

# International

## DOG SPORTS

### **IDS Junior Handler Program**

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## **SUMMARY OF IDS's JUNIOR HANDLER PROGRAM**

International Dog Sports is proud to present its Junior Handler's Titling & Champion program. Our youth are our future and IDS is dedicated to encouraging their growth. The Junior Handling Program is open to all Juniors Ages 5 - 18 (Age is determined as of January 1st of the IDS season). The Junior Handler Title program, like all IDS Title programs, is designed for the Junior Handler to have to EARN their titles, they are not just given. Junior Handlers earn points based on how well they compete with their dog(s) individually and how they place against other Juniors in their division at an event.

Each Junior Handler will need their own unique Junior Handler IDS Registration number. These numbers can be obtained on the IDS website in the same way IDS Dog Registration numbers are issued. There is **no cost** to obtain an IDS Junior Handler Registration number.

You can register for an IDS Junior Handler number [HERE](#).

Please note: The Junior Handler number is specific to just the Junior Handler, not the dog(s) they handle. The Junior Handler number is used to track all scores and points that that particular Junior Handler earns during their career as a Junior, regardless of what dog(s) they are handling. Therefore, **each Junior should only register for 1 IDS Junior Handler Registration number**. Any dog(s) they handle will need to have their own unique IDS Dog Registration number.

Junior Handlers will compete all season in their division determined by their age as of January 1st of the IDS Season Year. The Season will run from approximately October 1st to September 20th (Championship to Championship). Ex 1: Jr was born October 13, 2016, they will be 7 years old on January 1st, 2024 and will compete all year as a 7 year old. Ex 2: Jr was born April 1, 2017. This Jr was 6 on January 1st, 2024 and will compete all year as a 6 year old.

## **JUNIOR HANDLER DIVISIONS**

The Junior Handler program has been divided into the following age groups/divisions:

- 5 - 8 yrs old - Little Lunars
- 9 - 12 yrs old - Global Gems
- 13 - 15 yrs old - Jupiter Juniors
- 16 - 18 yrs old - Solar Seniors

**All Juniors under the age of 10 MUST have an adult** on the dock with them at all times. An adult is optional from ages 10-12 years. Rules governing each game will apply to all Juniors over the age of 12 (i.e. Velocity only allows 1 handler / 1 dog).

The Junior Handler **MUST** be the one actively handling the dog (i.e. in Horizon, the Junior must be the handler throwing the toy). Adults are there for safety reasons, not to be the main handler. For those sports which allow for 2 handlers, the adult is to be the "helper". Dogs chosen for Juniors should be matched to their current skill set. If at any time the judge and/or facility

owner deems there is a safety issue, or the dog is not being properly handled or uncontrolled by the Junior, they may stop the round, resulting in a 0 score. The judge's ruling is final. IDS considers the safety of our Juniors priority over all else.

A Junior may compete with a maximum of 3 dogs per event. Dogs are to be registered for the event like they always have been. Adding a Junior to the event registration allows the Junior to earn points from any round that dog is entered in as long as the Junior is the main handler as noted above. The Junior does not have to compete every time the dog does during an event, that is optional. Each Junior/Dog team registered per event is \$15, which covers the entire event. Ex: If Suzie enters Spot (2 Horizon, 1 Eclipse), Fluffy (6 Horizon), and Max (1 Velocity) she is to be listed as the Junior on each dog's entry and her total fees will only be \$45.00. This fee goes directly to the IDS Junior Handler's Program and will be used solely for the Junior Handler's Program.

### **JUNIOR HANDLER TITLING POINTS SYSTEM**

**SKILL POINTS** – Skill Points are earned with every recorded score based on where the score falls in the Class/Division scale. These points are earned based on where in the division a dog jumps.

The Junior will earn the same amount of Skill Points as the dog they are handling does. See the [IDS Dock Diving Title Program](#) for more details. Junior Handler Divisions are listed above. The Junior competes in that division for the entire season. All Skill Points earned by the Junior, no matter which dog the Junior is competing with, are added to the Junior's total points. Juniors earn their "Level I" title at 50 points.

RND	JR/DOG	DOG	SKILL POINTS	CATCH POINTS
H1	1003 [REDACTED]	2598	3	0
H1	1001 [REDACTED]	1001	5	0
H2	1003 [REDACTED]	2598	3	0
H2	[REDACTED]	2241	1	0
H2	[REDACTED]	2240	3	0
H2	[REDACTED]	2244	4	0
H3	1001 [REDACTED]	1001	2	2
H3	[REDACTED]	2244	1	0
H3	101 [REDACTED]	2155	4	1
H3	[REDACTED]	2241	1	0
H3	[REDACTED]	2240	2	0
H4	1011 [REDACTED]	2155	3	1
H8	1011 [REDACTED]	1021	2	0
H9	1011 [REDACTED]	1018	1	0

**BONUS COMPETITION POINTS** – Competition Points are BONUS title points. Junior Handler Competition Points are **NOT** the same as the Dog's Competition Points. The Juniors will be ranked by the Skill Points they accumulate:

# Junior Handler's Series

Junior		Little Lunars			
IDS #	Score	Comp	Major	Minor	
1003- [REDACTED]	6	5	1		1
	5	0	0		2
					3

  

Junior		Global Gems			
IDS #	Score	Comp	Major	Minor	
1011- [REDACTED]	10	5	1		1
	7	0	0		2

  

Junior		Jupiter Juniors			
IDS #	Score	Comp	Major	Minor	
#N/A					1
					2

  

Junior		Solar Seniors			
IDS #	Score	Comp	Major	Minor	
1001- [REDACTED]	7				1

## MAJOR AND MINOR POINTS

Juniors Major and Minor points are earned in the same manner as the dogs and are required to earn advanced titles (i.e. Level II and above). See the [IDS Dock Diving Title Program](#) for more details.

## EARNING TITLES

Titles can be earned in each Division. The "Little Lunars" Division will be the example used. All points are cumulative.

1st title = 50 points

2nd title = 100 points + 1 Major (or equivalent (5 Minors = 1 Major))

3rd title = 150 points + 2 Majors (or equivalent (5 Minors = 1 Major))

4th title = 200 points + 3 Majors (or equivalent (5 Minors = 1 Major))

And so on.....

### EXAMPLE:

Little Lunar Level I Junior Handler Title Requirements:

- 50 points

Little Lunar Level II Junior Handler Title Requirements:

- 100 points
- 1 Major OR equivalent (ie. 5 Minors)

## **BECOME AN IDS JUNIOR HANDLER CHAMPION**

To achieve the title of an International Dog Sport Junior Handler Champion, the Junior must meet the following requirements:

### **CHAMPION Requirements**

- 3 Titles & 1 True Major (NO Equivalent)

### **GALAXY CHAMPION Requirements**

- 6 Titles & 2 True Major (NO Equivalent)

### **UNIVERSE CHAMPION Requirements**

- 9 Titles & 3 True Major (NO Equivalent)

## **CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATION**

The top 3 Junior Handlers in each Junior division, at an event will earn an invite to the year-end International Dog Sports Championship. Additional Championship information can be found [HERE](#).