



W.A.O 2026 Team England Selection



“Super Win On Spot” which offers a place in all three individual events.

Games Win On - Biathlon Win On - Pentathlon Win On.

Summary

- The "Super Win On Spot" is attainable at the CSJ Agility Open. This offers a place in all 3 individual events for one handlers and dog per height class.
- The Biathlon spot will be taken from the results of the Biathlon Runs at the England Selection Weekend in October. This is a mandatory event for anyone wishing to be considered for a place on the team.
- The Games win on spot for WAO 2026 will be taken from the results from the Games classes (Snooker & Gamblers) at The CSJ Agility Open (19th – 21st June) and the England Selection weekend (24th – 25th October) 2025 - The accumulative points for the four classes across both events will be combined to identify the overall games winner. In the event of a tie (after the 4 classes and two events) the combined course times from all four runs will be used to determine the final result.
- The Pentathlon spot will be taken from the results of the Pentathlon runs at BAC (7th – 9th November.)
- Team England Management reserves the right to alter the selection process should any of the events specified in this document not run for any reason.

All handler & dog partnerships (including Juniors) wishing to be considered for selection for Team England 2026 must enter the England Selection Weekend in October. The win on spots from The CSJ Agility Open and BAC must also enter to be considered for the Team event at WAO 2026.

If you have any enquiries regarding Team England that are not covered in this document, please email waoengland@gmail.com



The CSJ Agility Open

June 19th – 22nd 2025

Onley Grounds Equestrian Centre, Willoughby, Rugby, Warks,
CV23 8AJ



The "Super Win On Spot" – A place in all 3 individual events for one dog and handler per height class.

Achieve the "Super Win on Spot" and you will be offered a place in **all 3** individual events for your country! You will earn points if you are placed in the top 8 in the overall Biathlon, Pentathlon, CSJ Hybrid and Games as outlined below.

- You must enter the correct WAO jump height you are eligible for to be considered for this win on.
- Individual classes in each event do not score points.
- Points are calculated separately for each country and each height.
- The dog with the highest points in each height will gain the "Win on Spot" place for their country. You must be in the top 8 for at least two of the events and at least one must be the biathlon or pentathlon.
- Points will be awarded in the following way:

Place	Points
1 st	45
2 nd	36
3 rd	28
4 th	21
5 th	15
6 th	10
7 th	6
8 th	3

- If a dog is eliminated in the CSJ Hybrid Final no points will be scored for this class.
- In the event of a tie, the results from the Biathlon Agility result will decide the winner.

Important Note. If the winning handler does not want to take the Win On Spot or is ineligible due to height or nationality, the win on place **will not** transfer to the second placed handler.

If you achieve a Win on Spot, you will need to comply with all aspects of that Team's WAO Selection document.

If the Super Win on spot criteria is not met, (e.g. you do not place in the top 8 of at least two of the overall tournament results, one of which must be either the Biathlon or the Pentathlon) this leaves the individual classes open for the England WAO Selection committee to make decisions.



Team England Selection Weekend



October 24th & 25th

Unicorn Equestrian Centre, Netherswell, Stow on the Wold, GL54 1JZ.

This event will offer a Biathlon and the final part of the Games Win on Spot –
It will also be used for any Team run selection that is needed.

You must enter this event to be considered for selection if you do not “win on” elsewhere. This event is open to all level of dogs. You do not have to be registered with any organisation to try out.

Biathlon Win on Spot

The winner of the Overall Biathlon in each height will be invited to represent Team England at the WAO Championships in the **Individual Biathlon**. To be invited the winner must have achieved a clear round and a travel rate of at least 4.8mps in each of the biathlon runs. If this is not achieved the place will revert to a selection process by the Team Managers.

The Games win on spot for WAO 2026 will be taken from the results from the Games classes (Snooker & Gamblers) at The CSJ Agility Open (19th – 21st June) and the England Selection weekend (24th – 25th October) 2025 - The accumulative points for the four classes across both events will be combined to identify the overall games winner. In the event of a tie (after the 4 classes and two events) the combined course times from all four runs will be used to determine the final result.

All dog and handler partnerships entered into the Selection weekend will run in the following classes: Biathlon Agility, Biathlon Jumping, Snooker and Gamblers.

The performance of all competitors will be assessed to show their ability and skills, together with their understanding of the Games classes to assist the Team Managers when deciding other places on the Team.

All Selection weekend classes will follow WAO rules and will be scored as follows:

Biathlon classes will use WAO individual Biathlon rules. The results from the Agility and Jumping will be combined to produce Overall Biathlon Results. If there is a tie for the Win On Spot then the Biathlon Agility result will take precedence.

Games classes will use WAO individual Games rules. The results from the Snooker & Gamblers will be combined to produce Overall Games Results. If there is a tie on points for the Win On Spot then the combined time will take precedence, if there remains a tie the gamblers class alone will take precedence.

WAO jump heights will be used at this event.

