WORLD AGILITY OPEN 2027 SELECTION

SPECIFICATIONS

Information about the World Agility Open

The World Agility Open will take place in ERMELO (Netherlands), at the KNHS National Equestrian Center, from 12 to 16 May 2027.

The WAO is an international competition created and organised by agility competitors.

Several events are offered:

- **BIATHLON: jumping + agility**
- **PENTATHLON: 2 jumping + 2 agility**
- **GAMES: Snooker + Gambler**

CATEGORIES AND HEIGHTS

Category	Dog height	Jump height	A-frame height	Oxer	Long jump	Tyre
250	320 mm and less	250 mm	1,7 m	215–235 mm	500 mm – 2 boards	400 mm
300	380 mm and less	300 mm	1,7 m	260–280 mm	600 mm – 2 boards	450 mm
400	440 mm and less	400 mm	1,7 m	350–370 mm	800 mm – 3 boards	550 mm
500	500 mm and less	500 mm	1,7 m	440–460 mm	1000 mm – 4 boards	650 mm
600	500 mm and more	600 mm	1,7 m	530–550 mm	1200 mm – 5 boards	750 mm

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Manager : Grégory Bielle BIDALOT
Coach : Nadège CUISET
Coach : Florian ODILE
Coach : Laurina KIEFFER

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

At the time of team selection, the handler must:

- Be a citizen of the country they represent
- Hold a birth certificate issued by that country
- Have a parent or grandparent born in that country
- Or hold permanent resident status

The Selection Committee undertakes to grant no preferential treatment or exceptions.

Only candidates who agree to comply with the rules defined in these regulations, commit to the entire process and demonstrate a positive attitude will be considered.

With the agreement of the WAO and in the interests of impartiality, the Selection Committee reserves the right to exclude any person whose behaviour towards their dog does not respect the principles of kindness and animal welfare.

Any disrespectful behaviour towards members of the Selection Committee, people involved in organising or hosting the selection event, or towards the facilities and equipment provided, may also result in the exclusion of the candidate or the team concerned.

Any exclusion imposed for one of these reasons will make the team ineligible for selection the following year (N+1).

CANDIDATE COMMITMENT

Candidates undertake to participate in all stages of the process:

- The selection event
- A 2-day preparation weekend
- The WAO in the Netherlands for 6 days

They also acknowledge the financial commitment this represents : travel, accommodation, team clothing, etc.

Dogs must be at least 24 months old on the date of the selection event or have been born after 11 May 2017 in order to be eligible for selection and the final.

All dogs are accepted, with or without a pedigree.

Female dogs in heat are accepted.

Candidates will train and compete at the official WAO jump height corresponding to their dog's official measurement.

Candidates are responsible for the accuracy of their dog's official measurement. In the event of an incorrect measurement, the WAO may refuse participation and no reimbursement of costs incurred will be made, including registration fees or team clothing.

WAO Registration Fees

- **Senior: €165**
- **Junior: €130**

The same handler may compete with a maximum of two dogs, and both may be selected.

Staff members, including the Manager, may compete with only one dog.

PREVIOUS YEAR'S MEDALLISTS

The previous year's medallists in Biathlon, Pentathlon or Games are automatically selected by the WAO to participate in the event in which they won their medal.

If they wish to participate in the other events, they must participate in the 2026 selection event and qualify through it.

If they only wish to participate to defend their medal, they may compete as a Wildcard or as part of Team France.

If participating with Team France, the cost of team clothing will be at their own expense.

They are then not required to register for the selection event.

If a previous year's medallist in Biathlon, Pentathlon or Games obtains a WinSpot during the 2026 selection, the competitor ranked second for that WinSpot will be selected to represent only that event in Ermelo.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

The selection event is limited to 100 teams across all categories, plus the Juniors:

- 80 Category 3 teams;
- 20 Category 2 teams.

The quota may be adjusted according to the number of applications received.

