



TEAM ENGLAND SELECTION WEEKEND



October 21st – 22nd 2023

**Bury Farm Equestrian Village, Mill Road
Slapton, Buckinghamshire, LU7 9BT
(Indoor sand surface arena)**

Entries open: Monday 21st August 2023

Entries Close: Wednesday 4th October 2023

Enter Online: www.gacsystems.com

OPEN TO ALL - you do not have to be a member of any organisation or at any specific grade or level to try out.

Judged by Natalie Webb – WAO 2024 Judge
Galican Equipment supplied by Indigo Equipment Hire

ENTRY FEES:

£50 per dog inclusive of all events and runs.

Pre-booked camping - £50 (Fri – Sun night inclusive)

Pre-booked Camping with electric hook-up (likely on hardstanding) – £110

HOOK UP LIMITED TO 40 UNITS (Fri – Sun night inclusive)

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.

Refreshments available all day in the venue's Cafeteria and Licensed Bar

Enquiries: waoengland@gmail.com

Vets on Call:

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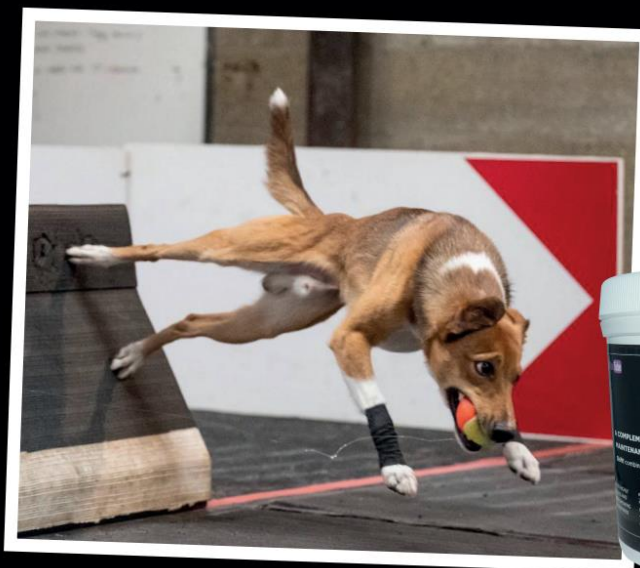
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Information

Keep up to date with all information by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/groups/w.a.o.teamengland>

Schedule of Events

Friday

- Measuring – 1500 to 1700 hours
Any dog that has a WAO measure does not need to be measured. Any dog competing in 600 height does not need to be measured. If your dog does not fall into either of these categories then you will need to be measured at the event. UKA/KC/FCI wicket measures will not be accepted.

Saturday

- Event briefing
- Biathlon Jumping
- England Jumping
- Snooker

Sunday

- England Agility
- Gamblers
- Biathlon Agility

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FRIDAY TRAINING

The competition ring will be available for hire on Friday 20th October in order that you can familiarise yourself with the surface and the equipment. Cost will be £60 for an hour and £40 for 30 minutes. If you wish to book please email waoengland@gmail.com **on 1st September**. If applications exceed the number of hires available, then a random draw will be made. Therefore, it does not matter what time you send your email on 1st September as all requests will go into the random draw. Applications after 1st September will be taken on a 1st come 1st served basis if any spaces are left. Early applications will not be considered until 2nd September. **Please do not make any payment for this until you have been notified you have a space.**

Times will be randomly drawn and cannot be requested.

Selection Rules

Below is a brief summary but it is your responsibility to familiarise yourself with the England Selection Document which is published on W.A.O. Team England Facebook page to ensure you can comply with all the Team Requirements contained therein.

This event will offer a Biathlon Win on Spot, as well as additional runs to be used for selecting the remaining spaces available once all Win On spots are known. It will also be used for any Team run selection that is needed.

You must enter this event to be considered for selection if you do not “win on” elsewhere.

- This event is open to all level of dogs and you do not have to be registered with any organisation to try out.
- Biathlon Win on Spot - The winner of the Overall Biathlon in each height will be invited to represent Team England at the WAO Championships in the Individual Biathlon.
- All dog and handler partnerships entered into the Selection weekend will run in the following classes: Biathlon Agility, Biathlon Jumping, Snooker and Gamblers. There will also be an additional Agility and Jumping run at this event, providing entry numbers enable this to run. The performance of all competitors will be assessed to show their ability and skills, together with their understanding of the Games classes to assist the Team Managers when deciding other places on the Team.

All Selection weekend classes will follow WAO rules.

Junior Selection rules

Any Junior handler who wishes to be selected for the Team must enter this England Selection weekend. If they do not do this then they will not be selected for the team, regardless of the points they have accrued, unless no Juniors competed in the Selection weekends in their specific height. In the event that no Juniors try out in a height at the England Selection October weekend, Team Management have the right to select any Junior.

The Junior handlers who will represent England will WIN their way on to the team. It will not be an opinion-based selection unless no Juniors run at the England Selection weekend.