All dogs attending this event must have a WAO measure before they compete. This is only available at the CSJ Agility Open and the England Selection weekend (the day before the event starts). This will show as a World Agility Open measure on your GAC account. Any other measure type listed on your account is not acceptable.



British Agility Championships

November 7th – 9th 2025



Onley Grounds Equestrian Centre, Willoughby, Rugby, Warks, CV23 8AJ

Pentathlon Win on

The Pentathlon win on spot will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- To be eligible for the Pentathlon Win on spot you must enter the British Agility Championship classes for grade 5/6/7.
- This class will consist of 2 jumping and 2 agility rounds, followed by a final.
- There will be 5 height categories, 250, 300, 400, 500 and 600.
- All faults are converted to time with 5 faults equalling 5 seconds.
- The top 15 dogs after the first 4 rounds will qualify for the Final. In the event of a tie, the agility round will take precedence. The winner of each class will also qualify for the final.
- The win on spot will be awarded to the handler and dog who have the lowest total score after the 5 rounds.
NB This may be different to the winner of the British Agility Championship as that class will be scored in a different way i.e. the BAC final is a standalone class, whereas the win on spot will be awarded on combined results from the 5 runs under WAO Pentathlon scoring rules.

The winner of the Pentathlon in each jump height will be invited to represent Team England at the WAO Championships in the **Individual Pentathlon**.

Full information about the event will be released on the British Agility Championships website at <https://britishagility.co.uk/>



About the 2026 World Agility Open

The WAO Championships competition will take place from the 13th – 17th May 2026 at The KNHS National Equestrian Centre in Ermelo, Netherlands.

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

Team England's mission is to select a squad of handlers and dogs who will be competitive against the rest of the world, in all disciplines on offer at the WAO.

Win On Spot

All dogs who succeed with a win-on spot must obtain an official WAO measurement to be eligible to compete. This can only be obtained at specialist measuring events (Posted on Facebook) or The CSJ Agility Open and the England Selection weekend. This will not be available at BAC. If the place is declined or the winner is ineligible, then this place will not move down. The selection committee will revert to a selection process to fill that spot on the team. Win on places must abide by all Team rules to secure their spot.

Selection places.

The England Selection committee will be reviewing performance from the three Win on events (CSJ Agility Open, England Selection Weekend and the British Agility Championships). The Selection committee will also consider results from other events that they feel show relevance to running at the WAO. The decision to select a dog and the number of runs they may be offered (individual and team) are completely at the discretion of the Team management.

Please read ALL the information below carefully:

Eligibility to enter Team England tryout events:

- For the England Selection Weekend and CSJ, dogs may be at any level/grade. For BAC, they must be grades 5-7.
- Dogs must be eligible to travel outside of the UK. Further information can be found on the Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad>.
- All squad members must prove their own and dogs' eligibility to travel by the 1st of March 2026.
It is each handler's responsibility to ensure their dog's travel documentation is valid to allow entry back into the UK on 18th May 2026
- Handler: Must be an English citizen or have an English birth certificate, have parents or grandparents born in England or have permanent resident status at the time of the England Selection Weekend.
- A valid passport/documentation will be required and shown by the 1st of March. It is preferred that the handler/dog combination competing at the selection day is the regular partnership during the preceding agility season so other results can be assessed when considering classes.

All squad members, by entering the selection events and being selected, understand and agree to the following Team England participation requirements:

- All squad members will support any fundraising/sponsorship requirements for Team England.
- All squad members will participate in any team activities with integrity, honesty and good sportsmanship.
- All squad members will put their dog's needs ahead of their personal aspirations.
- All squad members will support, encourage & respect fellow team members and management before and during the WAO competition.

Team England Management believe that you are proud to be trying out to represent England, whether this results in your selection or not. This should be reflected in your behaviour at all times. Any rule breaking, bad sportsmanship or any abuse to dogs, other competitors, management or show organisers/helpers either in person or on social media will result in disqualification from the try-outs and team and future selection events for WAO.

Competing Team & Reserve selection

In brief, the team will be decided using the following methods.

- Win on place via CSJ Agility Open (WAO Biathlon, Pentathlon & Games Class entry)
- Win on place via England Selection Weekend (WAO Biathlon & Games Class entry)
- Win on place via the Pentathlon competition at British Agility Championship (WAO Pentathlon Class entry)
- WAO England 2025 medallists will be invited back to the team for a minimum of their automatic spot.
- Potential Selection to run in the Team event.

The remaining class spots will be offered to the partnerships who have achieved the win on places, providing the team management believe they will be competitive in these events. Team Management may look to select additional dogs to fill these spots and select travelling and non-travelling reserves.

Team Management will take into consideration the following:

- Performance at CSJ Agility Open
- Performance at the England Selection weekend.
- Performance at British Agility Championships.
- Performance across all three events (CSJ, Selection weekend and BAC)
- Previous International performance. (WAO, EO & FCI Worlds)
- KC Olympia, Crufts Senior and Championship Certificates
- Team sportsmanship and ability to perform with a team.

