



## Austrian Selection Guidelines for the WAO Championships 2026

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### Team Austria 2026

The WAO-Team Austria is open to all dogs (purebred and mixed breeds) with minimum age of 24 month.

Dogs will be measured at WAO - if the dog will be measured to another height, it can only compete if there are less than 3 dogs in that height or if one of the handlers is willing to share his spot or WAO committee will agree to additional spot in that high.

Jump Height Name	Dog Height at Withers	Jump Height	A-Frame Height	Ascending Spread Length	Long Jump Length	Tyre Height at Centre
250	320mm & under	250mm	1.7m	215-235mm	500mm 2 boards	400mm
300	380mm & under	300mm	1.7m	260-280mm	600mm 2 boards	450mm
400	440mm & under	400mm	1.7m	350-370mm	800mm 3 boards	550mm
500	500mm & under	500mm	1.7m	440-460mm	1000mm 4 boards	650mm
600	Over 500mm	600mm	1.7m	530-550mm	1200mm 5 boards	750mm

Competitors must have permanent resident status in Austria, have a birth certificate from Austria or have parents or grandparents born in Austria.

Selection for World Agility Open will made in 8101 Gratkorn on Saturday, 27th of September on sand. **Location can be changed if the number of participants may not fit the parking area.**

The selection day will include 3 runs per dog: Agility, Jumping and Snooker.

The winner in each hight will get a spot for Pentathlon and Biathlon (can be changed to Games if competitor wishes to do). The other spots will be offered to handlers that the Team Manager believes could achieve success at the event.

Medalists of previous years will have a free spot in the competition they won their medalist.

Every dog that will be selected to the team will run at least 3 runs during the whole World Agility Open 2026.

Partizipation fee for selection is 30,00€ per dog and hast to be paid until end of registration (**1st of August 2025**).

If, due to Corona laws or other circumstances, no qualification can take place, the team will be selected at discretion of the team manager and approved by WAO.

### **WAO Junior World Championships**

One junior handler in each height category is invited to compete for the WAO Junior World Championship. Juniors are handlers with date of birth on or after 1st of may 2007. The same rules as above apply to junior handlers.

Handlers under the age of 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and these have to pay all expenses for the WAO as written above.

### **Contact**

If you are interested in participating, please contact the team manager **until 1st of August**.

### **Costs**

All expenses for the WAO, including but not limited to competitors travel costs, accommodation, team clothing, entry fees. Costs of a non competing team manager, dogs physiotherapist incl. indiv. costs, traveling, clothing and accommodation will be split up to all team members.

A deposit of € 100,00 per registered dog must be paid **until 1st of November**. This deposit covers a part of the costs but is non-refundable in the case a handler will cancel the event.

Competitors may be required to attend seminars, the official team building or promotional activities at an additional cost.

**All costs paid are non-refundable!** If a competitor will not be able to take part in the tournament, the costs still have to be paid, as all costs incurred by the entry must be covered.

### **Disclaimer**

The organizers and hosts accept no liability for any personal injury, property damage, or financial loss arising from participation in both the qualification events and the WAO itself. Participation is at the participant's own risk. Each participant is responsible for ensuring they have adequate insurance coverage.

### **Rules and preparation:**

Team members have to take part at the team building weekend/training.

Team members have to be familiar with the WAO rule book (<http://www.worldagilityopen.com/rules.html>), selection guidelines and follow directions given by the WAO committee and team management.

Team members have to be at the venue from Tuesday (day for vet check and registration) to the closing ceremony also if you are not competing one day. During the competition days all team members are representing Austria in national team clothing.