



World Agility Open 2012 Wales Squad Selection Day

(Held under WAO Rules and Regulations)

To be held at

Moores Farm Equestrian Centre
Corse Lawn, Gloucester, GL19 4LY

On

Sunday 30th Oct 2011

Judge: Lee Gibson

Competition Opens: 08.00 Judges Briefing: 08.30 Judging Starts: 08.45

Closing date for Entries: Wednesday 5th October 2011 (Postmark Date)

By entering this selection weekend you are confirming your ability to attend the entire
World Agility Open event, 18-20th May 2012

Competition Manager: Barrie James

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Team Manager: Barrie James

Assistant Manager: TBC

Entries Fees: £20 per dog. This includes entry into 5 Classes.

(Cheques will be banked on receipt. Any overpayments will be donated to Team Wales)

No Camping available at the venue.

Hot food and drink will be available at the event.

Entries and fees made payable to **Wales WAO Team**
and sent to Wales WAO Team, 114 Caerau Lane, Ely, Cardiff, CF5 5HS.

Eligibility for event:

Dog: KC Grades 5, 6 & 7; UKA Champion status on closing date

**Handler: To be born in Wales, or to be permanent resident in Wales at the
time of the selection day. Proof of eligibility will be required at the selection day.**

It is preferred that the handler/dog combination competing at the selection weekend is
the regular partnership during the preceding agility season, however the management have the right to
introduce additional dogs (that have not attended the selection day) should numbers and standard for the
event not be suitable.

Firstly, thank you for entering the WAO selection day for Team Wales. The WAO is in its second year and is a new & exciting event, created by agility people for agility people. The WAO mission is to:

- provide the ultimate in agility competition
- showcase the highest level of agility training, human/canine partnership, and athleticism
- Through the competition, test teams for all the skill sets necessary to be the best in dog agility.

Team Wales Mission Statement

Team Wales' mission is to ensure that Agility in Wales continues to grow and our aim is to have the highest standard of human and canine partnerships. We strive to develop an excellent reputation for teamwork and the celebration of success both on and off the course. The philosophy of sharing and co operating with those that work with us is paramount to all and our mutual benefit of working together. We believe all difficulties can be overcome jointly with ease, and achievements can be celebrated by all. We wish to provide great partnerships, treating each other and our dogs with respect and dignity.

About the World Agility Open 2012

The WAO World Championships will take place at Equestrian Centre De Warre, Ketelstraat 77, 3680 Neeroeteren (Belgium) on the 18th -20th May 2012 with the warm-up and team briefing on the Thursday 17th May.

For full information about the event, please visit the WAO web page: www.worldagilityopen.com

About the Selection Day & Moores Farm Equestrian Centre.

Points will be allocated to places in each class with the highest number of points winning the overall win on spot on the team. If 20 dogs are entered in the height then the dog placed 1st will receive 20 points, 2nd place dog 19 points etc. Eliminations gain no points.

There is hard standing for vehicles and plenty of space for exercising your dogs – please make sure you pick up after your dogs and put all mess in the bins provided.

Jump Height/Dog Height

There are four qualifying height divisions, so that dogs compete against dogs of a similar height. Dogs may compete in a division larger than the actual dogs height, but cannot compete in a lower division. Example: A dog which measures 450mm may enter & compete in the 650 division, but cannot compete in the 400 division.

All dogs wanting to compete below the 650 class must obtain an official measurement (by Greg Derrett at a UK Agility Show) before the event.

Jump Height Division	Dogs Height at Withers	Jump Height	A-Frame Height	Ascending Spread Length	Long Jump Length	Tyre Height At Centre
300	320mm & under	300mm	1.7m	300mm max	600mm max	450mm
400	410mm & under	400mm	1.7m	400mm max	800mm max	550mm
525	500mm & under	525mm	1.7m	525mm max	1050mm max	675mm
650	Over 500mm	650mm	1.7m	650mm max	1300mm max	800mm

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Classes.

Class 1: Jumping

Class 2: Agility

Class 3: Agility

Class 4: Games (tbc)

Class 5: Speedstakes

Temperament tests maybe required at the selection weekend to deem the suitability of the dog with humans and other dogs.

Overall Winners in each height and gaining qualification to the team will be announced at the end of the day.

NB: The management reserve the right to amend the format and quantity of runs dependant on the number of entries for the day. Any changes will be communicated shortly after the closing date, through various web-sites; including Facebook & UKA.s web page.

The wildcard spots should be communicated & announced within one week after the Qualifying event.