Only dogs and handlers entering the England Selection weekend will be considered for Team England Selection. In the event of a Handler or Dog not being able to enter, only veterinary or extreme personal reasons will be considered in allowing Handler or Dog to still be in contention for selection. This is purely at the discretion of Team Management.

If a handler wins on with more than one dog, only two dogs will be guaranteed their places. The selection committee will discuss with the handler before a final decision is made.

The team and reserves will be announced no later than 30th November 2025

WAO 2025 Medallists

WAO are inviting all individual podium winners to compete in the 2026 championships in the class in which their medal was won. Team England will be inviting all England 2025 individual medal podium winners to a place on the team. These handlers will compete under the Team England flag in the individual class in which the medal was

won. To be considered for any other individual events they must follow the rules above including entering the England Selection weekend.

Jump Height/Dog Height

There are five qualifying height divisions. 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 600 division but cannot compete in the 400 division.

An official measurement will be taken on the day at the WAO for all dogs applying for the 500 classes and lower, unless an official WAO measurement has already been taken for that dog.

You must compete in all relevant WAO win on spot events, in the correct WAO height category.

JUMP HEIGHT NAME	DOG HEIGHT AT WITHERS	JUMP HEIGHT
250	320mm & under	250mm
300	380mm & under	300mm
400	440mm & under	400mm
500	500mm & under	500mm
600	Over 500mm	600mm

What Happens Next?

WAO Team England FB page will be updated with information concerning tryout events and the WAO event. It is your responsibility to check this regularly in case of any changes to the above and to be informed of important information as it is released. So that you can focus on the Selection weekend during each day, we will ask you to help with the set-up of the show on Friday or the pack down of the show on Sunday. We will then assign you to a set up or a pack down job.

Team information, Contracts, Kit and Training days

Team contracts will be sent out shortly after selection is announced and will be required back by the 14th of December 2025 together with the team deposits paid in full. Once this date has passed if contracts and deposits have not been received then reserves will be called. There will be no exception to this.

Information will be available on the Team Facebook page in relation to the event and Team England's participation in it.

There will be a training day on Thursday 30th April 2026, at Unicorn Equestrian Centre, Netherswell, Stow on the Wold, GL54 1JZ.

This will be a mandatory training day, the cost of which will be divided among all handlers. We hope to also issue your team kit on this day.



Team England Junior Selection



For the 2026 World Agility Open

Any Junior handler who wishes to be selected for the Team must enter the England Selection event from 24th – 25th October 2025. If they do not do this then they will not be selected for the team, regardless of the points they have accrued, unless no Juniors competed in the Selection weekends in their specific height. If no Juniors try out in a height at the England Selection October weekend, Team Management have the right to select any Junior.

The Junior handlers who will represent England will WIN their way on to the team. It will not be an opinion-based selection unless no Juniors run at the England Selection weekend.

To ensure a level of consistency, results will be taken from the following three events:

- The England Selection Weekend Overall Biathlon
- The England Selection Weekend Overall Games
- The British Agility Championships Junior Event (1 agility + 1 jumping with pent scoring - this will take place on Sunday only so no school will need to be missed).

Junior Rankings

At these events the Juniors will be ranked using the scoring system used in the Junior Championship at WAO. The overall place from the BAC Junior Event, Biathlon and Games will be given points in the following way. First place will equal 1 point, second place will equal 2 points, third place will equal 3 points, scoring down to last place. If the Junior ends up in a joint place, then they will get that number of points. For example, if places go down to 14th in the pentathlon and all handlers below this have 5 eliminations, then any Junior Handler in that group would receive 15 points.

The points from the Overall Junior Event, the Overall Biathlon and the Overall Games will then be combined and the Junior with the lowest points will be in first place and be offered the win on spot.

If there is a tie on points the Overall Biathlon result will be used, followed by the Overall BAC Junior result. If there is still a tie the individual class results will be used to determine the winner in the following order: Biathlon Agility, followed by BAC Agility, followed by Gamblers, followed by Biathlon Jumping, followed by BAC Jumping, followed by Snooker.

Points to note.

- The dog & handler with the lowest number of points in each height will be invited to represent Team England at the WAO Championships.
- Handlers must be born on or after 1st May 2007.
- Results from the three events must be the same dog and handler combination.
- For Junior handlers to be considered for a WAO place they must have entered the England Selection weekend. If they do not enter the England Selection weekend they will not be selected for the team, regardless of the points they have accrued unless there were no dogs in their height at the event as detailed above.
- All Junior Handlers selected must have a parent/guardian available to accompany them to the WAO Event.

Dogs must compete in the equivalent jump height to WAO at both events.

JUMP HEIGHT NAME	DOG HEIGHT AT WITHERS	JUMP HEIGHT
250	320mm & under	250mm
300	380mm & under	300mm
400	440mm & under	400mm
500	500mm & under	500mm
600	Over 500mm	600mm

Unless specified differently in this Junior section, all the other selection criteria that are detailed in this Team England Selection document will also apply to Junior Handlers.

