



2012 DockDogs® World Championships Qualifying Criteria

The following is a detailed breakdown of how teams can qualify for an invitation to the 2012 DockDogs® World Championships. All final invitations are dependent upon the team's participation during the 2012 season at either **(2) National DockDogs® events, OR (1) National and (1) Club Event (within the discipline you are invited for)** on or before **October 15th**; and the team must hold an **Active 2012 DockDogs® Worldwide membership in order to be considered for an invitation.**

Invitations for teams are determined based on the following headings in the order that they appear below:

1. 2011 DockDogs® World Championships

The top 2 Finalists within each Discipline (Big Air; Speed Retrieve; Extreme Vertical & Iron Dog) from the 2011 DockDogs® World Championships will receive an invitation to the 2012 World Championships. This includes the Youth Handler Specialty Division.

2. 2011 DockDogs® National Championships

The top 2 Finalists within each Division of each Discipline (Big Air; Speed Retrieve; Extreme Vertical & Iron Dog) at the 2011 DockDogs® National Championships will receive an invitation to the 2012 DockDogs® World Championships. This includes the Specialty Divisions (Youth Handler; Lap Dog; Veteran Dog; Legend Dog).

3. International Sportsman's Expo, ISE – Best of the West Series

In order to be considered for the ISE Series you must have attended a minimum of (2) of the 2012 ISE Best of the West Series events (*separate event locations*).

Upon completion of the above noted requirements the top ranked team within each Division of each Discipline (Big Air; Speed Retrieve; Extreme Vertical & Iron Dog) will receive an invitation to the 2012 DockDogs® World Championships. This includes the Specialty Divisions (Youth Handler; Lap Dog; Veteran Dog; Legend Dog).

Rankings are based on a team's best two qualifying scores within each discipline of all 2012 ISE events they have attended (i.e. there will be individual rankings for one top score per event for Big Air, Speed Retrieve, Extreme Vertical & Iron Dog). Please note that only the 2 best qualifying scores of all 2012 ISE events will be considered for this ranking and not all jumps from each event.

4. 2012 DockDogs® Regional Championship Events (See attached regional map)

The top (4) finalists within each Division of each Discipline (Big Air, Speed Retrieve; Extreme Vertical & Iron Dog) at each of the 2012 DockDogs® Regional Championship events will receive an invitation to the

2012 DockDogs® World Championships. This includes the Specialty Divisions (Youth Handler; Lap Dog; Veteran Dog; Legend Dog).

5. Wild Card Event

The Wild Card event will be an event selected by DockDogs® Worldwide and the top (1) Ranked team within each division of each discipline (Big Air; Speed Retrieve; Extreme Vertical & Iron Dog) based on event rankings (*not including Finals scores*) will receive an invitation to the 2012 DockDogs® World Championships. This includes the Specialty Divisions (Youth Handler; Lap Dog; Veteran Dog; Legend Dog).

6. Rankings

Overall Worldwide

Overall Rankings take into consideration a team's (5) best scores (including Finals) within Big Air, and the team's (3) best scores within Speed Retrieve, Extreme Vertical and Iron Dog to date. The top (4) ranked teams within each Division in each Discipline (including Specialty Divisions) will receive an invitation to the 2012 DockDogs® World Championships

Sportsmen's Series

Sportsmen's Series Rankings take into consideration a team's (5) best jumps (including Finals) within Big Air, and the (3) best scores within Speed Retrieve, Extreme Vertical and Iron Dog to date for designated Sportsmen's Series events (these events are designated on the DockDogs® website). The top (4) ranked teams within each Division in each Discipline (including Specialty Divisions) will receive an invitation to the 2012 DockDogs® World Championships

**** Please note:**

- I. *An invitation will be passed down to the "Next Qualified Team" in the instance that the original Qualifying Team does not accept their invitation for that specific qualifying avenue.*
- II. *If a Youth Handler competes and earns an invitation to the 2012 DockDogs® World Championships within the Youth Handler division, and they turn 16 yrs of age prior to the start of the World Championships, they will still compete as a Youth Handler at the World Championship event.*
- III. *If a Youth Handler qualifies with multiple dogs for multiple invitations to the 2012 DockDogs® World Championships for the Big Air Youth Handler Division, they may only accept one invitation (their qualifying team of choice). Youth handlers may still accept additional invitations for regular Big Air Divisions. (I.e.: Novice, Junior, Senior, Master, Elite & Super Elite)*
- IV. *Regardless of which division a team earns their 2012 DockDogs® World Championship invitation, they will be required to compete within the division they are "currently titled" at the start of the World Championship Event.*

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