

Belgium WAO Try-outs 2025 - WAO 2026

The try-outs will be organized by DogSport Agility Belgium (DSAB).

- At the time of the try-outs, handlers must be a citizen of the country they represent, or have a birth certificate from that country, have parents or grandparents born in that country or have permanent resident status.
- In order to participate at the try-outs in October 2025, a dog must have attended at least 2 competitions (other than try-outs and organized by DSAB) throughout 12 months former to the try-outs. Such a competition is only valid when the combination has participated at all disciplines that day (agility, jumping and/or games).
- The try-outs will be on 11 and 12 October 2025 at Barelhof Sport Horses - Damvalleistraat 37 in 9070 Destelbergen (judged by José Vandy). This concerns the try-outs for the individual courses. On Saturday, there will be a jumping, an agility and a gamblers. On Sunday there will be a jumping, an agility and a snooker. All parts count for the try-outs. Dogs will be scored by ranking, according to the scoring table below. In order to gain points and get selected, dogs must participate at all courses. In case of an ex-aequo, the results of all 6 courses will be compared and the country manager will make a decision. He can also decide to have a run-off.

1st in ranking in the overall try-outs: pentathlon, biathlon and games

2nd in ranking in the overall try-outs: pentathlon and biathlon

3rd in ranking in the overall try-outs: pentathlon and games

4rd in ranking in the overall try-outs: biathlon and games

- Jumping and agility: Scoring will be given for the runs with up to 10 penalty points.
Games: A minimum of 20 points must be gained in order to get a scoring.

- Scoring table:

Ranking	Score
1	15
2	12
3	10
4	9
5	8
6	7

Ranking	Score
7	6
8	5
9	4
10	3
11	2
12	1

- However, in case a selected candidate doesn't want to attend the WAO after all, the country manager and coach will indicate another participant themselves. However, this participant should have attended the try-outs (all courses).
- The combination (handler/dog) who participates at the try-outs will be the combination that can/will get selected for the WAO. Handlers can't be switched... No exceptions will be allowed.
- The Manager and Coach will decide on site who will represent Belgium in the team relay.
- The entry fees of the try-outs will go to the WAO team (after having deducted the costs for the location, judges etc). DSAB will use these funds to pay for the entry fees of the whole Belgian team. If there are any funds left, they will be divided amongst the whole team.
- The try-outs will be scored as per WAO rules. At the jumping and agility: clear round wins with time as tiebreaker. At the games: the highest number of points wins with time as tiebreaker.
- A facebook page will be created to communicate ALL info to the participants.
- Each participant also agrees to wear the Belgian outfit during running at the WAO.
- Each participant accepts that unsporting behavior, lack of payment or requested info in due time will result in exclusion from participating at the WAO.
- Each participant accepts to be present for the vet check (normally on Tuesday).
- At the event, each country is asked to help on the ring they run on. Every participant accepts that the country manager appoints certain participants as helper...
- Junior eligibility is born on or after 1th May 2007. Handlers must produce a passport or Official Government Photo documentation that states their date of birth at Check in. Failure to produce this may exclude them from the event. The junior handler must be the sole handler of the dog at this event. As all handlers (including the junior handlers) will run the same courses at the WAO, the same goes for the try-outs.

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