

# Big Sky Working Dog Club

## Application for Membership

Name		
Spouse's Name		
Children who will be working dogs		
Address		
Mobile phone	Home phone	
Email		
Please describe your previous dog experience & your level of expertise.		
What do you expect to gain from us, as a member of our club?		
List international, national or local dog clubs to which you belong.		
List the dogs you will be working:		
Name:		
Breed:	Sex:	Age:
Level of training/titles received:		
Date of last immunizations: DHLPP		Rabies
Training Goals:		

2 <sup>nd</sup> Dog:		
Breed:	Sex:	Age:
Level of training/titles received:		
Date of last immunizations: DHLPP		Rabies
Training Goals:		
Vet's name, clinic name & phone:		
How did you hear about our club?		
Name of club member sponsoring/mentoring you:		
Type of Membership: <input type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE <input type="checkbox"/> SATELLITE <input type="checkbox"/> GUEST		
AWMA Membership # and expiration date (for Full members)		
AWDF Club Affiliation, Membership # and expiration date		

1. I understand that my participation in this club is at my own discretion and own risk.
2. I will not hold this club, its officers, members, sponsors, land owners and other participants responsible for damage that may occur to my person or property as a result of the activities of this club.
3. I understand that the training of my dog is primarily for the purpose of the sport of Schutzhund. I am aware that Big Sky Schutzhund Club events include training and trials of various breeds of dogs. I am familiar with such training. I am aware that injury and damage, while rare, can occur in such club events. Knowing the risks, I hereby agree to assume those risks and to release and hold harmless all of the persons or entities mentioned above.
4. I understand it is my responsibility to provide ample home insurance to cover the possible actions of my dog.
5. I understand that I am fully responsible for the actions of my dog and I agree to keep my dog properly restrained and under reasonable control during training sessions.
6. I agree to treat my dogs in a humane manner.
7. I am familiar with and agree to accept and abide by the rules and bylaws of the Big Sky Schutzhund Club and the American Working Malinois Association.
8. I have neither falsified nor withheld pertinent information from this application and agree to the terms of membership.

Signed/Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Types of Membership**

**Full Members.** Full members are entitled to all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of this club including the right to vote and hold office. They have unlimited training privileges and are entitled to a price break on seminars, trials and other events if the club breaks even on the event. The amount of the discount will be discussed and set for each event by the members. Full members are also responsible for cost overruns, the amount to be determined per event. All Full Members must also be members in good standing of their appropriate AWDF breed club. The club will maintain membership in accordance with requirements of the AWMA. Full members are entitled to vote on club issues, hold office if elected, and may pay reduced fees for seminars and trials. Full members must be ready to help at all seminars and trials, may participate in all club training sessions, and will be included on the website, including their own personal page/s if desired.

Full Members: \$100 per person per year. \$150 new members for the first year.

**Associate Members.** May not vote and may not hold office. Associate members pay advertised prices on seminars and trials. They are not responsible for cost overruns, but may be responsible for special levies. They have unlimited training privileges as far as obedience and tracking are concerned, but may not participate in protection.

Associate Members: \$50 per person per year.

**Satellite Members.** These persons are affiliated with the club, but must live outside of the state of Montana. This membership is non-voting, with no membership requirements. Satellite members will receive seminar preference and may receive a discount on seminars. They may attend 5 work sessions per year and if they wish to attend more, must upgrade to Full membership.

Satellite Members: \$50 per person per year.

**Non-Members/Visitors.** May participate in training sessions at the discretion of the training director. Visitors may attend and participate in up to three training sessions at \$10/session plus a percentage of any fees associated with use of the facilities (e.g., barn rental in winter). After three sessions as a visitor, there will be an evaluation to determine if the handler and dog are suited to the sport of IPO. If so, the visitor will then be required to submit a membership application for a vote prior to any further participation.

Non-members: \$10 per dog per training session plus any applicable fees; dog to be worked at discretion of the training director. If an application for membership is received within six months of the third training session and an applicant is accepted into the club, all training fees will be credited to the applicant's membership dues.

Dues are due at the beginning of the club's fiscal year, and must be paid in full within three months. Special arrangements may be made with the Treasurer in cases of hardship. Members who join after the beginning of the fiscal year will have their fees pro-rated.

### **Special Levies**

The membership may approve by a majority vote the collection of special equal levies against the membership, to meet the expenses of the club.

### **Nonpayment of Dues or Special Levies**

Any member whose dues remain unpaid 90 days after the beginning of the fiscal year shall be notified by the Secretary in writing that all privileges are suspended until payment is made. Any member whose share of a special levy remains unpaid for one month after approval by membership vote shall be so notified in writing by the Secretary. If said levy remains unpaid for another thirty days, the member shall be automatically suspended.