



## WAO2025 Singapore Team Selection

This document sets out the selection criteria for Singapore Team’s participation at the 2025 World Agility Open Championships, which will be held at National Hippic Centre (KNHS) in Ermelo, The Netherlands from 14th to 18th May 2025. Judges for the event can be found [here](#).

To be eligible for the team, you must fulfill the residency requirements in the WAO rules.

Please note that the trip is self-funded i.e., you will need to pay for all expenses related to the trip including, but not limited to, travel, vet and quarantine expenses, as well as WAO entry fees, team jackets and t-shirts, etc.

### Summary

- (i) A total of two (2) win-on spots are available for dogs of each height class to win their way to each individual championship events – one from WAO try-outs; and one from regular shows:

Event	WAO try-outs					Regular shows				
	250	300	400	500	600	250	300	400	500	600
Pentathlon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Biathlon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Games	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

- (ii) The third spot will be offered to teams who have displayed consistent performances at WAO, try-outs and regular shows throughout the year.
- (iii) Team positions will be considered by the country manager based on performances at try-outs and regular shows throughout the year.
- (iv) Dogs must run in the respective WAO heights that they wish to be qualified for, e.g. dogs measured > 440mm and <= 500mm must compete at 500mm for a spot in 500 class, or compete at 600mm for a spot in 600 class. Running in select heights or other heights will not be eligible for consideration. The only exception is for dogs qualifying for 250mm class at WAO. These dogs shall jump 200mm at shows and try-outs.
- (v) Should any of the shows not run for any reason, country manager reserves the right to alter the selection process.

### Requirements

All handler and dog teams wishing to be considered for selection for Singapore team must (i) display good conduct at all shows in accordance with the WAO sportsmanship guidelines; (ii) uphold Team Singapore’s code of conduct; AND (iii) enter at least four (4) shows<sup>1</sup> organized by Singapore Dog Agility, from the date of publication of this document until the last show in 2024.



### **Win-on Spots**

There are two opportunities for dogs who have entered at least four (4) shows to win a spot at the WAO individual championship events:

- A) WAO try-outs – One (1) dog per height shall win its way to Pentathlon/Biathlon/Games events
- B) Regular shows – One (1) dog per height shall win its way to Pentathlon/Biathlon/Games events

If the same dog wins in both (A) and (B) or in the same event, the country manager will select and offer the second spot to the next best team based on the combined results.

#### **A) WAO try-outs**

This offers dogs at any level the opportunity to win a spot at the individual events at WAO. Teams who wish to earn a spot via this route must participate in all the classes for that event and get a result at the try-out, i.e., not eliminated. To qualify for Biathlon, teams must run both Biathlon Jumping and Biathlon Agility. To qualify for Pentathlon, teams must run 2xPent Jumping, 2xPent Agility and Speedstakes. To qualify for Games, teams must run Snooker and Gamblers.

WAO try-outs will be held in August and October\* (October TBC\*). Courses are designed by international judges, judged by themselves or by an approved UKI judge.

Scoring for the events will be as per WAO rules. The highest placed teams from each try-out will be used to determine who gets the spot. The team with highest number of overall first placings will be selected. In the event of a tie, the team with the highest number of non-eliminated rounds will be used as a tie-breaker. In the event of a further tie, the team with the faster average speed will be the tie-breaker. If there are no results from this try-outs, the spot will be rolled to the next best team in the regular shows (B).

#### **B) Regular shows**

This is a points-based system where points will be awarded to runs at regular shows organized by Singapore Dog Agility. Open courses are designed by international judges, judged by themselves or by an approved UKI judge. Events offered for Open shows will be announced in due course.

The table below shows the points awarded for non-eliminated rounds, with additional points for clear rounds. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placing dogs will only get points if their times are within 3 seconds from the 1<sup>st</sup> placing dog, e.g. If the 1<sup>st</sup> placed dog clocks 30s in jumping, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed dogs will be awarded 3 points and 2 points respectively provided its time is less than or equal to 33s.

**For UKI events**, points awarded are regardless of levels, e.g., a non-eliminated round at beginner/novice class earns the same points as a non-eliminated round at senior/champion class. A maximum of 5 results from beginner class and 6 results from novice class are eligible for WAO points, eg. a dog that is still at the beginner level after obtaining 6 results (5 non-eliminated and 1 clear round) are only allowed to use the best 5 results out of the 6.



- The total of the best ten (10) results from UKI Agility, UKI Jumping or UKI Speedstakes will be used to determine the winner of the Pentathlon spot
- The total of the best ten (10) results from Open Agility, Open Jumping or Open Speedstakes will be used to determine the winner of the Biathlon spot
- The total of the best four (4) results from UKI Games will be used to determine the winner of the Games spot

	1 <sup>st</sup> placing	2 <sup>nd</sup> placing*	3 <sup>rd</sup> placing*	Clear round
UKI Agility	5	4	3	+2
UKI Jumping	4	3	2	+1
UKI Speedstakes	3	2	1	+1
UKI Games	4	3	2	+1
Open Agility	5	4	3	+2
Open Jumping	4	3	2	+1
Open Speedstakes	3	2	1	+1

In the event of a tie, the dog with the higher Agility scores will be the tie-breaker for Pentathlon and Biathlon events, the dog with the higher Snooker scores will be the tie-breaker. In the event of a further tie, the dog with faster average speed will be used as the tie-breaker.

Please email ([meowheong@gmail.com](mailto:meowheong@gmail.com)) your application to compete at WAO2025 by Friday, 8 November 2024 and include the following details in your email correspondence:

1. Handler's name
2. Dog's call name
3. Details and points accumulated

A deposit of S\$500 per dog must be made to the Singapore team management by 8 November 2024 together with the application. This money will be non-refundable if the dog is selected, and it shall be used for partial payment of Team Entry Fees, stables, team t-shirts, etc. The amount and deadline may be subject to change.

In the event spots are not taken, the country manager reserves the right to fill those spots at his/her own discretion, which may include inviting Singapore citizens based overseas (and are hence unable to compete in the try-outs and regular shows) to fill the spot.

For information / queries on qualifying for the WAO2025 Singapore team, please contact:

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<sup>1</sup> Each back-to-back show on the same weekends is considered as one show, e.g., participation in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July events is considered as one show. If COVID or any unforeseen circumstances forces the cancellation of shows, the following contingency plans will be in force:

- If there are less than 4 shows, the requirement to enter at least 4 shows will be waived. Shows already conducted and remaining shows up to the last show in 2024 will be used for points accumulation
- If all the shows in 2024 cannot be held, teams are still encouraged to apply and selection will be at the discretion of the country manager and approved by WAO