2015 AGILITY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

SWEDISH TEAM SELECTION GUIDELINES
15th-17th of May 2015 in Ermelo, Netherlands

MISSION
WAO Team Sweden’s mission is in true WAO spirit to:

- Select a Swedish Team of handlers and dogs who will be competing against the rest of the world in the below referred disciplines. Team Sweden strives to build for the future of Swedish agility by providing a forum to build on potential human/canine partnership, showcasing the highest level of agility, athleticism, promote the design of better and safer agility equipment and new technology to improve the sport.

- Acknowledge the dog as an athlete and equally important member of the agility partnership.
- Enable all dogs, whether pedigreed or not, to compete in an environment that is solely focused on the sport of agility.

With this mission in mind, we are looking for competitive agility teams who share these values, capable of working in a team to develop themselves while competing on an international level. Included in this document are the team selection criteria and requirements. Successful applicants will be representing Sweden in the World Agility Open Championships 2015 in Emelo, Netherlands on the 15th-17th of May.

Please read the following rules and guidelines carefully!

**NUMBER OF DOGS**

WAO Team Sweden will consist of a maximum of 12 dogs – three in each jump height.

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**TEAM REQUIREMENT**

- The handler must be a Swedish citizen or have a permanent resident status in Sweden and must hold a valid passport.

- Any dog, whether pedigreed or mixed, that is healthy and sound, is eligible to participate in the WAO competition.
• There is a strong possibility that the trip will be 100% self-funded. All candidates must declare their agreement and compromise to support their own participation costs including but not limited to traveling, team uniform, legal documentation for the dogs to entering the host country for the WAO event and event fees. The eligible team members will unite in the efforts of seeking fundraising and sponsorships.

• Dogs must be in good health, fit to travel and have appropriate paperwork to enter the country where the WAO event will be held.

• Measuring of the dogs will be performed at the qualification for the dogs that haven’t participated at the WAO venue before. Please note that the dogs will be measured at the international WAO venue and unable to run if measured over.

• Additional information on WAO Rules and Regulations can be found at http://www.worldagilityopen.com/wao_rulesregs.pdf

TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

Win-on spots in each jump height will be determined the following way:

1. The event will be held on the 10th-11th of January 2015 in Stockholm.

2. The selection days are open to all teams that fulfill the requirements.

3. There will be two selection days with a total of 5 classes. This will serve as qualifying trials to determine which three teams in each jump height that will fill the spots on Team Sweden 2015.

4. The combined results of said 5 classes will be counted as one competition and the top ranked team will be selected to compete for the Swedish Team.

5. The first selection day will consist of 3 classes: 2 agility rounds and 1 jumping round. The second selection day will consist of 2 classes: 1 Snooker round and 1 Gambler round. The combined results from these 5 classes determine the spots in each jump height. There will be a separate competition for each jump height.

The following point system will be used:
The results in the agility and jumping rounds follows the rules of Biathlon (WAO). Scoring is cumulative; least faults wins with time as tie breaker only, in all aspects of the Biathlon. Time will be measured to 1/100th of a second.

Each run will be awarded according to the following point system:
• The winner sets the reference time and is awarded the maximum points (50).
• Only clean runs are awarded with points.
• Each second above reference time is equivalent to a deduction of 10 points.

Example:
1st place with a clean run and a running time of 30 seconds will be awarded 50 points and sets the reference time.
2nd place with a clean run and a running time of 31 seconds gets 40 points.
3rd place with a clean run and a running time of 31,48 seconds gets 35,2 points
4th place with a clean run and a running time of 33,02 seconds gets 19,8 points
5th place with 5 faults gets 0 points

The results in Snooker and Gambler will be awarded points according to normal Games Championship (WAO) rules. Scoring is cumulative; highest number of points wins with time as tie breaker only, in all aspects of the Games Championship.

6. The team with the highest combined score of the 5 classes will be offered a spot on the Swedish Team. They will represent Sweden in each of the three individual competitions Pentathlon, Biathlon and Games as well as the team competitions in WAO 2015, provided that they meet the team requirements specified above. In the case that they are to decline the invitation, the 2nd place finisher will be invited to fill the spot and so on until all three spots and two alternates in each jump height have been selected. If the dogs are tied on points the highest score in any agility or jumping round will take precedence. If there’s still a tie the second best score will take precedence and so forth.

7. In the case of discrepancy, where these rules aren’t applicable, the Swedish Team Manager will objectively and to the best of her knowledge assess the individual candidates, subject to the discrepancy.

8. Except for the rules that have been specified above the qualification will be run under the WAO rules and guidelines that can be found at www.worldagilityopen.com.

9. Full details of the event will be released and posted on WAO Team Sweden’s Facebook page as soon as it is accepted by the WAO organizing committee.

10. The Team Manager reserves the right to cancel any or both of the two selection events in the unlikely event of low enrolments or other circumstances which have made the events unviable. In that case, Team Manager will revert to the official Swedish list Årets Agility Hund 2014 to fill the spots on the Swedish Team.
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

1. Selective competitions will take place in January 2015 where the results will be qualifying.
2. The competing teams will receive an email informing them of the selection one week from the selection event in January. This information will also be published on the WAO Team Sweden’s Facebook page.
3. All team members will pay a non-refundable deposit of 125 € before the 20th of February 2015.
2015 WAO TEAM SWEDEN APPLICATION

To be filled in by successful Team Members and reserves.

Applicant Information

Handler: ______________________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________
City: _______________________________ Zip code: __________________________
Home phone: ________________________ Cell: _____________________________
Email: ______________________________ Citizenship: ______________________

List the international competition experience with your dog (including results) the past two years:
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List the three most important national competition experiences with your dog (including results):
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Dog’s Information

Dog’s registered name: _________________________________________________
Call name: ______________________________ Date of birth: _____________
Height at Withers: ___________ Height dog normally jumps: _____________
WAO jump height (check one):   300   400   525   650
Previous official WAO measurement: Yes …….  No …….  