



AGILITY TEAM SCOTLAND SELECTION DAY

to be held under WAO rules and regulations at:

**Kinross Polo Club
North Kilduff
Kinross
KY13 0PN**

On

15th Oct 2023

Judge: Steve Richardson

Competition opens: 08:00, Judges Briefing 08:15,

Timed Course walking starts 08:20, Judging Starts 08:45

Closing date for entries: 18th Sept 2023

By entering this event you are confirming your ability to attend the entire World Agility Open event to be held on 15th – 19st May 2024 at KNHS National Equestrian Centre, Ermelo, Netherlands

Competition Manager: Alan Short
Team Manager: Alan Short
Assistant Team Manager: Eilidh Murray

Entry Fees: £30 per dog. This includes all entry to all classes
Entry and fees can be made via <http://www.showtime-online.co.uk/>. Running orders will be available online and on the selection day. No running orders will be posted

Any queries about the selection day then please contact:
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ELIGIBILITY FOR EVENT:

- Eligibility is "open to all". Senior Partnerships: KC Grades 1,2,3, 4, 5, 6 or 7; UKA Beginners, Novice, Senior or Champion status on the closing date
- Junior Partnerships – Handlers must be born on or after 1st May 2005.

Handler: To be born in Scotland, have parentage (mother, father or grandparent) born in Scotland, or be a permanent resident in Scotland on the day of the event. Proof may be requested at the selection day.

It is preferred that the handler/dog partnerships competing at the selection day are a regular partnership during current/preceding agility season. Note handlers do not need to be the owner of the dog but must have the owners' permission to take part in the selection day.

ABOUT AGILITY TEAM SCOTLAND

Agility Team Scotland Vision Statement

It is the vision of Agility Team Scotland to have the best possible team represent Scottish Agility at the World Agility Open Championships 2024. A team which consists of the best of Scottish Agility handler and Dog partnerships

Agility Team Scotland Mission Statement

Agility Team Scotland' mission is to foster a collaborative team environment where opportunity for improvement will be shared in an open and supportive manner. Teamwork and mutual respect is of fundamental importance and we believe challenges can be managed jointly with ease.

Agility Team Scotland Core Objectives

Select a team which best represents Agility Team Scotland

Provide a quantitative selection process. To encourage partnerships to perform to their highest and to select a team who have the potential to succeed.

Prepare for the World Agility Open Championship 2024

Support team partnerships in their preparation and participation at the World Agility Championship in 2024. To identify strengths which can be exploited and create plans to manage weakness.

Prepare both the handler and dog for a potential podium place.

Promote the sport of Agility in Scotland

Encourage team members to learn from their experience as part of the team and to promote Agility Team Scotland throughout the Scottish Agility community.

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ABOUT THE SELECTION DAY

The Selection Day Venue

This is an active equestrian facility and as such please keep dogs under control at all times. Please respect horse owners. Always pick up after your dog and please take your waste away with you.

The venue has a large indoor arena with a sand surface similar to that of the WAO event venue. Ample parking is provided and a limited area to exercise dogs. There is a small café on site.

There is no camping available at the venue

The Selection Process

For WAO 2024, Agility Team Scotland will consist of a minimum of 4 dogs chosen from each height category, i.e. 16. For the senior and 4 for the junior category.

The selection of the team will be the responsibility of team management. Over and above any win on spots gained at the CSJ Agility Open (previously held 15th to 18th June 2023), there will be one automatic win on spot for each height category on the selection day. These places will be announced on the day. It is aimed further team position(s) will be notified within 2 weeks of the selection day.

There may be an initial deposit to secure a place on the team.

The team management may decide to offer a reserve place(s) to any handler/dog partnership.

In the event of force majeure forces cancellation of the selection event, and it cannot be rescheduled, selection will be at the discretion of the team management.

The Selection Day

The day will consist of the following agility challenges:

- Agility
- Jumping
- Gamblers
- Snookers
- Speed Stakes

This may be modified prior to the selection day dependent upon how many entries are received. Any changes will be published to allow partnerships to prepare accordingly.

Equipment used on the day will be aluminum & rubber contacts and jumps which reflect WAO rules and regulations.

Running orders will be published prior to the event. Running will be in strict order.

Dogs in heat can try out on the day and should be run in order. Notification of any dogs in heat should be made known to the team management at the start of the selection day. When running a dog in heat, matting should be used at the start position.

