your breed's organization or from USMRA or LV/DVG. Otherwise the dog will be listed as "mix" in the scorebook as well as in any trial reports.
2. All AWDF member clubs honor all other AWDF member club scorebooks, however, scorebooks not issued by USA must be stamped by their office before you can enter a USA sponsored trial.
3. To enter the AWDF Championship, you must have an AWDF scorebook issued by a member club.
4. If you have an older scorebook that is not an AWDF book, there is no need to get a new one unless you wish to enter the AWDF Championship.
5. Please note if you are a USA member and needing a new scorebook from USA an AWDF scorebook will be issued as USA has switched solely to AWDF scorebooks.
6. If you have any questions, contact your breed or sport club for more information.

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