

WAO Qualification Team Germany 2026



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1. Entry requirements:

To enter the tryouts all teams are allowed (dogs and handlers), independent of association, club or dog training school. All breeds (pedigree or mixed breeds) are allowed to enter. Participating dogs must be vaccinated against rabies and be in good health. Bitches in season are allowed to enter. Dogs entered must be a minimum age of 18 months. Pregnant, blind and ill dogs as well as geriatric dogs are not allowed to start and won't be considered for the team. Is a dog out of medical reasons taped or bandaged it will not be allowed to take part.

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.

Tryouts will take place in 63619 Bad Orb on August 29-31, 2025.

There are 160 spots at tryouts that will be allocated using the following scheme:
20 spots per height will be allocated based on the number of entrants by the following criteria:

- teams with 3x clean runs place 1-3 in A3, 3x clean runs place 1-3 in J3, 3x combined placements 1-3
- teams with 2x combined placement 1-3
- teams with 1x combined placement 1-3
- teams running in A3
- teams running in A2
- teams running in A1

Example: 30 teams enter in one jump height, 15 of which have one combined placement 1-3. These are directly qualified. Of the remaining 15, 7 are in A3, 5 in A2 and 3 in A1. The 7 A3 teams are directly qualified. The A2 and A1 teams are not, because the 20 spots (plus 2) are reached with A3 dogs. 22 dogs are directly qualified to try out in this height.

All former team members from the WAO team 2025 are directly qualified for the tryout.

All junior handlers are directly qualified for the tryout.

After spots have been allocated based on entries per height, for the former team members and the juniors, there will be spots left. These spots will be filled by a ranking over all heights, based on the criteria stated above.

1.1.1 Qualifying mode

A handler can only qualify with two dogs for the team. If he qualifies with more dogs the team management and handler will decide which two dogs will be nominated for the team.

1.1.2 Qualification classes

The tryouts include 6 runs, two Agility, two Jumpings, one Snooker and one Gambler. Points will be given for runs with up to 5 faults (1 fault/refusal). This includes time faults as well. Faults/refusals are scored with 5 seconds. In the snooker and Gambler points are given if at least half the points are achieved of the winner in each jumpheight. Points will be rounded down. For example, a winner gains in the snooker 51 points, then a minimum of 25 points in the snooker must be reached to get points for the qualification.

The dog with highest points in each jumpheight, in the overall results of the qualifying has a win on spot for the Biathlon, the Pentathlon and the Games. The remaining spots will be assigned based on performance at tryouts and training. Medalwinners from year 2025 will have a win on spot in the discipline they have won the medal and are thus part of the team.

The distribution of points is as follows:

Place 1 – 15 points

Place 2 – 12 points

Place 3 – 10 points

Place 4 – 8 points

Place 5 – 6 points

Place 6 – 4 points

Place 7 – 2 points

The team management reserves itself the right to amend the points according the amount of entries. A change in the distribution of points will be announced two weeks before the tryouts.

1.1.3 Qualified teams

Dogs must be entered in their correct height. All dogs can be measured at the tryouts if there should be doubts about the correct height. Dogs need to meet qualification criteria in their new height class, should it change. At the end of the tryouts all dogs on places one to six will be measured. Should a dog measure out, the team spot will go to the next team in the ranking.

In each of the five jumpheights, 4 dogs will qualify for the team and have the right to run at the WAO. The tryouts will be held and judged according to the rules of the WAO. The rules of the WAO you can find under the following link: <http://www.worldagilityopen.com/rules.html> The tryouts are held in five jumpheights. The height at withers will define the jumpheight to start in. Jumpheights are defined in the table below:

| JUMP HEIGHT NAME | DOG HEIGHT AT WITHERS | JUMP HEIGHT | A-FRAME HEIGHT | ASCENDING SPREAD LENGTH * | LONG JUMP LENGTH | TIRE HEIGHT AT CENTER |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 250 | 320mm & under (12.60") | 250mm (9.84") | 1.7m (5'7") | 215-235mm (8.86-9.65") | 500mm (19.69") 2 boards | 400mm (15.75") |
| 300 | 380mm & under (14.96") | 300mm (11.81") | 1.7m (5'7") | 260-280mm (10.24-11.02") | 600mm (23.62") 2 boards | 450mm (17.71") |
| 400 | 440mm & under (17.32") | 400mm (15.75") | 1.7m (5'7") | 350-370mm (14.17-14.96") | 800mm (31.49") 3 boards | 550mm (21.65") |
| 500 | 500mm & under (19.69") | 500mm (19.69") | 1.7m (5'7") | 440-460mm (17.33 -18.11") | 1000mm (39.37") 4 boards | 650mm (25.59") |
| 600 | Over 500mm (19.69") | 600mm (23.62") | 1.7m (5'7") | 530-550mm (20.86 - 21.65) | 1200mm (47.24") 5 boards | 750mm (29.53") |

