

## Portuguese Team World Open of Agility 2026 Selection Regulation

### 1. GENERAL

The World Agility Open Championship (WAO) is an independent agility dog world championship.

The main objective is to proportionate an opportunity to all dogs (whether pedigreed or not) and handlers, to compete in an environment exclusively focused on this sport.

The WAO organization strives to provide reasonable jump height divisions, an excellent competition surface and environment, and several varieties of contests with maximum runs to adequately test teams for all the skill sets necessary to be the best in dog agility.

Contests will take place accordingly the WAO Rules and Regulation document attached to this Selection Regulation and comprises:

- WAO Individual Agility Pentathlon World Champion
- WAO Agility Biathlon World Champion
- WAO Agility Games World Champion
- WAO Team Agility Pentathlon World Champion
- WAO Junior World Champion

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

#### a. DOGS

- Any dog, whether pedigreed or mixed, that is healthy and sound, trained, and over 18 months of age is eligible to participate in the selection to the WAO competition;
- Bitches in season may compete at the selection, but they will run last in each class after all other dogs in all height divisions have run.
- Note that all dogs will be submitted to measurement in order to be put in the right jump height.
- There are five Jump Height

JUMP HEIGHT NAME	Dog HEIGHT AT WITHERS	JUMP HEIGHT	A-FRAME HEIGHT	ASCENDING SPREAD LENGTH	LONG JUMP LENGTH	TYRE HEIGHT AT CENTER
25 cm	32cm	25 cm	170 cm	21,5 – 23,5 cm	50 cm (2)	40 cm
30 cm	38 cm	30 cm	170 cm	26 – 28 cm	60 cm (2)	45 cm
40 cm	44 cm	40 cm	170 cm	35 – 37 cm	80 cm (3)	55 cm
50 cm	50 cm	50 cm	170 cm	44 – 46 cm	100 cm (4)	65 cm
60 cm	Over 50 cm	60 cm	170 cm	53 – 55 cm	120 cm (5)	75 cm

## b. HANDLERS

- The selection to the WAO is open to any person, without discrimination, who acknowledges and agrees to abide by all regulations set forth by the WAO.
- 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 candidates or their legal to the WAO are volunteers and must declare their interest by e-mail to the Portuguese representative, in close coordination with his or her team leader and in the best interest of the Portuguese Sport of Agility.
- All candidates (or their legal tutor if under 18 years old) must declare their agreement and compromise to support their participation costs, both in the selection event and in the WAO.
- Note that a permanent resident who competes as a representative for Portugal will be ineligible to compete for his or her country of citizenship for a period of 3 (three) years following the WAO competition in which he or she participated.
- Junior handlers up to the age of 18 can compete in the Junior Class.

## 3. TEAM SELECTION

- a. Candidates interested in participating at the WAO 2026 should send an email to [waoportugueseteam@gmail.com](mailto:waoportugueseteam@gmail.com) until the 31st October 2025, informing about their interest.
- b. **Should there be more than 15 candidates to represent the Portuguese Team** a Tryout Competition will be held during two weekends not conflicting with other competitions, five months prior to the WAO;
- c. This Tryout Competition will include the following events:
  - Two Individual Agility Pentathlon Championship
  - Two Agility Biathlon Championship
  - Two Games Championship
- d. The top 3 qualified in results of Pentathlon, Biathlon and Games will be qualified for all 3 events;
- e. Two reserves will be selected to each event and jump height to meet any case of *Force Majeure*;
- f. **Should there be a number of candidates lower than 15, the selection is based on the qualification of the CPC National Championship at February 28<sup>th</sup>, and all of the candidates will get a place in the 3 events;**
- g. Shouldn't there be enough candidates to represent Portugal in the WAO the country manager will directly invite the pairs regarded as deserving of representing Portugal in the competition.

#### **4. RESPONSABILITIES**

- a. The country manager will be responsible for the liaison to the WAO entities;
- b. The country manager will be responsible to gather all documentation required by the WAO entities;
- c. Selected handlers will compromise to support all the costs of their one participation in the WAO Including: their own fees (**even if he or her quit and no reserve handler will be interested in the participation**), **official equipment, travelling, food and lodging**;
- d. **Junior handlers will have to submit a written statement from their parents/tutors authorizing their participation in the event and the publication of images exclusively related to the competition on social media**;
- e. The country manager will be responsible for the payment of fees as soon as he gathers the money from the participants.

#### **5. FINAL NOTES**

- a. The national representative will seek the good cooperation and coordination with all Agility entities from Portugal in the best interest of the sport.
- b. If any selected handler perpetrates any ethics, deontology or moral violation, or attempts to the wellbeing of any dog, the national representative will take proportional measures.
- c. Proportional measures cover verbal admonition and expulsion.