



## Austrian Selection Guidelines for the WAO Championships 2027

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### Team Austria 2027

The WAO Team Austria is open to all dogs (purebred and mixed breeds) that are at least 24 months old.

All dogs will be measured at the WAO. If a dog is placed into a different height class, it may only compete if there are fewer than three dogs in that class, if one of the handlers is willing to share their spot, or if the WAO Committee agrees to an additional spot in that height class.

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 either have permanent resident status in Austria, hold an Austrian birth certificate, or have at least one parent or grandparent who was born in Austria.

Selection for the World Agility Open will take place in 8101 Gratkorn on Saturday, 3 October, on sand. **If entries exceed those from last year, Classes 500 and 600 will be scheduled for Sunday, 4 October.**

The selection day will include three runs per dog: Agility, Jumping, and Game.

The winner in each height class will earn a spot for the Pentathlon and Biathlon (which may be changed to Games at the competitor's request). Additional spots will be offered to handlers whom the Team Manager believes have the potential to perform successfully at the event; finalists from previous years will be given preference.

Medalists from previous years will receive a free spot in the competition in which they won their medal.

Every dog selected for the team will run at least three runs during the entire World Agility Open 2027. The participation fee for selection is 30,00 € per dog and must be paid by the end of registration (**1 August 2026**).

If, due to coronavirus-related regulations or other circumstances, no qualification event can take place, the team will be selected at the discretion of the Team Manager and approved by the 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 born on or after 1 May 2008. The same rules as above apply to junior handlers.

Handlers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and these accompanying persons are responsible for covering all expenses for the WAO as stated above.

### **Contact**

If you are interested in participating, please contact the team manager.

### **Costs**

All expenses for the WAO—including, but not limited to, competitors' travel costs, accommodation, team clothing, entry fees, the costs of a non-competing Team Manager, and the dogs' physiotherapist (including individual costs, travel, clothing, and accommodation)—will be shared equally among all team members

A deposit of €100.00 per registered dog must be paid by 1 November. This deposit covers part of the costs and is non-refundable if the handler withdraws from the event.

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

**All costs paid are non-refundable.** If a competitor is unable to take part in the tournament, the costs must still be paid, as all expenses incurred through 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 either the qualification events or 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 must take part in the team-building weekend/training.

Team members must be familiar with the WAO rule book (<http://www.worldagilityopen.com/rules.html>), the selection guidelines, and must follow all instructions given by the WAO Committee and Team Management.

Team members must be present at the venue from Tuesday (the day of vet checks and registration) until the closing ceremony, even if they are not competing on a given day. During the competition days, all team members must represent Austria in national team clothing.