

Team Norway Selection guidelines W.A.O Championships 2012

Successful applicants will be representing
Norway in Belgium, May 18-20, 2012

To provide the ultimate in agility competition, showcasing the highest level of agility training, human/canine partnership, and athleticism; and enabling all dogs, whether pedigreed or not, to compete in an environment that is solely focused on the sport of agility. The WAO strives to provide reasonable jump height divisions, an excellent competition surface and environment, and several varieties of contests with maximum runs to adequately test teams for all the skill sets necessary to be the best in dog agility. (WAO Rules & Regulations 2011)

A country's team selection process must according to the WAO rules & regulations allow for at least 1 (one) dog from each height to win its way onto the team, and to run in at least one of these events: Agility Biathlon or Individual Agility Pentathlon.

The Norwegian selection rules for 2012 are stating that all places are available as “win on” spots.

The three most successful dogs in each of the four height divisions will be invited to represent Team Norway at the WAO Championships. Applicants will submit their best three results from Agility class as well as best three from Jumping class achieved at any official competition in Norway or abroad – in total six (6) results. The dog/handler combination representing Team Norway must be the same combination who achieved all six results.

Points will be awarded in the following way;

1 st : 100 points	6 th : 30 points
2 nd : 80 points	7 th : 20 points
3 rd : 60 points	8 th : 15 points
4 th : 50 points	9 th : 10 points
5 th : 40 points	10 th : 5 points
50 additional points per run in grade 2 100 additional points per run in grade 3 20 additional points per clean run 1 additional point per participating dog in the class	

In case of a tie on points the individual with most 1st places will win, if still tie, then the one with most 2nd places and so on.

No results older than January 2011 will be accepted.

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The applicant form including achieved results must be submitted by email to waonorway@gmail.com
Closing date for submitting results are January 20th 2012, and previously submitted results will no longer be open for supplements/amendments from that same date.

Individual results will be public on <http://waonorway.wordpress.com> as soon as they have been registered/updated.

The four best dog/handler pairs will be reached by an invitation to participate as part of the Norwegian team by January 27th. They will then have two weeks, until February 10th, on their hands to arrange travel, accommodations and pay for the deposit. If failing to provide proof that this has been done, the position on the team will go to the next pair in line.

Requirements

- The handler must be a Norwegian citizen or permanent resident.
- The handler must be able to pay for the entire trip, entry fees etc, as outlined below.
- The dog must be competing in NKK level three or two.
- The dog must meet the vet requirements for a trip to Belgium and return to Norway.
- The dog must meet WAO standards for the jump height for which you are applying, and it must be able to be measured (all dogs in jump height less than 650 will be officially measured at the event).

Funding

The trip is self funded – team members are responsible to pay for their share of expenses including (but not limited to) travel, vet fees, hotel, event fee, team uniform (T-shirt/sweater). Team management recommends applicants to consider asking their local club for funds/sponsorship.

Invited team members must submit a deposit to secure their position on the team. The deposit will cover for event fee and team uniform – actual amount to be announced on <http://waonorway.wordpress.com> as soon as all costs are known.

Full jump height divisions:

Jump Height Division	300 mm	400	525	650
Dogs Height at Withers	320mm & under	410mm & under	500mm & under	Over 500mm

All dogs are entered in the WAO at their owner's risk. While every care will be taken, the WAO and Norwegian Team Management will not accept responsibility for loss, damage, or injury however caused to dogs, persons, or property while at, or travelling to, the event.

Rules and regulations: <http://www.worldagilityopen.com/rules.html>