



## **DockDogs 2021 World Championships Invite-based Bubble Process**

The following outlines the method of creating the Bubble Format for the 2021 DockDogs World Championship based on Invites: (**NOTE:** This does NOT apply to Specialty Class Finals -- the usual method of determining finalists for the Specialty Classes remains unchanged).

Teams will continue to qualify for invitations as usual through qualifying events outlined in the Road to Worlds Qualifying Criteria document.

Prior to Worlds there will be NO re-assigning (no bumping up) of divisions based on current titles or Worldwide rankings as in previous years. Teams will remain in their invited division to start Worlds.

Teams will compete in the discipline/division of their accepted invites as usual.

Once both qualifying rounds are completed, the bubble will be generated from the Worlds registrations as follows:

1. The best Qualifying score from each team will be selected.
2. Any scratches, DNQ's or zero (0) scores will be removed prior to calculating.
3. The list will then be sorted from highest to lowest score with exception of Speed Retrieve, which will be sorted fastest to slowest time.
4. The number of teams in each tier will be directly related to the number of teams in each accepted invited discipline/division.

Example for Big Air: Supposing the "invite list" reflects the following:

- Super Elite invites - 25
- Elite invites - 45
- Master invites - 65
- Senior invites - 60
- Junior invites - 50
- Novice invites - 45

**Total BA Divisional invites: 290**

The lines for each “Tier” would be drawn as follows:

Tier 1 - Teams 1 - 25

Tier 2 - Teams 26 - 70 ==> +45

Tier 3 - Teams 70 - 135 ==> +65

Tier 4 - Teams 136 - 195 ==> +60

Tier 5 - Teams 196 - 245 ==> +50

Tier 6 - Teams 246 - 290 == > +45

5. Once the “lines are drawn” and the Tiers defined, teams will be eliminated from the resulting bubble data set as follows:
  - a. All teams that scored **BELOW** their team’s **CURRENT TITLE** (The title they had going into World’s).
    - If a team is not titled, then that team assumes the Division in which they accepted the invite. Therefore, an untitled team that scores below the division in which it accepted its invite, will be eliminated from the bubble data set.
  - b. Removal of duplicate dogs: If a dog is handled by more than one handler and falls within the same “Tier” with multiple handlers, the lower scoring team(s) will be removed, as a dog is not permitted to jump in the same Finals round with multiple handlers.

**NOTE:** The “lines” that define the “Tiers” do NOT move up or down during this elimination process. They remain in place while teams are removed based on the above criteria.

## **GENERATE FINALS BUBBLE**

The Finalists will be determined by selecting the Top 6 teams in each Tier, from the bubble data scrub.