

# **International**

## **D O G S P O R T S**

**Dock Diving League**

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# IDS Dock Diving League

*“Fair competition. Real rankings. Stronger teams.”*

## Welcome to the IDS Dock League

The IDS Dock League is a four-month, team-based competition designed to bring dock diving communities together through friendly team and club competition.

Built on a performance-based scoring system, the League creates fair, balanced rankings across all jump distances and club sizes—so every team has a real opportunity to compete, improve, and succeed.

Whether you're just getting started or already competing at a high level, the IDS Dock League offers a structured, exciting way to stay engaged all season long while representing your Home Dock.

## What Makes the IDS Dock League Different?

- **Fair for Every Dog**  
Our scoring system is designed to balance performance across all distances—so success isn't limited to the biggest jumps.
- **Team-Based Competition**  
Each team competes individually while contributing to their Home Dock's overall success.
- **Club Rankings That Matter**  
Facilities compete alongside their teams, building stronger local communities and friendly club-to-club competition.
- **Built on the IDS System You Know**  
League scoring uses the same foundation as the IDS Horizon title point system, making it easy to understand and follow.

## Ready to Get Started?

- Check out all of the [Dock League details](#)
- Register your [Dog](#) + [Junior](#) with IDS if you haven't already
- Choose your [Home Dock](#)
- Decide who your Team will be + [Get your new Team number](#) issued Today!

Any healthy, well-behaved dog over 6 months old can compete in league and all of IDS dock diving games with a participating IDS location, regardless of their breed, experience, or other dog sport affiliations. The only requirement is that they want to have FUN and have an IDS # for the purpose of tracking their scores and International Rankings. The IDS dock diving league season starts May 1st and runs through August 31st.

The IDS Dock League follows the official IDS Dock Diving Guidelines and uses the Horizon format for all League scoring. The same rules, classes, and points system as outlined in the [IDS Dock Diving Guidelines](#).

## **General League Guidelines**

- All regular IDS Horizon rules apply to league
- Open, Lap, Legend and Junior Classes are used for rankings and placements
- Each TEAM is required to have a unique IDS TEAM # in order to be listed in the IDS League rankings, seasonal results and club totals.
- Each TEAM consists of one handler and one dog (1 additional handler is permitted on the dock however, the handler listed on the TEAM registration must be the person throwing the toy)
- Each TEAM chooses their home dock at the time of registration
- Once scores have been submitted, the Home Dock designation remains fixed for the season. IDS may approve league member transfers due to unforeseen circumstances, on a case-by-case basis

## **Team ID # Requirement**

- Each dog must hold an active IDS Dog Number
- Each dog/handler combination requires a Team Number
- Standard Team Number Fee: \$20 lifetime (non-refundable)

## **2026 Inaugural Special**

For the 2026 season, the annual \$40 League Membership Dues includes a FREE IDS Team #. (\$20 value)

## **Annual League Membership Dues**

- \$40 per team
- Non-refundable

## **Registration Limits**

- A dog may register with up to 3 handlers
- A handler may register up to 3 dogs
- Each dog/handler combination requires its own membership

## **Season Structure**

- Each Team designates a Home Dock
- Team and club rankings reset monthly
- Teams earn BMS + LPP points each month
- Clubs earn a % of each team's scores
- Best 3 of 4 months count toward Season standings
- Teams may skip one month and remain eligible

## **Home Dock Requirements**

To earn League points in a given month, a team must complete a minimum of 3 Horizon rounds at their declared Home Dock during that month. If this requirement is NOT met then the team earns 0 League points for that month.

These may occur at:

- A League Night at the Home Dock consisting of 3 recorded scores judged by an approved IDS judge, OR
- Any Home Dock IDS sanctioned dock diving event during that month

Once the 3 round home dock requirement is satisfied, all eligible Horizon rounds from ANY sanctioned IDS dock diving competition that month will be used towards league standings. NOTE: The Facility must record the Team's IDS # on their event's scoresheet.

