



World Agility Open Championships 2026 Team Korea Selection

Event: Korea Agility Open (KAO) 2025

Date: November 1st & 2nd 2025

Location: d.forest, 437 ChungHyo-Ro Namsan-Myon Chuncheon-Si, Gangwon-Do, South Korea

Judges: Ashley Deacon, Tamas Traj

Classes:

Pentathlon (Jumping 1+Agility 1+Speedstakes 1), Biathlon (Jumping 1+Agility 1), Games (Snooker+Gamblers) + Final Round

Jump Height Divisions

JUMP HEIGHT NAME	DOG HEIGHT AT WITHERS	JUMP HEIGHT	A-FRAME HEIGHT	ASCENDING SPREAD LENGTH	LONG JUMP LENGTH	TYPE HEIGHT AT CENTER
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	Over 500mm	600mm	1.7m	530-550mm	1200mm 5 boards	750mm

Eligibility

1. All breeds no matter pure breed or mixed are welcome to the game.
2. All dogs must be 18 months' age on the date of the event.
3. All dogs must be microchipped.

Dogs not Allowed to the Game

1. Pregnant dogs
2. Dogs with sickness
3. Aggressive dogs

Qualifier Selection

- All participants must compete in Pentathlon Jumping, Pentathlon Agility, Pentathlon Speedstakes, Biathlon Jumping, Biathlon Agility, Snooker, Gamblers, and Final round at KAO 2025 to be eligible for team selection.
- Scores will be calculated based on placements in the overall results of each event (Pentathlon, Biathlon, Games, and the Final Round). In Pentathlon, Biathlon, and Games, 1st place receives 1 point, and each subsequent place receives 0.5 points (e.g. 1st place 1 pt, 2nd place 1.5pts, 3rd place 2 pts and so forth). In the Final Round, 1st place receives 1 point, and each subsequent place receives 1 point (e.g. 1st place 1pt, 2nd place 2pts, 3rd place 3pts and so forth).
- After Pentathlon, Biathlon, and Games rounds, the top 20 players in each jump height category based on the combined scores (lowest being 1st place) will advance to Final Round. However, competitors who were eliminated in four or more of the following events — Pentathlon Jumping, Pentathlon Agility, Pentathlon Speedstakes, Biathlon Jumping, Biathlon Agility, Gamblers, or Snooker — are not eligible to participate in the KAO Final Round.
- The final ranking is determined by total points earned from all 8 rounds and the **top 3 players in each height division** with lowest total points who meet all the “**Team Korea Application Requirements**” will qualify to represent Korea at WAO 2026. Handlers on 4th, 5th, and 6th place are alternates. Handlers who do not meet these requirements for “**Team Korea Application Requirements**” will be automatically excluded from team selection, regardless of their ranking.
- Selected players will be eligible to compete in **all classes** at WAO 2026: Pentathlon, Biathlon, Games, and the Team event.
- In the event of a tie in the final ranking, the result of the Biathlon Agility will be used to determine the winner.
- Players may choose to compete in a higher height division than their dog's official category. However, if selected for the national team in that higher division, they must compete at the **same height** at WAO 2026 and **cannot move down** to a lower division. (Example: A 250 dog may compete in 300, but if selected, must run at 300 at WAO 2026.)
- Dogs' heights will be officially measured on the day of the event during administration.
- General competition rules will follow those of the WAO and KAO local rules. Please refer to the official WAO rulebook and KAO local rules on our website: <http://www.dong-sa.or.kr/board/read.jsp?id=53&code=notice&page=3>

Juniors Selection

- Junior selection has equal criteria as “**Qualifier selection**” above.
- Only one junior handler per height category will be included in the team selection. Juniors in each height category who placed 2nd and 3rd will be alternates.
- To apply for junior selection, they need to be born on or after 1st May 2007.

Team Korea Application Requirements

- At the time of team selection, handlers must be a citizen of the South Korea, or have a birth certificate from South Korea, have parents or grandparents born in South Korea or have permanent resident status. All expenses for the WAO, including travel expenses, hotels, entry fees etc. will be paid by the handlers themselves. Handlers under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian. Medical documents of all dogs for air transportation must be prepared by handlers. Once the places in the team are established from KAO 2025 results, team members will have seven days to accept their places on the team. Once all places are confirmed, the 2026 Team Korea will be announced. Please check <http://www.dong-sa.or.kr/main/index.jsp> for application submission.

Team Coach Appointment

- Team coach with 8+ years of agility experience will be appointed each year by the KAO committee.
- Team coach will be part of any discussions regarding team selection process after Korea Agility Open and will be in charge of team training sessions in preparation for WAO. He/she will also be in charge of coaching the team at WAO.

Team Championship

- Team coach and manager will decide handlers running in the Team Championship at WAO 2026 based on the results from KAO 2025.

Cancellation due to Force Majeure

If force majeure including pandemic, war, natural disasters, etc forces changes or postponement or cancellation of the following selection event, then it will be postponed to a different date. If it cannot be rescheduled before WAO championship 2026, then team will be selected at manager's discretion and approved by WAO Management. Furthermore, in case of cancellation, Team Korea Management is not responsible for any reimbursement of any payments related to the event (travel, accommodation, food, etc).

If you wish to participate, please check updates for application submission at <http://www.dong-sa.or.kr/main/index.jsp>

***Please check our official website <http://www.dong-sa.or.kr/main/index.jsp> as the information above may change.**

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