



# 2012 World Agility Open Championships

## Team USA

Thank you for your interest in joining Team USA for the 2012 World Agility Open Championships! Successful applicants will be representing the U.S. in 2012 on May 18-20 in Belgium.

Below are the team selection criteria and requirements. Please read and fill out the application carefully.

### Number of Dogs

It is anticipated that Team USA will consist of 12-16 dogs, with 3 or 4 dogs in each of four jump heights:

Jump Height Name	Dog's Height at Withers	Jump Height
300	12.60 inches & under	11.81 inches
400	16.14 inches & under	15.75 inches
525	19.69 inches & under	20.66 inches
650	Any	25.59 inches

### Team Requirements

- Dogs must be measured by a certified measuring judge (AKC, USDAA, or UKI) using an accurate measuring device. Dogs in the 300, 400, and 550 jump heights will require a second measuring in January by a different judge. Dogs will be measured at the WAO and unable to run if they measure over.
- Dogs must be in good health and fit to fly and have appropriate paperwork to enter the WAO country.
- The handler can be a citizen of the United States or a resident alien, and must hold a valid passport.
- The handler who runs the dog at the WAO event **MUST** be the same handler who ran the dog in competition stated on the application form (see "Team Selection Criteria" below).

## Team Selection Criteria

One spot in each jump height will be the “win on” spot required by WAO rules. To fill this spot for the 2012 WAO Team USA, the following system will be used.

The UK Agility International (UKI) U.S. Open will be held on November 4-6, 2011 at the Sonoma County Fairground in Santa Rosa, CA. The event is open to all dogs and handlers, *not* just UKI members. Information regarding this event will be available shortly on the UKI website: [www.ukagilityinternational.com](http://www.ukagilityinternational.com). Included at the event will be the UKI Masters Final and the UKI U.S. Open Final.

A points system will be used for the 12", 16", 22", and 26" finals.

1st Place = 10 points

2nd Place = 9 points

3rd Place = 8 points

4th Place = 7 points

5th Place = 6 points

6th Place = 5 points

7th Place = 4 points

8th Place = 3 points

9th Place = 2 points

10th Place = 1 point

The dog with the maximum points from these two finals in each jump height will automatically be offered a spot on Team USA, provided they meet the height, health, citizenship, and other requirements for the WAO team. If they do not meet the requirements, or they decline the invitation, the 2nd place finisher will be invited to fill the spot. If that person declines the spot, the invitation will go to the 3rd place finisher. If dogs are tied on points, the results from just the Masters Final will be used. The team member who gets the win-on spot is guaranteed to run in either the Individual Agility Biathlon or Individual Agility Pentathlon, or both, at the discretion of the team management.

The other positions in each jump height will be determined by the team management's selection. All dog and handler teams applying for a position on Team USA are required to submit four videos of their team doing agility: two videos will be of courses that we provide you as part of the application process, and the other two videos will be of your team in competition (one Standard course and one Jumpers course). These videos will be used to give team management a feel for each team as well as to demonstrate skill levels. The selection committee will make selection decisions based on the matrix and the videos.

## **Selection Criteria Matrix**

The following events will be considered by the selection committee.

### **National Experience**

- Finals placement at USDAA Cynosport Games Grand Prix and/or Steeplechase, 2010 & 2011
- Finals placement at AKC NAC, 2010 & 2011
- Finals placement at UKI U.S. Open, 2011 events (Masters, U.S. Open, Biathlon, Games Biathlon)
- USDAA Regional Grand Prix Finals win, 2011
- UKI Masters Series heats, 2011

### **International Experience**

- WAO Team Member, 2011
- European Open competitor, 2010 & 2011
- FCI World Team Member, 2010 & 2011
- IFCS World Team Member, 2010

## **Videos**

Each applicant will need to submit four videos via YouTube:

1. Standard run from competition (please state date, event, venue, and judge)
2. Jumpers run from competition (please state date, event, venue, and judge)
3. Standard run of a course that will be provided by the Team USA selection committee
4. Jumpers run of a course that will be provided by the Team USA selection committee

Further information regarding courses and videos will be released after WAO 2011.

## **Other Important Information**

- There is a strong possibility that this trip will be 100% self-funded. Team members are responsible for paying for all of their own expenses including (but not limited to) flight, dog's flight, transfers, vet fees, hotel, bus (or other ground transportation), event fee, uniform, and team operating expenses. Team management will assist the team members with ideas for individual fundraising and sponsorship, but there is no guarantee at this point of formal team fundraising ventures or team sponsors. All money raised by individual team members will go toward their portion of the trip.

## Height Certification

(to be completed by a UKI, AKC, or USDAA measuring judge)

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Height at withers in inches or cm: \_\_\_\_\_ (exact measurement please)

Judge's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify this dog's height at the withers is \_\_\_\_\_ inches / cm (circle one) and is a correct and accurate measurement.

Based on the official measurement above, I certify that this dog is eligible to compete in the following height division at the World Agility Open Championships in May 2012, according to the regulations put forth by the WAO:

(Measuring judge to check one)

- 300: 12.60" or less
- 400: 16.14" or less
- 525: 19.69" or less
- 650: Any

Judge's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2012 WAO Team USA Application

### Applicant Information

Handler: (as on passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name if different from handler \_\_\_\_\_

List all of your previous international competition experience with your dogs (including results):

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List all of your previous national competition experience with your dogs (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

List all titles earned (from any agility organization): \_\_\_\_\_

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List all international competition 2010-11 (including results): \_\_\_\_\_

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List all national competition 2010-11 (including results): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Travel**

List flight experience for your dog: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dog's Medical History**

Is your dog currently taking any medications? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, for what reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any health issues that have occurred during the dog's agility career: \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain how they have or are being addressed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please send application to:**

Tracy Sklenar, Team Manager/Coach – Team USA  
405 Boos Law Road  
Smyrna, NY 13464

**All applications must be received by November 30, 2011**

## About the Event

The World Agility Open Championships (WAO) is an annual international event designed to

- Provide the ultimate in dog agility competition
- Showcase the highest level of agility training, human/canine partnership, and athleticism
- Enable 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 jump height divisions where similar types of dogs compete against one another, 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.

With that goal in mind, the Individual winners from the 2011 FCI Agility World Championships and 2011 European Open, as well as the All-Around winners from the 2011 IFCS Agility Championships and all three medalists in each height of the 2011 Individual Agility Pentathlon, Agility Games, and Agility Biathlon, are automatically eligible for entry to the 2012 WAO regardless of whether their country submits an entry.

The WAO 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 organization.

The official language of the WAO is English.

More information about the World Agility Open Championships can be found at [www.worldagilityopen.com](http://www.worldagilityopen.com).