



AGILITY TEAM SCOTLAND SELECTION DAYS

to be held under WAO rules and regulations at:

**Kinross Polo Club
North Kilduff
Kinross
KY13 0PN**

On

21st & 22nd Sept 2024

Judge: Nic Jones

Competition opens: 08:00, Judges Briefing 08:15,

Timed Course walking starts 08:20, Judging Starts 08:45

Closing date for entries: 24th Aug 2024

By entering this event you are confirming your ability to attend the entire World Agility Open event to be held on 14th – 18th May 2025 at KNHS National Equestrian Centre, Ermelo, Netherlands

Competition Manager: Alan Short

Team Lead: Alan Short

Team Assistants: Rachael Gilmour & Eilidh Murray

Entry Fees: £45 per dog. This includes all entry to all classes

Entry and fees can be made via <http://www.showtime-online.co.uk/>. Running orders will be available online and on the selection day. No running orders will be posted

Any queries about the selection day then please contact:

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ELIGIBILITY FOR EVENT:

- Eligibility is “open to all”. Senior Partnerships: KC Grades 1,2,3, 4, 5, 6 or 7; UKA Beginners, Novice, Senior or Champion status on the closing date
- Junior Partnerships – Handlers must be born on or after 1st May 2006.

Handler: To be born in Scotland, have parentage (mother, father or grandparent) born in Scotland, or be a permanent resident in Scotland on the day of the event. Proof may be requested at the selection day.

It is preferred that the handler/dog partnerships competing at the selection day are a regular partnership during current/preceding agility season. Note handlers do not need to be the owner of the dog but must have the owners' permission to take part in the selection day.

ABOUT AGILITY TEAM SCOTLAND

Agility Team Scotland Vision Statement

It is the vision of Agility Team Scotland to have the best possible team represent Scottish Agility at the World Agility Open Championships 2025. A team which consists of the best of Scottish Agility handler and Dog partnerships

Agility Team Scotland Mission Statement

Agility Team Scotland' mission is to foster a collaborative team environment where opportunity for improvement will be shared in an open and supportive manner. Teamwork and mutual respect is of fundamental importance and we believe challenges can be managed jointly with ease.

Agility Team Scotland Core Objectives

Select a team which best represents Agility Team Scotland


Provide a quantitative selection process. To encourage partnerships to perform to their highest and to select a team who have the potential to succeed.

Prepare for the World Agility Open Championship 2025

Support team partnerships in their preparation and participation at the World Agility Championship in 2025. To identify strengths which can be exploited and create plans to manage weakness. Prepare both the handler and dog for a potential podium place.

Promote the sport of Agility in Scotland

Encourage team members to learn from their experience as part of the team and to promote Agility Team Scotland throughout the Scottish Agility community.



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ABOUT THE SELECTION DAY

The Selection Day Venue

This is an active equestrian facility and as such please keep dogs under control at all times. Please respect horse owners. Always pick up after your dog and please take your waste away with you.

The venue has a large indoor arena with a sand surface similar to that of the WAO event venue. Ample parking is provided and a limited area to exercise dogs. There is a small café on site.

There is no camping available at the venue

The Selection Process

For WAO 2025, Agility Team Scotland will consist of a minimum of 4 dogs chosen from each height category, i.e. 20. For the senior and 5 for the junior category.

The selection of the team will be the responsibility of team management. Over and above any win on spots gained at the CSJ Agility Open (previously held 13th to 16th June 2024), there will be three automatic win on spots for each height category available for award following the selection day. It is endeavored these places will be announced on the day, subject to results analysis. It is aimed any further team position(s) will be notified within 2 weeks of the selection day.

There may be an initial deposit to secure a place on the team.

In the event of force majeure forces cancellation of the selection event, and it cannot be rescheduled, selection will be at the discretion of the team management.

The Selection Days

The day will consist of the following agility challenges:

21st September 2024

- Agility 1
- Jumping 1
- Agility 2
- Jumping 2

22nd Sept 2024

- Gamblers
- Snookers

- Speed Stakes

This may be modified prior to the selection days dependent upon how many entries are received. Any changes will be published to allow partnerships to prepare accordingly.

Equipment used on the days will be aluminum & rubber contacts and jumps which reflect WAO rules and regulations.


Running orders will be published prior to the event. Running will be in strict order.

Dogs in heat can try out on the day and should be run in order. Notification of any dogs in heat should be made known to the team management at the start of the selection day. When running a dog in heat, matting should be used at the start position.

