

WAO Australian Team Selection 2012

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World Agility Open

Australia has once again been invited to compete at the **World Agility Open Championships (WAO)** to be held in Belgium from 18-20 May 2012. WAO is an annual international event and is the first international agility event created and managed by agility competitors (Greg Derrett, Mark Laker, and Monica Percival). It is not run under the auspices of any agility organisation.

Australian Team Selection 2012

To be considered for selection on the Australian team you must first nominate yourself by sending an email to australiawao@gmail.com. On nomination it is mandatory that all nominees will actively participate in fundraising activities.

Eight (8) handlers will be selected from the following height groups;

- 1 handler from 200 height
- 1 handler from 300 height
- 2 handlers from 400 height
- 2 handlers from 500 height
- 2 handlers from 600 height

Handlers will be required to run in at least the Biathlon or Pentathlon at the WAO event.

Try Outs

Selection for the Australian team to compete at the World Agility Open will be held at Lumin Christie College, Gosnells over the following dates;

Saturday 17th December 2011 (start time 6.30pm)

3 Agility Classes plus a Speedstakes Class (Jumping course with an A-Frame & weavers)

Sunday 18th December 2011 (start time 6.30pm)

3 Jumping Classes

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Judges for Try Outs

The Team Australia working party is pleased to announce the following judges who will be judging at the try outs:

Saturday 17th December

Agility Trial 1 & 3
- Gail Brindley

Agility Trial 2 & Speedstakes
- Mel Rhoden

Sunday 18th December

Jumping Trial 1 & 3
- Gail Brindley

Jumping Trial 2
- Mel Rhoden

Courses will be of international design to replicate the type of courses that will be seen at the WAO event.

Anyone who has a dog 18 months of age and over and is ready to compete in agility is eligible to enter the try outs to be selected on the Australian Team.

This event will be used as a fundraiser to assist in sending the team to Belgium. Even if you do not wish to be considered for selection for the Australian Team we would like to encourage everyone to have a go at an internationally designed agility course and help raise money for the team!



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Scoring 2012 Tryouts

Agility & Jumping - Clear round with quickest time from each height placed 1st in that class

Total faults plus course time will be combined over all seven events for the two days of competition and the handler and dog with the lowest combined score for each height will be invited to be on the team. Total scores will include 3 agility classes, 3 jumping classes and a speedstakes class.

World Agility Open Championships (WAO) Rules and Regulations will be used excluding jump heights which will be as per ANKC rules. For complete WAO rules go to

<http://www.worldagilityopen.com/WAORules&Regulations.pdf>

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What You Need To Know

A handler can only qualify for one height. If a handler has a dog in more than one height class and place highest in multiple heights the handler must choose which height they wish to compete in at the World Agility Open. The next highest place getter from the height that the highest place handler has not chosen to compete in at the WAO will then be offered the position.

Additional criteria for successful selection are:

- *Team members should have a current passport;*
- *Team members must be available to travel to Europe at least one week prior to the WAO competition dates to allow time to train with their substitute dog(s);*
- *Team members will be required to pay a \$300.00 non-refundable travel deposit upon acceptance to the team plus a \$200.00 team uniform deposit which may be refunded at the discretion of the management committee;*
- *Team members will actively participate in fundraising efforts and will either raise the minimum goal or supplement the amount from their own funds;*
- *Team members will be responsible for any costs that are not covered by sponsorship, fundraising and donations;*
- *Team members must be 18 or over or be accompanied by a parent at the parent's expense;*
- *Team members must have resided in Australia for at least one year prior to the event (must be Australian residents);*
- *Team members must be team supporters and exhibit team sportsmanship both at the event and prior to the event;*
- *Team members must at all times demonstrate extreme Good Sportsmanship while participating in or watching any agility event. The Australian Team Coordinator may refuse application to the Australian team to any handler who demonstrates verbal or physical abuse to a dog or fellow competitor or acts abusive or challenging to an agility judge.*

For more information on WAO go to www.worldagilityopen.com