## **Eligibility**

Each Club must have a minimum of 6 active teams reported via the Club's League Scoresheet to appear in IDS League Rankings.

- A team is considered active for a month if they complete at least 3 eligible rounds at their Home Dock that month
- A club is considered active for a month if they have at least 6 active teams competing that month

Only active Teams/Clubs are reported to IDS Monthly League Rankings

## **Club Participation Requirements**

- Be an active IDS-sanctioned dock diving facility
- Must use approved IDS Certified or Facility Judges for all league scoring
- Host at least one Horizon scoring opportunity per month (May–August)
- Submit scores by reporting deadlines
- Facilities interested in hosting IDS Dock League must notify IDS in writing prior to May 15th
- Facilities/Clubs determine when and how many club days to offer per month and determine any additional costs or fees associated with those offerings.

- No additional fees are due to IDS outside of the initial Team # registration fee and the annual Team League membership dues.

## **Individual Team Scoring**

### Base Monthly Score (BMS) – “Similar to Skill Points”

Each team’s BMS is calculated using:

- Best 3 eligible Horizon scores for the Team, each month
- Each team’s scores are calculated using the combined Skill + Catch points from all 3 eligible Horizon rounds mentioned above
- Each score can be up to a max of 7 points. Consisting of up to 5 Skill Pts + 2 Catch Pts
- Maximum Base Monthly Score = 21

## **Rankings Tie Breakers**

Individual Teams will be ranked monthly and seasonally based on their combined BMS scores.

BMS Rankings Tie Breakers:

1. Highest 2nd best round total
2. Highest 3rd best round total
3. Total Monthly Points Earned (across all qualifying Horizon rounds)
4. If still tied → teams remain tied

### League Placement Points (LPP) – “Similar to Competition Points”

After monthly rankings across all locations have been established via all eligible Teams BMS Scores mentioned above, teams will receive additional Placement/Competition Points using a Floating Bubble system. LPP points are issued by class. (Open, Lap, Legend, and Juniors)

Placement Tiers

- Tier 1 = Top 10% → +8 LPP
- Tier 2 = Next 15% → +6 LPP
- Tier 3 = Next 25% → +4 LPP
- Tier 4 = Next 25% → +3 LPP
- Tier 5 = Next 15% → +2 LPP
- Tier 6 = Bottom 10% → +1 LPP

Each Team's BMS and LPP points are added together to determine their Final Monthly Team Points.

## **Club Scoring**

Monthly Club Scoring is done via an 80/20 Hybrid Model. This structure rewards both overall team depth and top-performing teams, while preventing large clubs from dominating purely by size.

Each Club's Monthly Score is calculated as:

$$\text{Club Score} = (80\% \times \text{Full Club Average}) + (20\% \times \text{Top 3 Team Average})$$

A. Full Club Average (80%) - Average of all Active Teams Monthly Scores within the Club.

B. Top 3 Team Average (20%) - Average of the three highest Monthly Team Scores within the Club.

## **Team/Club Recognition**

- Individual Team Monthly and Season Rankings
- Club Monthly and Season Rankings
- Monthly Top Clubs and Teams receive digital badges
- Season Club Champion = Highest Season Total
- Reserve Club Champion = Second highest Season Total
- Top 5 Clubs receive recognition during the IDS Dock Diving Championship

## **Awards**

Individual Awards (Per Class)

- Season Champion – Trophy
- Reserve Champion – Medallion
- Top 10 Teams – Digital Badge

Club Awards

- Season Club Champion – Trophy
- Reserve Club Champion – Medallion
- Top 5 Clubs – Digital Badge

## **Future Expansion Possibility**

This is the initial roll out of the new IDS TEAMS programs. This is just the beginning of the IDS TEAMS program. As the League grows, so will opportunities, formats, and recognition. We're building something big—come be part of it.