



# 2026 World Agility Open Championships Selection Guidelines, Team Romania 13 – 17 May 2026 Netherlands

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## 1. Objectives

To provide the ultimate in agility competition, showcasing the highest level of agility training, human/canine partnership, sportsmanship, and athleticism; and enabling all dogs, whether pedigreed or not, to compete in an environment that is solely focused on the sport of agility. The WAO strives to provide reasonable jump height divisions, an excellent and safe competition surface, a competitive environment that is also fun and inspiring, fairness and consistency in judging, 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. *(WAO Rules & Regulations)*

## 2. Information about the event

The WAO Championships will take place between 13 and 17 May 2026 at National Hippic Centre (KNHS) in Ermelo, Netherlands.

For more information about the event, please visit the WAO web page – [www.worldagilityopen.com](http://www.worldagilityopen.com).

The official language of WAO is English.

## 3. General requirements

The following criteria will be applied during the selection process:

- 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.
- The handler must be 18 or over or be accompanied by a parent at the parent's expense

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- Junior eligibility is born on or after 1st May 2007. Handlers must have an official government documentation that states their date of birth at Check in. Failure to do so may exclude them from the event. The junior handler must be the sole handler of the dog at this event.
- The dog should meet all the requirements for travel to Netherlands.
- The dog must be over 18 months of age
- The handler have to be capable of making his/her own travelling arrangements, as well as pay for the entire trip, entry fees etc, as outlined below.
- Membership of local or national kennel organisation is not required.
- A maximum of 3 (three) handler reserves may be entered for each height on the team entry form.
- Biathlon and pentathlon competitions are "Open to All" - one dog from each height is permitted to win on to each of these competitions. This could be a win on per event or a win on for both events.

### 4. Program of Events and Classes

#### Individual Competitions

- Agility Pentathlon Championship: 2 (two) rounds of Agility, 2 (two) rounds Jumping, and 1 (one) round Speedstakes
- Agility Biathlon Championship: 1 round Jumping followed by 1 round Agility
- Agility Games Championship: 1 round Snooker followed by 1 round Gamblers
- Bonus Class: 1 (one) round Speedstakes

#### Team Competition

- Agility Pentathlon Championship: 2 (two) rounds of Agility, 2 (two) rounds Jumping, and 1 (one) round Speedstakes 4-Dog Relay

### 5. Jump Heights

WAO HEIGHT	DOG HEIGHT AT THE WITHERS	JUMP HEIGHT	A-FRAME HEIGHT	SPREAD JUMP HEIGHT	LONG JUMP LENGTH	TIRE HEIGHT AT CENTER
<b>250</b>	≤ 32 cm	25 cm	170 cm	21.5 – 23.5 cm	50 cm 2 boards	40 cm
<b>300</b>	≤ 38 cm	30 cm	170 cm	26 – 28 cm	60cm 2 boards	45 cm
<b>400</b>	≤ 44 cm	40 cm	170 cm	35 – 37 cm	80 cm 3 boards	55 cm
<b>500</b>	≤ 50 cm	50 cm	170 cm	44 – 46 cm	100 cm 4 boards	65 cm
<b>600</b>	> 50 cm	60 cm	170 cm	53 – 55 cm	120 cm 5 boards	75 cm

- Dogs may jump in a higher height division than their measured height.
- A dog may only jump at one height throughout the entire WAO competition.
- All the dogs will be measured at the registration desk of the event.

When you make your Application Form you can find your WAO height as follows:

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CATEGORY	HEIGHT AT THE WITHERS	WAO HEIGHT
S	≤ 32 cm	250
S	between 32.1 cm and 38 cm	300
M		400
L	between 43 cm and 50 cm	500
L	Above 50 cm	600

### 6. Selection Process

All Application forms must be received no later than 1 Mar 2026.

The dogs will be qualified, based on their achievements until 1 Mar 2026. If there are more than three dogs in a specific height class, the dog having bigger number of aggregated points, per height and category will qualify on position 1 and so on. If there is only one candidate in the selected WAO height division, the dog is entered under position 1.

The winner is guaranteed to run in Agility Pentathlon and Agility Biathlon.

For calculating the points, the following tables have to be used:

- Results from international agility competitions:

QUALIFICATION	AGILITY A0	AGILITY A1	AGILITY A2	AGILITY A3
EXCELLENT	60	80	90	100
VERY GOOD	30	40	50	60
GOOD	10	30	35	40

- Results from national agility competitions:

PLACE	AGILITY A0	AGILITY A1	AGILITY A2	AGILITY A3
1 <sup>st</sup>	60	70	80	100
2 <sup>nd</sup>	30	50	60	80
3 <sup>rd</sup>	15	30	40	60
4 <sup>th</sup>	10	15	20	40
5 <sup>th</sup>	5	10	15	20

The points are calculated as sum of all achieved results.

For example: dog with VERY GOOD in AGILITY A2, two 1st places in AGILITY A2, one 2nd place in AGILITY A3 and three 4th places in AGILITY A1 will have:

$$\text{Total points} = 1 \times 50 + 2 \times 80 + 1 \times 80 + 3 \times 15 = 335$$

### 7. Registration process

The Application Form (Appendix 1) including the scanned copies of the achieved results must be submitted by email to [plamen.kirov@biceed.eu](mailto:plamen.kirov@biceed.eu). Closing date for submitting the applications is 1 Mar 2026. In case there are still available places after 1 Mar 2026, they will be available for as long as the team management seems suitable.

Every participant will receive an email confirmation for acceptance of their Application Form.

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The qualification results for all registered dogs will be announced no later than 7 Mar 2026 on the following web address: [agility.wildspeedangels.com](http://agility.wildspeedangels.com) as well as by email.

### 8. Funding

The trip is self-funded – team members are responsible to pay for their share of expenses including (but not limited to) flight, host dog vet fees, hotel, car hire, event fee, uniform and team operating expenses.



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**WAO 2026 Team Romania Application**

**Handler information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Post code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog Information:**

Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Microchip No: \_\_\_\_\_ Height at withers (cm): \_\_\_\_\_

Results from international agility competitions (please fill the total number):

QUALIFICATION	AGILITY A0	AGILITY A1	AGILITY A2	AGILITY A3
EXCELLENT				
VERY GOOD				
GOOD				

Results from national agility competitions (please fill the total number):

PLACE	AGILITY A0	AGILITY A1	AGILITY A2	AGILITY A3
1 <sup>st</sup>				
2 <sup>nd</sup>				
3 <sup>rd</sup>				
4 <sup>th</sup>				
5 <sup>th</sup>				

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete one form per dog/handler combination and send to [plamen.kirov@biced.eu](mailto:plamen.kirov@biced.eu)