

## World Agility Open Team Japan 2026

Team Japan Management

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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 month. Pregnant, blind, and ill dogs as well as geriatric dogs are not allowed to start and won't be considered for the team. Since the team must take long flight to WAO, dogs with separation anxiety will not be selected as a team. Handler being abusive to his or her dog physically or verbally, they will not be able to qualify to the team and future event of tryouts. Participants must decide whether they would have intention to participate in WAO if they were selected at the time of their entry.

1.1.1 Tryouts will take place in Ohshio Seaside Park Field in Himeji Hyogo Japan on Jan 12 2026 Judged by Stefanie Semkat

#### 1.1.2 Qualification mode

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

#### 1.1.1 Qualification classes

The tryouts include 4 runs two Agility, jumping and speedstakes. All around system will apply and points will be given 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

In addition to these points, each clean run will be given 10 points.

Additional points which earned by participating UKI local competition (period of Oct 2024 to Dec 2025) by clear runs. Each clear runs count as 5 points and up to 25 points can be used towards to selection.

The dog with highest point for each jump height will have spot to participate in WAO 2026.

### 1.1.2 Qualified teams

Dogs must be entered in their correct height. All dogs except for 600 class will be measured at tryouts. If those who are ranked 1 to 3<sup>rd</sup> of each jump height class show no intention to participate in WAO2026, up to 6<sup>th</sup> ranking for each jump height class will be chosen. If any class doesn't fill the spot for the team, wild card selection will take place to fill in the sport to ensure that the team will have 15 dogs (3 dogs per each jump height) to participate in 2026 WAO.

JUMP HEIGHT NAME	DOG HEIGHT AT WITHERS	JUMP HEIGHT	A-FRAME HEIGHT	ASCENDING SPREAD LENGTH *	LONG JUMP LENGTH	TYRE HEIGHT AT CENTER
<b>250</b>	320mm & under	250mm	1.7m	215-235mm	500mm 2 boards	400mm
<b>300</b>	380mm & under	300mm	1.7m	260-280mm	600mm 2 boards	450mm
<b>400</b>	440mm & under	400mm	1.7m	350-370mm	800mm 3 boards	550mm
<b>500</b>	500mm & under	500mm	1.7m	440-460mm	1000mm 4 boards	650mm
<b>600</b>	Over 500mm	600mm	1.7m	530-550mm	1200mm 5 boards	750mm

The tryouts will be held and judged according to the rules of the WAO.

### 1.1.3 Junior Handlers

Juniors must be born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007 to qualify as 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 a spot on the regular team, the fifth-place dog will receive the spot.

### 2.Costs

The cost of travel accommodation, team clothing will be paid by team members. The team management will try best to find sponsors to reduce the costs. All income for the team will be spend on expenses that are for the team.

### 3.Code of conduct

We expect team members to follow the rules that we present before tryout to participate at WAO2026. Handlers must provide proper care for their dogs to make sure they are at the place where dogs must be comfortable. Dogs also must be under handler's control to not be aggressive to other dogs and humans. Use of prong, manipulated, electric and any kind of chain collars, are prohibited. Handler who are abusive to other human or dogs will be abundant from the team. We expect team members to show respect to rules of Japan team and other team members and request corporation with others include team management. Any problems during the WAO2026, need to be address to the team manager. The team Japan will not accept any bullying, abuse, violence behavior which include SNS. If the person shows disrespectful behavior to not only team members but to team management, volunteers, other competitors of WAO 2026, he or she will be abundant from the team.

### 4 Entry fee

The entry fee for tryouts is 17600 Japanese yen for one day. This is nonrefundable unless tryout was not held due to natural disaster or extremely bad weather condition.

Payment must be paid by 4 weeks before the tryout through bank transfer to following account

RAKUTEN BANK

DAI4EIGYO Branch

ACCT#7557096

Name of the account: Wan Unity LCC UKI

### 5 Traveling

Team members need to prepare necessary document by themselves to take their dogs to WAO 2026. They are also requested to book their flight and necessary transportation individually. The team management reserve hotels. If anyone need help with traveling arrangement, the team manager will provide necessary information.

#### 6 Contact Information

For those who would have questions, they can reach me at 090-6679-5412 or my email address is wanunity2015@ybb.ne.jp