To ensure a level of consistency, results will be taken from the following three events;

- The England Selection weekend Overall Biathlon
- The England Selection weekend Overall Games
- The British Agility Championships Junior Event (1 agility + 1 jumping with pent scoring - this will take place on Sunday only so no school will need to be missed).

At these events the Juniors will be ranked using the scoring system used in the Junior Championship at WAO. The overall place from the BAC Junior Event, Biathlon and Games will be given points in the following way. First place will equal 1 point, second place will equal 2 points, third place will equal 3 points, scoring down to last place. If the Junior ends up in a joint place then they will get that number of points. For example if places go down to 14th in the pentathlon and all handlers below this have 5 eliminations, then any Junior Handler in that group would receive 15 points.

The points from the Overall Junior Event, the Overall Biathlon and the Overall Games will then be combined and the Junior with the lowest points will be in first place and be offered the win on spot. If there is a tie on points the Overall Biathlon result will be used, followed by the Overall BAC Junior result. If there is still a tie the individual class results will be used to determine the winner in the following order; Biathlon Agility, followed by BAC Agility, followed by Gamblers, followed by Biathlon Jumping, followed by BAC Jumping, followed by Snooker.

Points to note.

• The dog & handler with the lowest number of points in each height will be invited to represent Team England at the WAO Championships. • Handlers must be born on or after 1st May 2005. • Results from the three events must be the same dog and handler combination. • For Junior handlers to be considered for a WAO place they must have entered the England Selection weekend. If they do not enter the England Selection weekend they will not be selected for the team, regardless of the points they have accrued unless there were no dogs in their height at the event as detailed above. • All Junior Handlers selected must have a parent/guardian available to accompany them to the WAO Event. • Dogs must compete in the equivalent jump height to WAO at both events.

WAO jump heights will be used at this event.

JUMP HEIGHT NAME	DOG HEIGHT AT WITHERS	JUMP HEIGHT	A-FRAME HEIGHT	ASCENDING SPREAD LENGTH *	LONG JUMP LENGTH	TYRE HEIGHT AT CENTER
250	320mm & under	250mm	1.7m	215-235mm	500mm 2 boards	400mm
300	380mm & under	300mm	1.7m	260-280mm	600mm 2 boards	450mm
400	440mm & under	400mm	1.7m	350-370mm	800mm 3 boards	550mm
500	500mm & under	500mm	1.7m	440-460mm	1000mm 4 boards	650mm
600	Over 500mm	600mm	1.7m	530-550mm	1200mm 5 boards	750mm

You must ensure that you and your dog(s) comply with these regulations at all times and without exception. It is your responsibility to read and understand the rules and regulations that are in force at the time of this event. If there are any rules you do not understand please ask. In the event of any extraordinary circumstances not covered by the rules, any matter arising will be considered by the Competition Manager, whose decision is final.

By entering this event you are confirming that you have read and understood the Rules and Regulations as well as any rules and regulations as stated in this schedule and promise to abide by them.

Camping

Camping pitches on grass will be approximately 10m x 8m. Electric hook up will be available but these pitches may be slightly smaller depending on availability. Unfortunately we are not able to state if hook up will be on hardstanding or grass. By booking Electric hook up you agree that you could be parked on either surface. All other camping units will be on grass. However if the weather is inclement, and use of the fields will cause damage, the decision may need to be taken that all grass camping moves onto hardstanding and you will need to comply with this. No generators may be used before 8:00am or after 7.30pm. By booking camping you agree to these policies. Anyone found staying on site will be liable to pay the full camping fee.

General Competition Rules

- This event is open to all dogs and handlers irrespective of their level in any organisation, worldwide
- Dogs and handlers do not need to be registered with ANY organisation.
- Jump height cut offs are based on WAO.
- No late entries for the event will be accepted
- Dogs may only compete in one height for the duration of the event
- Dogs must be run by the same handler for the duration of the event
- There is one single entry that includes participation in all individual events
- All classes will be run in strict running order
- Running orders will be drawn randomly for the first round of each class but will be adjusted to follow the rules of multiple dog handlers. (See following page.)
- Classes will be run under The World Agility Open Rules and Regulations.
- Bitches in season may run at the event. Please notify waoengland@gmail.com prior to 20th October 2023 or the Secretary's Office at the event immediately on arrival. These dogs will be highlighted on running order sheets
- The show management reserves the right to rule at the event on anything not covered in these rules that requires clarification.
- In the event of any extraordinary circumstances not covered by the rules, any matter arising will be considered by the Competition Manager whose decision is final
- No results from this event will count towards progression in any agility organisation
- A coin toss will be used to determine running orders in the event of a tie where necessary.
- A run-off will determine final placement in the event of a tie

Managing Clashes for Handlers with Multiple Dogs

In the event of a handler having two or more dogs in an event, we will endeavour to provide a gap of at least 10 dogs (9 dogs between their runs) by moving the lowest drawn dog forward in the running orders; for example, if a handler's dogs are drawn 10th and 15th, the dog drawn 10th will be moved up to run 5th. If this does not create the required gap then the second dog will be moved backwards in the running orders to create the gap. If this still does not create the required gap, the handler will be given a 5-minute break (maximum) between dogs. For seeded running orders handlers with 2 dogs will automatically have the earliest drawn dog moved up the running order to create this gap. If this is not possible, the handler will be given a 5-minute break (maximum) between dogs. The 5-minute countdown will start as the handler's first dog crosses the finish line; the handler must enter the ring with their second dog before the countdown is complete. If a handler has dogs in different height divisions, and the 10 dog gap cannot be achieved, the 5 minutes will run through while the jump heights are being changed.

