

To trial at the LV DVG America Championship, you must:

- Be a current member of LV DVG America in good standing.
- Apply by June 1 and be on the DVG America membership rolls by July 1 if not already a member.
- Have a DVG scorebook for your dog.

To enter the Championship:

- Use the entry form or method provided online on the DVG America website.
- If you cannot pay online, mail payment to the address provided on the DVG America website.
- Email a copy of your scorebook and membership card to the Trial Secretary at the email provided on the DVG America website.
- If you cannot email your copies, send them by mail to the Trial secretary at the address provided.
- Make sure all the information on your entry form matches the information on your scorebook and membership card. If it does not, the Trial Chairman will decide whether you may trial or not.
- If your entry is incomplete, the host club is authorized to return it to you.

Qualifying for and earning titles at the Championship:

IPO 3:

- To qualify at the IPO 3 level, you must earn an IPO 3 title in a DVG trial between last year's Championship and this year's Championship.
- You must pass all three phases and receive an "a" TSB rating in protection.
- To use a score earned at the AWDF Championship to qualify, as explained below, you must have entered the AWDF through DVG and used a DVG scorebook.
- If you have imported or purchased a titled dog, you must successfully repeat the title in the class in which you are competing in a DVG trial, meeting the criteria listed above.

IPO 1 and 2:

- You must have earned at least one IPO title at a DVG trial (BH counts).
- You may earn a new IPO 1 or IPO 2 title at the Championship.
- You may not compete at the IPO 1 or 2 level with the same dog with which you competed in the same class in a previous Nationals.

- You may not compete at a level below the top level you've earned with the dog.
- If you are attempting an IPO 1 for the first time, you cannot use the on-line entry form. Use the standard form at www.dvg-america.com. **You must have your training director's signature.**

To use your AWDF Championship score as a qualifying score:

- To use a score earned at the AWDF championship as your qualifying score to enter the DVG America Championship, you must have entered the AWDF through DVG and used a DVG scorebook.
- The AWDF Championship must have been the same year as the DVG Championship you are entering.
- You must pass all three phases and receive an "a" TSB rating in protection.
- At the IPO 3 level, you must have earned a qualifying score at that level in a DVG trial at any time previously.
- Scores earned by DVG members who entered AWDF through their breed or other IPO club do not count as qualifying scores to enter the DVG Championship

Scorebook Requirements:

- You must have a DVG scorebook on the dog you are showing. If you need a DVG scorebook, complete the scorebook application process at <http://www.dvg-america.com/scorebookhow.html>. If you have a scorebook from another organization, include a complete copy of that with your application.
- If the dog is owned by one person and handled by another, both owner and handler must be DVG members.
- You may not enter with a full scorebook. There must be room in the scorebook for the Championship scores. If your scorebook is full, follow the guidelines for obtaining a replacement book at: <http://www.dvg-america.com/scorebookfaq.html>. There is no charge for replacements of full scorebooks.
- You must present your original scorebook at the draw or earlier. Photocopies are not accepted. If you have forgotten to bring your scorebook the Trial Chair may allow you to participate if you can arrange to have it there before the draw. This will be the Trial Chair's decision.
- We will enter scores in all scorebooks on the competing dog. Scores may be entered in all scorebooks held on the competing dog, so long as those scorebooks are given to the Trial Secretary before the trial begins. We will also enter scores in your Sportpass.

Drawing for position:

- All competitors must attend the draw.

- If for some reason you cannot attend, notify the Trial Chair in advance. The Trial Chair will draw for you when all the other competitors have drawn.
- If you have a bitch in season, notify the Trial Chair as soon as possible. You will do all 3 phases with the last flight.

Practice:

Practice on the trial field will be scheduled. All equipment, both obedience and protection, will be in place for you to use. You have 5 minutes but we encourage you to schedule as a group so you can each have more time on the field.

Please practice good sportsmanship in sharing the jump, wall, etc. You must provide your own helper and their equipment.

A judge or member of the LV Board will be present during practice to keep handlers on schedule.

During practice sessions on the trial field you must conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike manner both with others and with their dogs. Any unsportsmanlike conduct may be grounds for expulsion from the trial, as well as for additional penalties.

You may use food and toys on the field during practice. Please be careful not to leave any food on the field. E-collars and pinch collars may be used in a proper sportsmanlike manner during the practice session, as may other normal training equipment such as leashes and long lines. No other training equipment is allowed.

Dress Code:

You must wear tan or khaki slacks and a plain white collared shirt in obedience and protection phases. The shirt may be either short or long sleeved. No club insignia or logos are allowed. You can wear whatever you like for tracking. Of course, you can wear rain-gear in bad weather.

Championship helpers:

LV Championship Helpers may not work any dogs that are entered in the Championship from 12:00 midnight the Sunday before the Championship until the Championship trial activities are completed.