Only 1 ring will be running. Course walking will be in between each round. Course walking will be at the first height to be run in the ring. 10 minutes will be allocated for each course walk. Time permitting this will be increased for Gamblers. Depending upon entries, course walking may be split into height categories. There will be no course walking between heights.

The Selection Day Criteria for Senior Partnerships

Each partnership will earn a score. A score can be defined as the cumulative placings in different rounds on the selection day. For example, a partnership with the following placings in the five rounds will have a cumulative score of **26**:

- Agility – 2nd
- Jumping – 10th
- Gamblers- 4th
- Snookers – 7th
- Speed stakes – 3rd

The criteria for the potential spots on the team will be as follows:

Following the selection day, there will be 2 win on spot awarded. For clarity Win on Spots are guaranteed to be selected to run that event at the championships.

The first will be the partnership with the lowest scores for all 5 rounds and they will be awarded the Pentathlon win on spot. In the event of a tie for 1st place the result from the Speed stakes will decide the win on spot.

The second win on spot will be awarded for the Biathlon. This will be awarded to the partnership with lowest score in the Jumping & Agility rounds. In the event there is a tie then the partnership with the highest placing in the agility round will be selected.

The third and fourth spot will be awarded to the partnerships who have the lowest median placings from overall results i.e. the partnerships with the lowest middle value when consider all placing.

An example of how the median will be calculated and affect ranking is:

	Partnership 1 Placings	Partnership 2 Placings
Jumping	1 st	1 st
Agility	3 rd	1 st
Snookers	5 th	6 th
Gamblers	8 th	9 th
Speed stakes	9 th	9 th
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Total Score	26	26
Average Score	5.2	5.2
Median Score	5	6

Both score 26 and average 5.2, however Partnership 1 has a lower median than Partnership 2 therefore Partnership 1 will rank above Partnership 2

In the event of a tie then the partnership with the best pentathlon placing will determine the third spot and the biathlon will determine the fourth spot.

Note, when selecting the biathlon, third and fourth spots, in the event this falls to a partnership who have already been selected as per above criteria or selected as the junior partnership, then the selection will move down the rankings until a new partnership is identified.

An example of how this could be applied is:

- Partnership 1 ranked 1st in median but had already gained the pentathlon win on spot,
- Partnership 2 ranked 2nd in median but had already gained the junior win on spot.
- Partnership 3 ranked 3rd in median but had already gained the win on spot for biathlon,
- Partnerships 4 & 5 are tied ranking 4th on median placings.
- Partnership 4 placed higher than 5 in pentathlon

In the above example the 3rd spot would be awarded to Partnership 4 and the 4th spot to partnership 5

Team management may also extend the invitation to a partnership to participate in the team event. This partnership will not be eligible to run in any individual events, although will play a fully participative role in the team event.

Only partnerships meeting the requirements detailed in the section process above will be considered.

Selection of the Junior Partnerships

Scoring for the junior partnerships will be the same as the senior. This will be awarded to the partnership with the lowest scores for all 5 rounds. In the event of a tie for 1st place the result from the Speed stakes will decide the win on spot.

Scoring for Ranking on the selection day

Scoring will be based upon a combination of faults and time. Any faults incurred will be added to the time in seconds i.e. 5 faults will result in 5 seconds being added

The following faults will be employed during the selection day

- Knocked pole, refusal, missed contact, incorrect weave = 5 faults
- Elimination = 15 faults (note: there is no need to correct an elimination but should continue course from where elimination occurred)
- Failure to make a concerted effort to complete the course = 100 faults (e.g. elimination at jump 5 then heading straight to finish therefore avoiding potential further faults)

The awarding of faults is solely at the discretion of the judge. These faults are different from the standard WAO scoring (which can be found <http://www.worldagilityopen.com/WAORules&Regulations.pdf>) but designed such as to encourage partnerships to attack the course. Even after elimination, faults will still be incurred so partnerships are encouraged to keep working.

A placing will be given to all partnerships. In the event of a tie of faults and time in a given round then the partnerships will be given the same placing. This will be the lower of the places e.g. 3rd position will be awarded to partnerships achieving 3rd, 4th and 5th spots and the next position awarded will be 6th.

Partnerships that have automatically qualified for the 2024 WAO through achieving a podium position at the 2023 event must enter the selection day if wanting to be considered as part of ATS for other events that they did not win a podium spot for. There is no need for win on spots achieved at the CSJ Agility Open to enter the selection day.