By entering more than one dog in this event, handlers indicate their acceptance to comply with these running order rules.

Rules and Regulations

The World Agility Open Rules and Regulations 2024 for competing and scoring apply to the entire event. By entering, competitors agree to be aware of, and comply with these rules and regulations at all times. They can be downloaded, free of charge, from www.worldagilityopen.com

By entering, competitors also agree that they understand and are compliant with the event-specific rules, including:

- No dogs under 18 calendar months of age on the 22nd October 2023 are eligible to compete. Competing dogs must have been born before 21st April 2022.
- Entries online will be taken at www.gacsystems.com or click the Enter event link on
- All fees must be paid in full before entries accepted
- Entries will not be accepted, changed or altered after the closing date. No refunds will be given for any reason after the closing date or capping level has been reached. A £10 admin fee will be deducted from any refund requested prior to the closing date. If a paid for entry is deleted prior to the closing date by the handler online, they must contact support@gacsystems.com within 2 working days to claim their refund. This money cannot be transferred to any other entry, including a future entry by the handler.
- There will be no refunds for entries withdrawn or in the event a dog and/or handler is dismissed from the competition, regardless of the reason for dismissal providing this was within accordance of The World Agility Open Rules and Regulations and or rules contained in this schedule.
- A dog shall be withdrawn from competition if it is:
 - Suffering from any infectious or contagious diseases
 - Interfering with the safety of any person or other animal
 - Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing
- It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their running order and by entering the event they understand by being late they will miss that run and be withdrawn from that individual event.
- Anyone who enters or attends this show is totally responsible for the behaviour of their dogs, children and guests. Any competitor whose dogs, children, or guests create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behaviour, may be asked to leave the event grounds. No refunds of fees will be made in such a case
- No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judge, judges or show management
- No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the show
- Should a judge be unable to fulfil their appointment, the show management reserves the right to appoint another judge. This may require alteration of other judging arrangements, in which case, the circumstances will be publicised on W.A.O. Team England Facebook page.
- In the event of abandonment of the show through circumstances beyond our control, the show management may defray such expenses from the entry fees to cover the cost of the show preparation. These accounts will then be made public.
- Dogs left in hot cars, or dogs appearing to be in distress, will be dealt with as seen fit by the show management

Rules and Regulations continued

- All dogs are entered at this show at their owners risk and whilst every care will be taken, the show management will not accept responsibility for loss, damage or injury however caused to dogs, persons or property whilst at the show
- Failure to pick up after your dog will result in you being asked to leave the event immediately. If you walk multiple dogs, you must ensure that you can pick up after them all.
- Media Rights Release: Through the entry into this event, all competitors grant to Team England, and their affiliated companies, representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future. Further, you hereby release The Agility Open, and their affiliates, representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar right.

Measuring

When measured, a dog should be placed in a standing position on a flat surface such as a table. The measurement is taken from the perpendicular line from the top of the dog's withers to the flat surface. Only WAO measures will be accepted for entry into the England Selection event. If a dog does not have one of these measurements, they must attend the measuring session that is being held on Friday 20th October from 15.00 until 17:00. If your dog does not have an official measurement it may be excluded from competition. No dogs competing in 600 height require an official measurement.

Note. If your dog's official measurement moves you into a different height than the one entered you may compete in that height at no extra cost. Your running order will be 1st in that height in all rounds where the running order has been published. If you choose not to run there will be no refunds.

There will be an additional measuring session on Saturday morning, once the competition has started, for anyone that was unable to attend on Friday who needed a measure. There will be an additional cost for this of £5 cash per dog (to encourage you to attend on Friday). Anyone who measures out will have any results gained so far deleted and due to the event having started will be unable to run for competition for the remainder of the event. They may be permitted to run as a white dog at the start of each class. Anyone who has not had a measure by the end of this measuring session will be removed from the event. If you are unable to attend the Friday measuring session you must email us by Monday 16th October to confirm that you will need to be measured on the Saturday and we will allocate you a space.



Catering

The Paddocks café at Bury Farm looks forward to welcoming you all to the centre for your Team England event. Hot and cold food, snacks and drinks are available throughout show hours. We aim to feed and water you to your heart's content whilst you are with us. Look out for Team England Specials when you come to the show!

