TEAMS Title Program — Program Guidelines

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1. Purpose

TEAMS stands for Together Everyone Achieves More Success. The TEAMS Title Program recognizes the partnership between a dog and a specific handler. Points are earned across all three IDS dock diving games at regular-season events and are credited to the dog-and-handler Team, not to the dog alone. Teams earn permanent Gemini titles and compete in the season TEAMS Standings. A dog that competes with more than one handler may earn Gemini titles with each of them.

2. Team Definition

- A Team is one dog paired with one handler.
- Each Team receives a unique IDS Team Number that remains valid for the lifetime of the Team.
- A dog may belong to multiple Teams, one per handler. A handler may belong to multiple Teams, one per dog. A dog may still jump only once per round regardless of how many Teams it belongs to.
- Horizon: points credit to the Team whose registered handler is throwing for the dog on that round.
- Eclipse: points credit to the Team whose registered handler is sending the dog on that round.
- Velocity: this game allows only one handler; points credit to that handler's Team.
- The dog and/or Junior must hold a current IDS Registration Number before a Team can be created.

3. Team Registration

Item	Detail
IDS Team Number fee	$20 one-time, per Team, paid to IDS
Term	Lifetime of the Team — no renewal
Where	IDS website. Handlers may register at any time, including at an event from their phone.
Required before	Any points can accrue
Existing Dock League Teams	Teams that already hold an IDS Team Number from the Dock League are registered. No new number and no additional fee.

The IDS Team Number is shared across all IDS team-based programs. A Team registered for the Dock League may opt in to the TEAMS Title Program at any regular-season event beginning with the 2027 season.

4. Event Opt-In

Item	Detail
Event fee	$20 per Team, per event
Paid to	Host facility
Covers	Every game the Team enters at that event — one game or all three, same fee
How recorded	Facility selects the Team Number from the TEAM # dropdown on the dog's line of the IDS scoresheet
Deadline	Before the event is closed. The Team Number may be added after the Team has competed, provided the judge can verify that the dog and handler who competed match the Team being added.

Participation in the TEAMS program is optional. Facilities should capture opt-ins at check-in so the TEAM # is on the scoresheet before the Team's first turn. Late additions depend on judge verification; a Team the judge cannot verify is not added.

5. Earning Points

TEAMS points mirror the points already awarded in each game. No new scoring is introduced.

Game	Points earned
Horizon	Skill points plus Catch points earned by the Team at that event
Eclipse	Skill points earned by the Team at that event
Velocity	Skill points earned by the Team at that event

Points credit only when the Team is registered, the Team Number is on the scoresheet for that event, and the registered handler is the handler who competed with the dog. TEAMS points are recorded in addition to, and do not replace or reduce, any points the dog earns toward existing IDS titles. Every Skill point (& catch pt. in Horizon) counts toward both the Team's lifetime Gemini title progress and the current season's TEAMS Standings. Competition points and Majors/Minors are not applicable in the TEAMS title program.

6. Gemini Titles

Gemini titles are permanent. Points accumulate for the lifetime of the Team and never reset. Levels are cumulative and continue beyond Gemini VI in 200-point increments.

Title	Suffix	Cumulative points
Gemini I	GEM I	50
Gemini II	GEM II	100
Gemini III	GEM III	150
Gemini IV	GEM IV	250
Gemini V	GEM V	400
Gemini VI	GEM VI	600
Gemini VII and beyond	GEM VII, GEM VIII…	+200 per level (800, 1000, 1200…)

Points from any combination of the three games count toward every level. There is no per-game minimum. A title certificate is issued for each level earned at no additional charge.

7. TEAMS Standings and Year-End Awards

The TEAMS Standings rank Teams by points earned within the current season. Standings reset at the start of each season. Standings are published on the IDS website, updated as event results are processed, and grouped by class: OPEN, LAP, LEGEND, and JUNIOR.

At season end, the top three Teams in each class receive year-end awards named for the stars of Gemini:

Season place	Award
1st in class	Pollux Award — TEAMS Champion
2nd in class	Castor Award — TEAMS Reserve Champion
3rd in class	Alhena Award

Year-end awards are recognition of a single season and are separate from Gemini titles. Ties are broken by best single-event total, then second best, then third best.

8. Junior Handlers

Junior Handlers are eligible to register Teams. Junior Teams earn Gemini titles on the same point scale as all other Teams and are ranked in the JUNIOR class of the TEAMS Standings.

9. Facility Responsibilities

- Offer TEAMS opt-in on the event entry form and at check-in.
- Collect the $20 event fee from the Team.
- Select the Team Number from the TEAM # dropdown on the IDS scoresheet.

10. Judge Responsibilities

- Verify that the dog and handler competing match the Team shown on the scoresheet.
- Horizon: confirm the handler throwing is the registered handler for the selected Team. Eclipse: confirm the handler sending the dog is the registered handler for the selected Team.
- Score rounds per usual. TEAMS points are calculated automatically from the IDS scoresheet.

12. Effective Date

The TEAMS Title Program takes effect October 1st, 2026, the start of the 2027 season.