Running Orders & Scoring

Running orders for all rounds will be a random draw, however if a handler running more than one dog be drawn consecutively they will be moved forward 2 places if the number allows. Scoring for the first 3 classes (and the speedstakes) will be cumulative; faults are added to time, and the lowest score/time wins in all aspects of these classes. If an elimination is incurred, no points can be gained and 100 faults/time will be added. The Games class will run where the highest Games score will be deemed the winner. In the event of an overall tie, the time alone from Class 2 (Agility) will be used.

Rules & Regulations of the Selection Event

The qualifying event will be run under WAO rules and regulations & will be run as per the WAO Championship event. These can be found at: www.worldagilityopen.com

Travelling to Belgium

It is the handler's responsibility to ensure all dogs applying must comply with the Pets Travel Scheme (PETS) to allow travel back to the UK *21st May 2012*

Team Wales would like to express there sincere thanks to Purina Pro-plan for the generous sponsorship of the 2011 Squad and we are looking forward to working with them again for 2012 hopefully.



Some basic rules

Collars & Leads

- Dogs must not wear any type of slip or half-slip lead, half collar, muzzle, harness or collar while competing.
- Stop pad protectors may be worn by a dog if approved by the selection event management.
- Leads will be taken from competitors by a ring steward and placed at the exit of the ring in a container. Only the handler may retrieve their lead from this container.
- Electric collars may not be used anywhere at the selection weekend.

Timing & Equipment Failure Procedure

- If during a competitors run, the electronic timing fails, the competitor will rerun again however all faults from the first run will count.
- In the event of a re-run, the judge must deem that the handler has made a true and sportsman like effort to complete the course correctly or additional faults can be added.

Team Selection

There are two ways in which a dog can be selected:

Automatic Place

The overall winner in each of the four height categories (4 dogs), will automatically be selected to compete for Team Wales and will be allocated to compete in events chosen by the WAO Selection Committee at the World Championships. The classes will not be decided at the selection day.

Wild Card Places

The final squad places will be selected by the Wales selection committee, Barrie James (Team Manager), TBC (Assistant Manager), Greg Derrett & Mark Laker (WAO).

Only dogs entered & who participated at the qualifier event will be considered (unless insufficient/unsuitable dogs are entered, by which the Management will have the final say in the chosen dogs).

The selection committee will be looking at performance/results from the day, performance at both UKA and KC events over the past 12 months, handler experience and the dog's experience.

What Happens Next?

If you are unfortunate and miss out on an automatic spot in the squad, you may still be successful in the wild card selection process.

If you are successful, congratulations!! You will be sent, via email, further details of the WAO event and the practice sessions organised, to make this the best Welsh team possible.

In return, we expect all handlers to commit to the organised practice sessions where possible. There will be one compulsory session which must be attended which is scheduled for the TAG Easter Show at Shrewsbury.

Reserves

If you are fortunate to gain a reserve spot, you will be automatically invited to attend all squad practice sessions & will be included in all communication from the management.

Cost

Although every effort will be made by the management to gain sponsorship to fulfil expenses; competitors may have to pay towards their personal expenses for the event and any squad training costs incurred.

We would **request** and **expect** all handlers to participate in any fund raising activities required by the Wales Management Team.

Good Luck!



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PLEASE CHECK ALL DETAILS BEFORE POSTING and use BLOCK CAPITALS.

HANDLER	
Name:	Address:
Tel No:
Mobile:
e-mail:	Postcode:

Dogs Name (Pet Name)	Dogs Name (KC Name)	WAO Height	KC Height	UKA Height	Secs Use

<p>DECLARATION. I/We accept and agree to be bound by the World Agility Open Championships rules and regulations. I/We also undertake not to bring to the Show any dog which has contracted or been knowingly exposed to any infectious or contagious disease during the 21 days prior to the Show. I also accept that I enter at my own risk.</p>	<p align="center">Signature of Owner (or Authorised Agent)-</p> <p align="center">..... Date: / /</p>
<p>Entries and Fees to:- Wales WAO Team 114 Caerau Lane Ely Cardiff CF5 5HS</p> <p>Please make cheques payable to:- Wales WAO Team</p> <p>Use only this form or photocopies.</p>	<p align="center">CLOSING DATE:- 5th October 2011</p> <p align="center">..... Dogs @ £20.00 per dog £</p> <p align="right">TOTAL £ _____</p> <p align="center">All referred cheques will be charged</p>

N.B

Running order will **not** be posted but emailed to you (or telephoned to you), also they will be available on the Team Wales WAO Facebook Page and UK Agility website.