RESULTS REQUIRED FOR SELECTION

Grade 3

5 qualifying “Excellent” results in Grade 3 must be provided:

- 3 in Agility
- 2 in Jumping.

Grade 3 courses from the GPF Master, EO/AWC selections may be submitted.

Grade 2

5 qualifying “Excellent” results in Grade 2 must be provided:

- 3 in Agility 2
- 2 in Jumping 2

Grade 2 courses from the GPF Standard, EO/AWC selections may be submitted.

In the event of a grade change during the year, it is possible to provide:

- 2 qualifying results in Grade 2
- 3 qualifying results in Grade 3

A dog may be entered with results from 2 different handlers; the results belong to the dog.

Applications will therefore be selected starting with the teams having the highest average.

Results obtained at the Team Trophy selection event will not be accepted.

PERIOD FOR RESULTS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

Results accepted for selection must have been obtained between:

01/09/2025 et 27/09/2026

IMPORTANT: Grade 1 dogs are not accepted for the selection; this rule applies to both Seniors and Juniors.

PARTICIPATION IN THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE SELECTION

Candidates for selection undertake to help on the field to ensure the smooth running of the selection event.

In the event of non-compliance with this obligation, the Committee reserves the right to exclude the team from the selection event and/or the team.

JUNIORS

Only Juniors over 12 years of age and born on or after 1 May 2008 may participate in the 2026 selection event.

IMPORTANT: the dog competing with the Junior competitor must not participate simultaneously in the Senior selection event.

Juniors must be accompanied by a legal guardian at all stages of the WAO.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection of Team France will take place on the weekend of:

7 et 8 novembre 2026

Venue: Carrière Lou Cabanoun

13890 MOURIÈS

Judges:

- **Sabrina SCHMIDT: Agility and Jumping**
- **Benoît DAUBIE: Games**

Registration fee

€65 per handler/dog team for the selection weekend.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Saturday

Morning:

- Pentathlon Jumping
- Snooker

Afternoon:

- Pentathlon Agility
- Gambler — *% of Snooker

Sunday

Morning:

- Biathlon Jumping
- Biathlon Agility

Afternoon:

- Awards ceremony

On the day of the selection, teams winning a WinSpot must pay their €165 registrations fee by bank transfer before 30 November 2026.

SELECTION 1 — PENTATHLON WINSPOT

The Pentathlon selection comprises 4 events:

- 2 Agility courses (Pentathlon + Biathlon)
- 2 Jumping courses (Pentathlon + Biathlon)

The course time and penalties are added together.

Faults, including time penalties, are added to the time.

The team with the lowest result is ranked first.

Elimination

An elimination in one of the events results in:

- 50 penalty points
- 50 seconds

A total of 100 seconds.

The SCT will be calculated as follows:

Time of the fastest dog with a maximum of 5 penalties + 5%, for each round and each category.

SELECTION 2 — BIATHLON WINSPOT

The Biathlon selection comprises:

- 1 Agility event
- 1 Jumping event

For each jump height, the selected participants will be (10 selected):

- 1st and 2nd in the Biathlon cumulative ranking

The teams with the fewest faults and the best time will be selected.

An elimination in one of the events results in:

- 50 penalty points
- 50 seconds

A total of 100 seconds.

The SCT will be calculated according to the following principle:

Time of the fastest dog with a maximum of 5 penalties + 5%, for each round and each category.

In the event of a tie, the Saturday combined result (agility / jumping) will be used to separate the teams concerned.

SELECTION 3 — GAMES

The selection comprises 2 events:

- 1 Snooker
- 1 Gambler

For each jump height, the ranking will be determined by the combined result of the two events, taking into account time and points.

Teams will be ranked according to:

1. The number of points accumulated in Snooker and Gambler

2. Then, if necessary, the cumulative time.

50 teams will qualify for the Gambler proportionally according to the number of entries in each category.

The allocation between the 250 – 300 – 400 – 500 – 600 jump heights will be made proportionally according to the number of competitors in each category.