1.1.4 Junior Handlers

Juniors must be born on or after 1st May 2007 in order to qualify as on a junior team spot. The qualification is on the same weekend and on the same courses as the regular tryout. Juniors run against senior handlers and receive points. There is no separate scoring. The junior with the most points will qualify for the junior spot. If this opens up a spot on the regular team (because the junior was in 1-4 place), the fifth place dog will receive the spot. The junior spot at WAO includes Games, Pentathlon and Biathlon, as well as potentially team runs.

If no junior handler qualifies through points, team management will choose a junior handler to offer the spot to.

2.1.0 Qualified Teams for WAO 2026:

Team members are obliged to take part at the team trainings before the WAO. Team members are required to volunteer at WAO according to the event rules. Team members are obliged to support the WAO Team Germany in all fund raising activities and search for sponsors. Team members are obliged to be at the venue of the WAO from Monday until Sunday of the event week.

2.1.1 Distribution to disciplines

The team management will decide based on the performance at the tryouts and team training, in consultation with the team members, who is to run which discipline (Biathlon, Pentathlon, Games, Team). Each team member is guaranteed at least two runs. The team management will decide at the WAO which team members will start for the team runs based on their performance so far. In case of doubt, the qualification ranking will be decisive.

For Team Runs 1 and 2, the starter selection is based on the national qualification ranking. The higher-ranked team is free to pass on the starting spot to a lower-ranked team (in order of the qualification ranking). The goal is to choose the team best suited for the course (based on the course maps).

For Team Runs 3 and 4, the team management will decide which dogs will start, based on their performance in the team & individual events at the WAO.

In the event of qualification for the final, the team management will determine which dogs will compete, taking into account the starting position for the final.

For team runs, only teams that placed 1-4 in the national tryout can be considered.

2.1.2 Costs

The costs for entry, travel, accommodation, team clothing and team training, each team member has to pay themselves. The team management will try all efforts together with the team members to find sponsors to reduce the costs. All income no matter from where will go 100% to the team.

3.1.0 Code of conduct

Every dog that is selected will at the WAO be checked by the veterinary. The handler has to carry with him a valid EU Petpassport with valid vaccinations. The dog has to be socially compatible to its fellow species and humans. Teams that are selected in the Team Germany will refrain from alcohol and drugs till each competition day is completed. Every team member is committed to behave in a manner that won't harm the team or Germany. We forbid any performance enhancing substances for humans and dogs. A species appropriate handling at all times during qualification, training and competition is essential. A nonviolent handling with the dog at all times is essential. We forbid the use of a prong collar, manipulated collars, electric collars and other sharp and pointed equipment. At all times the dogs must be able to get to fresh water. On hot days it has to be assured that there is enough shade and air ventilation for the dogs. We expect a sporting and civilized cooperation among humans and dogs.

3.1.1 Penalization

Anyone not obeying or breaching against this rules must be aware the they will be banned from the team and competition as a consequence.

4.1. Entry fee

The entry fee for the qualifying weekend is 50,- € and has to be paid by the latest six weeks before the qualifying, on July 14, 2025, onto the account of the WAO Germany

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Late payments will result in being removed from the list for the qualifying. Handlers can withdraw at anytime from the qualifying but entry fees are non-refundable after August 1, 2025.

5 Travelling

It is the handler's responsibility to ensure all dogs applying must comply with the Pets Travel Scheme (PETS) to allow travel throughout the world. Information about each Countries travel scheme can be found at the local vets or countries concerned, their embassy homepages. Application forms selection process will be available via German team management by mail and will be available for download. Any queries should be directed to the team management by email: waogermany@gmail.com The official language everything concerning the World Agility Open is English.

6 COVID

If COVID forces the cancellation of the selection event and it cannot be rescheduled, then the team will be selected at managers discretion and approved by WAO.

Validity: 2nd June 2025