

WAO2024 Singapore Team Selection

Thank you for your interest in participating as part of the Singapore Team to the 2024 World Agility Open Championships which will be held at National Hippic Centre (KNHS) in Ermelo, The Netherlands from 15th – 19th May 2024. Judges for the event can be found <u>here</u>.

To apply for the team, you must fulfill the residency requirements as set out in the WAO rules.

Please note that the trip is self-funded i.e. you will need to pay for all expenses related to the trip including, but not limited to, travel, vet and quarantine expenses, as well as WAO entry fees, team jackets and t-shirts, etc.

Three (3) dogs will be selected for each of the five (5) heights for the individual events, which include Biathlon, Pentathlon and Games. The table below shows the five heights:

| Ţ | JUMP HEIGHT | DOG HEIGHT AT | JUMP HEIGHT | A-FRAME HEIGHT | | LONG JUMP LENGTH | TYRE HEIGHT AT |
|---|----------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| | NAME 250 | WITHERS 320mm & under (12.60") | 250mm (9.84") | 1.7m (5'7") | LENGTH * 215-235mm (8.86"-9.65") | 500mm (19.69") 2 boards | 400mm (15.75") |
| | 300 | 380mm & under (14.96") | 300mm (11.81") | 1.7m (5'7") | 260-280mm (10.24-11.02") | 600mm (23.62") 2 boards | 450mm (17.71") |
| | 400 | 440mm & under (17.32") | 400mm (15.75") | 1.7m (5'7") | 350-370mm (14.17-14.96") | 800mm (31.49") 3 boards | 550mm (21.65") |
| | 500 | 500mm & under (19.69") | 500mm (19.69") | 1.7m (5'7") | 440-460mm (17.33 -18.11") | 1000mm (39.37") 4 boards | 650mm (26.57") |
| | 600 | Over 500mm (19.69") | 600mm (23.62") | 1.7m (5'7") | 530-550mm (20.86 – 21.65") | 1200mm (47.24") 5 boards | 750mm (29.53") |

All handler and dog teams wishing to be considered for selection for Singapore team must enter at least four (4) UKI trials organized by Go For Flow, from the date of publication of this document until the last show in 2023.

There are two opportunities for teams who have entered at least four (4) UKI trials organized by Go For Flow to be considered for a spot in the individual events:

- A) UKI trials Two (2) spots per height will be offered to eligible teams
- B) Masters Series One (1) spot per height will be offered to eligible teams



A) UKI Trials

Two (2) spots per height will be selected through a points-based system, where the top two applicants with the highest points accumulated from the best four (4) of UKI trials organized by Go For Flow (one of which may be from WAO) will be offered spots in that height class. In the event of a tie, the team with the most number of clear rounds will be used as a tie-breaker.

The table below shows the WAO qualification points awarded for runs at UKI trials under the International Program and Speedstakes Program. Dogs must run in the respective WAO heights that they wish to be qualified for, eg. dogs measured > 440mm and <= 500mm must compete at 500mm for a spot in 500 class. Running in select heights or other heights will not be eligible for WAO points. Participants at WAO2023 will also be awarded points for top 20 placings and additional points for non-eliminated rounds.

| Level | Results | | WAO qualifi | WAO qualification points | | |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| | | WAO2023^ / Champion [%] | <mark>Senior</mark> % | Novice* | Beginner* | |
| | 1st | 25 | - | - | - | |
| | 2nd | 24 | - | - | - | |
| WAO Agility | | | - | - | - | |
| | 20th | 6 | - | - | - | |
| | Non-E | +60 | - | - | - | |
| | | | | | | |
| | 1st | 25 | - | - | - | |
| | 2nd | 24 | - | - | - | |
| WAO Jumping / Games | | | - | - | - | |
| | 20th | 6 | - | - | - | |
| | Non-E | +40 | - | - | - | |
| | | | | | | |
| | 1st | 12 | 12 | 8 (CR) | 6 (CR) | |
| A aility | 2nd | 8 | 8 | 6 (CR) | 4 (CR) | |
| Agility | 3rd | 4 | 4 | 4 (CR) | 2 (CR) | |
| | Clear round | +10 | +8 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | 1st | 6 | 6 | 4 (CR) | 3 (CR) | |
| lumping / Comos | 2nd | 4 | 4 | 3 (CR) | 2 (CR) | |
| Jumping / Games | 3rd | 2 | 2 | 2 (CR) | 1 (CR) | |
| | Clear round | +8 | +6 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Spoodstakes | 1st | 5 (CR) | 4 (CR) | 3 (CR) | 2 (CR) | |
| Speedstakes | 2nd | 4 (CR) | 3 (CR) | 2 (CR) | 1 (CR) | |

^A For WAO events, points will be awarded for each non-eliminated round and additional points for top 20 placings

^{*} For Senior and Champion classes, points will be awarded for top 3 places and additional points for clear rounds
* For Beginner and Novice classes, dogs must get a clear round (CR) and in top 3 or 2 placings to be awarded points



B) Masters Series

This offers teams at any level the opportunity to win a spot in the WAO individual events. Masters Series are judged by international judges. Two such weekends have been planned in 2023 (June & September) to hold masters series. Teams who wish to earn a spot via this route must run in both masters events (Jumping AND Agility) and get a result, ie. not eliminated.

The table below shows the scores awarded for runs at the masters series, with additional scores for clear rounds:

| Level | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | Clear round |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Agility | 8 | 4 | 2 | +6 |
| | | | | |
| Jumping | 4 | 2 | 1 | +4 |
| | | | | |
| Overall | 3 | 2 | 1 | - |
| | | | | |

The best scores from one of the two masters series will be used to determine the highest placed teams. In the event of a tie, the team with the most number of clear rounds will be used as a tie-breaker. In the event of a further tie, the team with the highest agility scores will be the tie-breaker.

If the same team qualifies in both (A) and (B), the spot will be offered to the next highest placed team in (A). If there is no results from (B), the spot will be offered to the next highest placed team in (A).

Please email (<u>meowheong@gmail.com</u>) your application to compete at WAO2024 by Friday, 24 November 2023 and include the following details in your email correspondence:

1. Handler's name

2. Dog's call name

Details and points accumulated from your four (4) best UKI trials, from the date of publication of this document until the last show in 2023 i.e. trial dates, your ranking and points accumulated
 Whether you are applying for individual or team events (*please note that team events will only be available if there are at least one dog selected for all five heights. The country manager will pick teams to*

run in the team event, which may or may not be teams selected for the individual events in A and B).

A deposit of \$\$500 per dog must be made to the Singapore team management by 24 November 2023 together with the application. This money will be non-refundable if the dog is selected, and it shall be used for partial payment of Team Entry Fees, stables, team t-shirts, etc. The amount and deadline may be subject to change.



In the event spots are not taken, the country manager reserves the right to fill those spots at his/her own discretion, which may include inviting Singapore citizens based overseas (and are hence unable to compete in the UKI Singapore trials) to fill the spot.

For information / queries on qualifying for the WAO2024 Singapore team, please contact:

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¹ Each back-to-back trial on the same weekends is considered as one trial, eg. participation in 10th and 11th June events is considered as one trial. If COVID or any unforeseen circumstances forces the cancellation of UKI trials, the following contingency plans will be in force:

- If there are less than 4 trials, the conducted or remaining trials up to the last show in 2023 will be used for points accumulation
- If all the trials in 2023 cannot be held, teams are still encouraged to apply and selection will be at the discretion of the country manager and approved by WAO