In the event of a tie, the Gambler result will be used to separate the teams:

- Number of points;
- Then time if necessary.

The team ranked first will be selected for the Games, for each jump height.

SELECTION 4 — TEAM

The Team will be selected during the competition in the Netherlands by the Manager, with the agreement of the entire staff.

It will be based on:

- The team's qualities;
- Discussions with the teams potentially selected.

SELECTION 5 — JUNIOR

The Junior competitor will participate in all the selection events described above.

A specific ranking will be established among the Juniors competing at the same jump height.

At the end of all selection rounds:

- 4 Pentathlon + Biathlon courses
- 2 Games courses

A ranking will be established and will automatically determine the Junior selected for each jump height.

The Junior team will therefore consist of 5 Juniors:

- 250: 1 Junior
- 300: 1 Junior
- 400: 1 Junior
- 500: 1 Junior
- 600: 1 Junior

Failure to participate in one of the selection rounds will automatically result in the team not being selected.

If a Junior records only eliminations during the selection weekend, the Committee reserves the right to decide whether or not to allow them to participate in the WAO 2027.

SELECTION ORDER

The selection order is as follows:

1. Pentathlon
2. Biathlon
3. Games

WinSpots

- 1 Pentathlon WinSpot / jump height
- 2 Biathlon WinSpots / jump height
- 1 Games WinSpot / jump height
- 1 Junior WinSpot / jump height

EVENT ASSIGNMENT ACCORDING TO THE WINSPOT

Events will be assigned according to the WinSpot won:

- Pentathlon + Biathlon + Games WinSpot
- Biathlon + Pentathlon WinSpot (1st)

- Biathlon + Games WinSpot (2nd)
- Games + Pentathlon WinSpot
- Junior WinSpot: Pentathlon + Biathlon + Games

COMPOSITION OF TEAM FRANCE 2027

The WAO Team France 2027 will consist of:

- Maximum 5 Juniors
- 20 Senior handler/dog teams

A maximum of 25 teams selected according to the regulations described above.

Senior replacement teams:

5 replacement teams will be selected by the Selection Committee:

- 1 per jump height.

They must participate in the entire preparation weekend.

A T-shirt will be provided to each team member (including replacements)

SPECIAL CASE OF JUNIORS

At the WAO, Juniors are ranked according to the same system as adults.

The team's position in the ranking is therefore taken into account.

- 1st: 1 point
- 2nd: 2 points
- …
- 10th: 10 points

The winner of the WAO will therefore be the team with the lowest total of points at the end of the competition.

At the selection event, the same points system will be used, but with a separate ranking exclusively for Juniors.

REGISTRATION

Applications may be submitted from:

7 septembre au 28 septembre 2026 à 23 h 59

via the Google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcUlUL5PbnHFBbEBtozJi2bejHd7Fk7owBf79qLoxP53qOAg/viewform?usp=header

The application must be complete.

After this date and/or in the event of missing documents, no application will be accepted.

The final selection and detailed results will be communicated no later than:

2 octobre 2026

After verification and validation by the Selection Committee.

PREPARATION WEEKEND

Selected teams undertake to be present for the entire preparation weekend:

6 – 7 mars 2027

Venue: to be confirmed

All members of WAO France 2027 must be present during this preparation weekend.

Injured dogs and/or handlers must also participate in this preparation weekend.

Absence of the handler/dog team will result in the loss of selection.

PAYMENT

Payment must be made before:

9 octobre 2026 à 23 h 59

If payment is not received by this deadline, the application will automatically be cancelled and the people on the waiting list will then be contacted.

The final list of participants in the selection event, with payments up to date, will be published on:

16 octobre 2026

on the Facebook page:

“WAO TEAM FRANCE OFFICIEL”

Refunds will only be made upon presentation of a veterinary or medical certificate.

FULL REGULATIONS

The full competition regulations are available on the World Agility Open website.

For any questions, you can contact:

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