Only 1 ring will be running. Course walking will be in between each round. Course walking will be at the first height to be run in the ring. 8 minutes will be allocated for each course walk. Depending upon entries, course walking may be split into height categories. There will be no course walking between heights.

The Selection Day Criteria for Senior Partnerships

Each partnership will earn a score for each round. This will equate to their placing in that round e.g. 1st place will score 1, 2nd place will score 2 etc. A total score can be defined as the cumulative placings in different rounds on the selection day. To exemplify, a partnership with the following placings in the seven rounds will have a cumulative score of **35**:



Agility 1	2 nd	2
Jumping 1	8 th	8
Agility 2	1 st	1
Jumping 2	10 th	10
Gamblers	4 th	4
Snookers	7 th	7
Speed stakes	3 rd	3
Total score		35

The criteria for the win on spots on the team will be as follows:

Following the selection day, there will be 3 win on spots awarded. For clarity Win on Spots are guaranteed to be selected to run that event at the championships.

The first will be the partnership with the lowest total score for Agility 1, Jumping 1, Agility 2, Jumping 2 & Speed stakes rounds and they will be awarded the Pentathlon win on spot. In the event of a tie after 5 rounds for all placings, final rankings will be determined by the result in the Speed stakes round.

The second win on spot will be awarded for the Biathlon. This will be awarded to the partnership with lowest total score in any combination of Agility & Jumping rounds. In the event there is a tie for 1st place then the partnership with the lowest total score from Agility 1 & Agility 2 rounds will be selected. An example of how this will work is as follows:

	Ranking				Score				
	Agility 1	Jumping 1	Agility 2	Jumping 2	Agility 1 & Jumping 1	Agility 2 & Jumping 2	Agility 1 & Jumping 2	Agility 2 & Jumping 1	Agility 1 & Agility 2
Partnership 1	3	1	5	6	4	11	9	6	8
Partnership 2	4	2	2	8	6	10	12	4	6
Partnership 3	1	10	1	4	11	5	5	11	2

In the above example, Partnership 1 & 2 both have the same lowest score, in Agility 1 & Jumping 1 and Agility 2 & Jumping 1 respectively. As Partnership 2 has a lower score in Agility 1 & Agility 2, the win on spot is awarded to Partnership 2.

The third win on spot will be awarded for the Games. This will be awarded to the partnership with the lowest total score from the Gamblers and Snookers rounds. In the event of a tie after both rounds, for all placings final rankings will be determined by the result in the Gamblers round

Agility Team Scotland wishes to ensure a breadth of partnerships are selected. In the event a partnership gains all 3 win on spots, the pentathlon rankings will determine the additional spot(s). The same determination will be applied in the event a partnership does not gain the win on spot at the CSJ event or opts to take the Junior Win on Spot.

Team management reserve the right to award a 5th spot for any height. This will be restricted to a partnership who, in the current season, have gained a podium position at Crufts, KC agility stakes or a prestigious international event or have been awarded a CC and who participated in but did not have a successful try outs.

Team management may also extend the invitation to a partnership to participate in the team event. This partnership will not be eligible to run in any individual events, although will play a fully participative role in the team event.

The team management may decide to offer a reserve place(s) to any partnership. Only partnerships meeting the requirements detailed in the section process above will be considered.

Selection of the Junior Partnerships

Scoring for the junior partnerships will be the same as the senior. This will be awarded to the partnership with the highest ranking in the pentathlon competition.

Scoring for Ranking on the selection day

Scoring will be based upon a combination of faults and time. Any faults incurred will be added to the time in seconds i.e. 5 faults will result in 5 seconds being added

The following faults will be employed during the selection day

- Knocked pole, refusal, missed contact, incorrect weave = 5 faults
- Elimination = 15 faults (note: there is no need to correct an elimination but should continue course from where elimination occurred)
- Failure to make a concerted effort to complete the course = 100 faults (e.g. elimination at jump 5 then heading straight to finish therefore avoiding potential further faults)

The awarding of faults is solely at the discretion of the judge. These faults are different from the standard WAO scoring (which can be found <http://www.worldagilityopen.com/WAORules&Regulations.pdf>) but designed such as to encourage partnerships to attack the course. Even after elimination, faults will still be incurred so partnerships are encouraged to keep working.

A placing will be given to all partnerships. In the event of a tie of faults and time in a particular round then the partnerships will be given the same placing. This will be the higher of the places. The table below exemplifies.

