



## **2026 WORLD AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **Spanish Team**

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR WAO:**

- . 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.
- Dogs must be the age of 18 months at the time of start of the competition.
- It is allowed the participation of agility competitors of other countries competing in recognized associations although these are eligible for trophies and can't cannot occupy a place on the selection or subtracted points to other Spanish competitors.

#### **FÓRMULA FOR THE SELECTION OF THE SPANISH TEAM FOR WAO 2026:**

The tryout will be on 6 , 7 and 8 December 2025.

It will consists in four courses ( 2 agility A and B and 2 jumping A and B). And a snooker and a gambler.

### **BIATHLON. CLASSIFICATION AND CRITERIA OF SCORES:**

The Individual Biathlon event will consist of 2 Agility courses, 2 Jumping courses.

For the final results we will consider the best agility and jumping course of each team.

The best three teams of each category will be classified.

In case of a tie the following criteria will be the best score of the agility courses and if still tied it will consider the best scores obtained of the combination of the 2 agility courses.

If still tied the team manager will decide the team to be qualified.

### **PENTATHLON. CLASSIFICATION AND CRITERIA OF SCORES:**

The Individual Pentathlon event will consist of 2 Agility courses, 2 Jumping courses.

The combined results from the four classes determine the classified.

There will be a standard course time and scoring is cumulative; faults (including time faults) are added to time, and the lowest score wins in all aspects of the Pentathlon.

An elimination in any Pentathlon class is 50 faults plus dogs that are eliminated will be given a course time of 50 seconds, regardless of the standard course time.

If a handler is absent for any Pentathlon run they will be automatically withdrawn from the Pentathlon class and their score will be recorded as ABS.

In case of a tie the following criteria will be rated by the best scores obtained on Agility B, followed by Jumping B, Agility A and Jumping A courses.

If still tied the team manager will decide the team to be qualified.

### **GAMES. CLASSIFICATION AND CRITERIA OF SCORES:**

The qualifying for Games will consist of a Snooker round and a gamblers round. The combined results of the two classes will determine the three teams per height that will represent Spain in Games in WAO 2026.

Dogs with 0 points in any games course will get no points to be qualified.

In case of a tie the following criteria will be the best score of the gambler course.

The rules for games are published in the rule book available [www.worldagilityopen.com](http://www.worldagilityopen.com).

The team manager will make the decision of the dogs to run the “Team Agility Pentathlon during the days of the championship in terms of those with the best results at the qualify for WAO 2026 and trying to reach a consensus with all the competitors.

#### JUNIOR handler eligibility

Each country may enter one junior in each height category. All handlers must have been born on or after 1st May 2007. Handlers must produce a passport or Official Government Photo documentation that states their date of birth at Check in. Failure to produce this may exclude them from the event. The junior handler must be the sole handler of the dog at this event. Junior handlers are eligible to run in the Team event.

Juniors will compete on same courses with others in WAO. The junior team will get a place in all classes in WAO. In the tryout competition juniors will compete in the same courses with adults. The results will be separated for the juniors apart from the normal tryout results into a separate result sheet and the points are given by the placements in junior category. The winner of each run will earn 50 points. The final results will be the total points from all three runs. If the points are even the teams will rerun the last course and the rerun order will finalise the ranking

#### **JUMP HEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

There are five categories for jumps in WAO, determined in relation to the height of the dog at the withers.

- Jump height **250** to **320**mm at the withers
- Jump height **300** to **380**mm at the withers
- Jump height **400** to **440**mm at the withers
- Jump height **500** to **500**mm at the withers
- Jump height **600** superior a **500**mm at the withers

Measurements of the dog will be held at the beginning of the qualified competitions.

Dogs with WAO official measurement (measured at WAO world championship) should not pass this measure control.

Teams that want to compete at the height of 650 should not pass this measure control.

#### **General criteria for competition:**

- Technical criteria for qualified competitions for WAO 2026 are reflected in the rule book of WAO, these rules are published on the website [www.worldagilityopen.com](http://www.worldagilityopen.com).

### **Specifications for qualified competitions in Spain:**

- Will not be penalized not to touch the top of the contact obstacles: A-frame, Dogwalk and Seesaw. Anyway the entry to these obstacles should be in the natural way.
- Judge's decisions in the development of the courses cannot be discussed.
- If a guide dog team has qualified for biathlon, Pentathlon and games, the guide will guide decision compete in all categories.

### **Registration for qualified competitions WAO:**

Following the essence of WAO in order to do an international event in which agility is the fundamental target, regardless of the breed of dog or federation / association where you compete, the registration can be individual, but due to organizational matters we suggest that the registrations should be done through the clubs of agility.

### **Other considerations:**

At the end of this document is attached the registration form model whether it is done by individual, or collectively, as well as recommend through the clubs or as a group of competitors.

It's allowed to compete dogs from all breeds and mixed.

The selection team for WAO 2026 will try to be sponsored with full kit and we are also working to get as far as possible accommodation and free registration.

It will be a special attention on the way the competitors treat their dogs and it will be not allowed any psychological or physical misconduct to the dog, any behavior of this type leads to the elimination of that competitor of the qualified competition and if such facts take place again in another competition the competitor should be eliminated for qualified for WAO 2026.

It's allowed to use motivating toys or food in the pre- ring, in that place there will be a container to leave it before the start of competition.

It allowed the participation of bitches in heat and should be reported to the organization.

Courses will be as it is in the WAO world championship, same courses for all heights and will be distributed on paper at the beginning of each competition

All obstacles should have four heights; if any obstacle cannot be used at these different height should not be used in competition.

All information related to qualified competitions and WAO 2026 will be actualized in Facebook. [spainwao2020](https://www.facebook.com/spainwao2020).

