

Tryout and Selection Information

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND TEAM WAO 2026

Team ROI Management

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Tryouts will be held: 2nd of February 2026 - CoilOg Equestrian Centre, Naas, Co Kildare, Ireland

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Entry form: [CLICK HERE](#)

Eligibility for Team Ireland WAO 2026

At the time of team selection handlers must be an Irish citizen, or have an Irish birth certificate, have parents or grandparents born in Ireland or have permanent resident status in Ireland.

Criteria for entering Tryouts

All breeds (pedigree or mixed breeds) are allowed to enter. Participating dogs who applied for Team Ireland WAO 2026 must be vaccinated against rabies and have a passport (as it is necessary for travelling abroad for the event) and be in good health.

Dogs entered must be a minimum age of 18 months.

Pregnant, blind, and ill dogs are not allowed to start and won't be considered for the team.

Handlers and dogs must be competing at **G4** or higher in **IKC** or **KC**.

All handlers should know WAO rules and regulations, know the exact height of their dog and choose the right size for Tryouts - if you are not sure in which height you will be competing, do not hesitate to contact the team manager for measuring. It is strongly suggested to train on measurements of obstacles which you will be competing at WAO.

Link for Rules & Regulations: <https://worldagilityopen.com/about/rules-regulations>

Jump Height Name	Dog Height at Withers	Jump Height	A-Frame Height	Ascending Spread Length	Long Jump Length	Tyre Height at Centre
250	320mm & under	250mm	1.7m	215-235mm	500mm 2 boards	400mm
300	380mm & under	300mm	1.7m	260-280mm	600mm 2 boards	450mm
400	440mm & under	400mm	1.7m	350-370mm	800mm 3 boards	550mm
500	500mm & under	500mm	1.7m	440-460mm	1000mm 4 boards	650mm
600	500mm & over	600mm	1.7m	530-550mm	1200mm 5 boards	750mm

Completed entry form must be submitted by 20:00 20th of December 2025. Late entries will not be accepted.

Tryout might be held as an official IKC competition, so all dogs entering must be registered with IKC.

Selection Information

A maximum of three dogs per height handled by adults (250, 300, 400, 500 and 600) will be on the team to compete in the Individual Competitions.

In addition the team may include one junior handler and dog per each height. Junior handlers are those handlers with a date of birth later than **1st May 2007**. **Juniors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times.**

Qualification criteria - WIN ON SPOTS

Each team will enter two rounds of agility and one round of jumping over the tryout day.

Runs with max 5 faults (cannot be time faults) will get points in each round.

Amount of points which the team gets, depends on how many teams they won over in that run.

Agility runs will be weighted with additional 5 points.

To be eligible for the Team Ireland WAO 2026 one of the qualifying runs must be an agility run.

A place in the Team Ireland WAO 2026 will be offered to the first three places in each height which fulfilled the criteria outlined above.

These first 3 places will be entitled to run in Pentathlon, Biathlon and Games at WAO.

Example

Rex is running in height 600, there are 17 dogs competing in total.

Rex had a clean run in jumping and won first place. Rex is getting 16 points from this run.

Rex is eliminated in agility1 so he is getting 0 points from this run.

Rex was 3rd in agility2 but had 10 faults. He is getting 0 points from this run.

Rex has in total 16 points but he cannot qualify on win on spots as he didn't gained any points at agility rounds. He can still be considered for the team after tryouts, if there is spot left.

Example n.2

Bonnie is running in height 250, there are 8 dogs competing in total.

Bonnie won agility1 with 5 faults. She is getting 7 points + 5 points because it is an agility run.

Bonnie was 5th in jumping but had 3.12 time faults, she is getting 0 points from this run.

Bonnie was 3rd agility2 with a clean run. She is getting 5 points + 5 points for the agility round.

Bonnie has in total 23 points. She ended up 2nd place overall in 250 height and she qualified for WAO 2026.

If there are available places remaining after tryouts, team management reserves the right to pick teams to fill up these places.

The selectors will be looking for people who can demonstrate that they have the skills and ability to handle challenging international style courses and dogs who are trained to this high standard.

Team selection will be carried out by the team manager and other selectors.

Team will be announced after Tryouts.

The following skills will be taken into account when reviewing your performance at the Tryouts:

Your start line – were you able to lead out with confidence, having placed your dog a reasonable distance from the first jump, and your dog staying where it was left?

Were you able to handle weaves from either side and handle weave entries and exits efficiently? Knowing every obstacle including spread jumps, tyre, wall and long jump from multiple handling options.

Were your dog's contact performances fast and consistent?

Were you able to go clear within the Course time?

Are you confident handling Obstacle Discriminations?

Please state on the [ENTRY FORM](#) anything you would like us to take into account.

All rounds on Tryouts will be video recorded to assist the selection process.

Any team interested in being selected for the **Team Ireland WAO 2026** must attend the tryout day!

In exceptional circumstances where a handler and dog are unable to attend the Tryout Competition, the selectors reserve the right to offer a place to the handler and dog at a later stage. These circumstances include, but are not limited to, dog or handler injury, funeral, etc.

Any handler in these circumstances must submit an entry to the Tryout Competition and pay for their spot, stating why they should be considered for selection.

Handlers who have not attended the Tryouts may be required to attend a Skills Test Session at a later date before they will be considered for the Team Ireland WAO 2026. Management reserves the right to select travelling and non-travelling reserves.

JUNIOR WIN ON SPOT

Five Junior places are available on the Team Ireland WAO 2026, one for each height. The highest placed junior will win on to the team, with the same criteria applying as for adult win-on spots. At WAO juniors compete against adults on the same courses and our tryout competition will be run in the same way. In the event that no junior competitors meet the criteria for the win on spot, the team management reserves the right pick teams by themselves.

Juniors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times.