	Time	Faults	Total	Placing
Partnership 1	31.6	0	31.6	1 st
Partnership 2	37.3	0	37.3	2 nd
Partnership 3	32.3	5	37.3	2 nd
Partnership 4	35.6s	10	45.6	4 th

Partnerships that have automatically qualified for the 2025 WAO through achieving a podium position at the 2024 event must enter the selection day if wanting to be considered as part of ATS for other events that they did not win a podium spot for. There is no need for win on spots achieved at the CSJ Agility Open to enter the selection day.

Some basic rules *(these are taken from WAO rules <http://www.worldagilityopen.com/WAORules&Regulations.pdf>)*

Collars & Leads

Dogs must not wear any type of slip or half-slip lead, half collar, muzzle, harness or collar while competing. Stop pad protectors may be worn by a dog if approved by the team management. Leads will be placed at the exit of the ring in a container. Only the handler may retrieve their lead from this container. Electric or choke chain collars may not be used anywhere at the selection event.

Timing & Equipment Failure Procedure

If during a competitors run, the timing fails, the competitor will rerun again however all faults from the first run will count. In the event of a re-run, the judge must deem that the handler has made a true and sportsman like effort to complete the course correctly or additional faults can be added.



Jump Height/Dog Height

There are five qualifying height divisions, so that dogs compete against dogs of a similar height. Dogs may compete in a division larger than the actual dog's height, but cannot compete in a lower division. Example: A dog which measures 450mm may enter & compete in the 600 division, but cannot compete in the 400 division. All dogs wanting to compete below the 600 class must obtain a record of measurement or already have an official WAO measurement. It is aimed to have measuring available at the selection day.

Jump Height Division	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 max. 2 boards	400mm
300	380mm & under	300mm	1.7m	260 – 280mm	600mm max. 2 boards	450mm
400	440mm & under	400mm	1.7m	350 – 370mm	800mm max. 3 boards	550mm
500	500mm & under	500mm	1.7m	440 – 460mm	1000mm max. 4 boards	650mm
600	Over 500mm	600mm	1.7m	530 – 550mm	1200mm max. 5 boards	750mm

Initial information for WAO event in 2025

If fortunate enough to be selected as part of Agility Team Scotland the following points should be noted:

Costs

Costs to the team members will be kept to a minimum where possible. Every effort will be made to attract support and sponsorship for ATS by the team management. Team members are encouraged to fund raise personally to support their attendance at the event. There may be some restrictions on the sources of personal fund raising and subsequent publicity. These will be further detailed post the selection event.

Once known and as soon as possible, full costing for ATS participating at the 2025 WAO event will be given to team members.

There will be at least 1 fund raising activity to be held by the team to assist with costs for attending the event. Participation in the preparation and running of that activity is expected of team members and failure to do so will jeopardize their place on the team.

Team Training Sessions and Partnership Preparedness.

There will be 3 team sessions. These will be held on 19th Oct 2024, 18th Jan 2025 and 22nd Mar 2025. Venue for these TBC.

Attendance to these team sessions is compulsory unless exceptional circumstances as deemed by the team management.

These team sessions are held to aid communication in readiness for the event and will cover, amongst other points, personal preparation for partnerships, team event rules and regulations and games, which is unfamiliar to many handlers in Scotland.

It is expected that partnerships will prepare a personal preparation plan leading up to their participation at the event. They should be willing to share and discuss this plan with team management.

Team management may invite suitably qualified veterinary/human physiotherapist/fitness consultation to one of the team sessions or request partnerships to undergo an assesment outside of official training sessions. This is to aid with identifying any fitness issues and assist partnerships in their preparations plans for what can be a physically demanding event for both dogs and handlers.

Sponsorship Clause

As being part of Agility Team Scotland, handlers will be expected to sign a sponsorship clause. This is to ensure your commitment to thank official team sponsors in any social media posts, blogs or podcasts associated with Agility Team Scotland. You would also be committing to solely thank official team sponsors. No other businesses, including those of personal sponsorship or personal professional promotion, shall be included in social media posts, blogs or podcasts associated with Agility Team Scotland.

Travel and accommodation for the event

It is expected partnerships organize their own travel arrangements for the WAO event. Team members are encouraged to share transport where possible.

Provisional accommodation booking for the event will be made by the team management. Whilst there is a benefit for all members of the team to be at the same accommodation, team members can find alternate accommodation should they choose.

All travel and accommodation costs will be the responsibility of team members. ATS will not fund travel and accommodation either in part or full.

Team outfit

A team outfit including tops, jackets and mid layer will be selected by the team management. Team members will be able to size and select required garments at one of the team sessions. Team members are expected to fund the cost of their team outfit. As a minimum, team members are expected to obtain 4 tops and a mid-layer for the event. Additional items are optional.

The best of luck for your selection!!!!



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