Some basic rules (these are taken from WAO rules <http://www.worldagilityopen.com/WAORules&Regulations.pdf>)

Collars & Leads

Dogs must not wear any type of slip or half-slip lead, half collar, muzzle, harness or collar while competing. Stop pad protectors may be worn by a dog if approved by the team management. Leads will be placed at the exit of the ring in a container. Only the handler may retrieve their lead from this container. Electric or choke chain collars may not be used anywhere at the selection event.

Timing & Equipment Failure Procedure

If during a competitors run, the timing fails, the competitor will rerun again however all faults from the first run will count. In the event of a re-run, the judge must deem that the handler has made a true and sportsman like effort to complete the course correctly or additional faults can be added.



Jump Height/Dog Height

There are five qualifying height divisions, so that dogs compete against dogs of a similar height. Dogs may compete in a division larger than the actual dog's height, but cannot compete in a lower division. Example: A dog which measures 450mm may enter & compete in the 600 division, but cannot compete in the 400 division. All dogs wanting to compete below the 600 class must obtain a record of measurement or already have an official WAO measurement. It is aimed to have measuring available at the selection day.

Jump Height Division	Dog Height at withers	Jump Height	A-frame height	Ascending spread length	Long jump length	Tyre height at centre
250	320mm & under	250mm	1.7m	215 – 235mm	500mm max. 2 boards	400mm
300	380mm & under	300mm	1.7m	260 – 280mm	600mm max. 2 boards	450mm
400	440mm & under	400mm	1.7m	350 – 370mm	800mm max. 3 boards	550mm
500	500mm & under	500mm	1.7m	440 – 460mm	1000mm max. 4 boards	650mm
600	Over 500mm	600mm	1.7m	530 – 550mm	1200mm max. 5 boards	750mm

Initial information for WAO event in 2024

If fortunate enough to be selected as part of Agility Team Scotland the following points should be noted:

Costs

Costs to the team members will be kept to a minimum where possible. Every effort will be made to attract support and sponsorship for ATS by the team management. Team members are encouraged to fund raise personally to support their attendance at the event. There may be some restrictions on the sources of personal fund raising and subsequent publicity. These will be further detailed post the selection event.

Once known and as soon as possible, full costing for ATS participating at the 2024 WAO event will be given to team members.

There will be at least 1 fund raising event to be held by the team to assist with costs for attending the event. Participation in the preparation and running of that event is expected of team members and failure to do so will jeopardize their place on the team. This includes reserve spots should they be awarded.

Team Sessions

There will be 2 team sessions. These will be held on 25th Nov 2023 and 30th Mar 2024. Venue for these TBC.

Attendance to these team sessions is compulsory unless exceptional circumstances as deemed by the team management. This is inclusive of reserve spots should they be awarded.

These team sessions are held to aid communication in readiness for the event and will cover, amongst others points, personal preparation for partnerships, team event rules and regulations and games, which is unfamiliar to many handlers in Scotland.

It is expected that partnerships will prepare a personal preparation plan leading up to their participation at the event. They should be willing to share and discuss this plan with team management.

Sponsorship Clause

As being part of Agility Team Scotland, handlers will be expected to sign a sponsorship clause. This is to ensure your commitment to thank official team sponsors in any social media posts, blogs or podcasts associated with Agility Team Scotland. You would also be committing to solely thank official team sponsors. No other businesses, including those of personal sponsorship or personal professional promotion, shall be included in social media posts, blogs or podcasts associated with Agility Team Scotland.

Travel and accommodation for the event

It is expected partnerships organize their own travel arrangements for the WAO event. Team members are encouraged to share transport where possible.

Provisional accommodation booking for the event will be made by the team management. It is up to team members to confirm directly with the accommodation and secure booking. Whilst there is a benefit for all members of the team to be at the same accommodation, team members can find alternate accommodation should they choose.

All travel and accommodation costs will be the responsibility of team members. ATS will not be funding travel and accommodation either in part or full.

Team outfit

A team outfit including tops, jackets and mid layer will be selected by the team management. Team members will be able to size and select required garments at one of the team sessions. Team members are expected to fund the cost of their team outfit. As a minimum team members are expected to obtain 3 tops and either a jacket or mid layer for the event. Additional items are optional.

The best of luck for your selection!!!!