



Croatian Selection Guidelines for the WAO Championships 2026

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Team Croatia 2026

The WAO-Team Croatia is open to all Dogs (purebred and mixed breeds) with minimum age of 2 years. 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.

Measurements from FCI can be used to determine the height class for WAO. Any borderline dogs will be re-measured at WAO and depending on the results, team management is hopeful that the team can be re-arranged so that everyone can participate. WAO rules allow the dog to jump higher than measured height at so for example a 49-50cm dog can still jump 600 as they would in FCI. This would be similar for FCI S or M that might measure into 250 or 300 vs 300 or 400.

Potential Team members are not required to run all events and will be able to specify preferences that can hopefully be negotiated with Team management so teams can participate in their areas of strength. Experience in games is not required, rules will be explained for anyone that wants to try.



Jump Height Name	Dog's Height	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	380 mm & under	300mm	1.7m	260-280mm	600mm 2 boards	450mm
400	440 mm & under	400mm	1.7m	350-370mm	800mm 3 boards	550mm
500	500 mm & under	500mm	1.7m	440-460mm	1000mm 4 boards	650mm
600	Over 500mm	600mm	1.7m	530-550mm	1200mm 5 boards	750mm

At the time of team selection, 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.

All expenses for the WAO, including but not limited to travel, accommodation, team clothing, entry fees etc. will be paid by the handler. Attempts may be made for team fund raising but the handlers should not count on this in order to compete. All attempts will be made to source uniforms and gear from Croatian vendors if possible.

If more than three dogs per height are interested, handlers can submit their results from regular FCI or UKI competitions for dates from 01 January 2025 to 31 January 2026. Handlers should submit the information shown in the table for each run. Handlers should submit a minimum of 3 Agility rounds and 3 Jumpers/Speedstakes/Games and a maximum of 10 rounds total. The results submitted should be for the handler/dog team that is applying for the spot. Results must be received by e-mail by midnight on 20 February 2026. Priority will be given to handlers with residency in Croatia.



Handler Name	Dog Name	Height Class	Run Class (A/J/SS/GS/GG)	Placement	Clear Round or Q (Y/N)	International Championship Final	Time	Faults (or score for Games)	Course length
			Agility						
			Agility						
			Agility						
			J/SS/GS/GN						
			J/SS/GS/GN						
			J/SS/GS/GN						

A=Agility, J=Jumping, (SS=Speedstakes GS=Snooker;GG=Gamblers not required only if available)

Results will be assigned a point value as shown in the tables below. From this ranking in each height the winner and second place will get a spot for pentathlon and biathlon. All other positions will be filled at the discretion of team management. If there is a question about whether a result is able to be used, please contact Team management and we can put it in a category. The intent is not to exclude any results.

If due to Corona laws and regulations or other circumstances, the team will be selected at the discretion of the team management and approved by WAO.

Points for FCI Competitions

Placement or Result	A1	J1	A2	J2	A3 or Open	J3 or Open
1 st	15	15	17	17	20	20
2 nd	10	10	12	12	15	15
3 rd	5	5	6	6	7	7
4 th	2	2	3	3	4	4
5 th	1	1	2	2	3	3
Fastest Time	3	3	4	4	5	5
Clear Round	1	1	2	2	3	3
Making a final or podium at International Championship	5	5	5	5	5	5



Points for UKI Competitions

Placement or Result	Beg/No v Agility	Beg/No v Jumper s	Beg/No v SS	Beg/No v Games	Sr/CH Agility	Sr/CH Jumper s	Sr/C H SS	Sr/CH Game s
1 st	15	15	15	15	20	20	20	20
2 nd	10	10	10	10	15	15	15	15
3 rd	5	5	5	5	7	7	7	7
4 th	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4
5 th	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3
Fastest Time	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	5
Clear Round or Q	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3
Open/Classic/Cup/Festival Results (1-3 rd) or making a final.	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

WAO Junior World Championships

One junior handler in each height category is invited to compete for the WAO Junior World Championship. Juniors must be born on or after 1 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 guardian. Parents/guardians are responsible for all expenses for the WAO as written above.



Contact

If you are interested in participating, please send the following information to the Croatian Team Manager – Mary Schaff: AgilityHrvatskaWAO@gmail.com until 20 February 2026.

Handler: _____	Dog: _____
Name and last name	Name
Date of birth	Date of birth
Address	Breed and sex
Phone number	Chip Number
Email address	
Size of Clothing (shirt)	Height in cm
Event Preference (rank 1,2,3 in order of preference with 1 being the most desirable)	
_____ Pentathlon	_____ Biathlon _____ Games

Rules and Preparation:

Team members should take part in any team training activities and meetings (possibly by Zoom).

Be familiar with the WAO rule book (<https://worldagilityopen.com/about/rules-regulations>), selection guidelines and follow directions given by WAO committee and team management.

Team members are required to be at the venue of competition for the day of the opening ceremony. Team members are also required to be at the venue before the opening ceremony for check-in and vet checks which may be earlier than the opening ceremony day. Team members should attempt to stay through the closing ceremony whether or not you are competing that day in order to support other team members.