

# Swedish qualification rules

WAO 2026 



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## GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

- The Swedish tryouts will take place on 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at Torvalla Arena in Västra Torup.
- The Swedish tryouts are open to anyone as long as you are a Swedish citizen, have a Swedish birth certificate, have parents or grandparents born in Sweden or have permanent resident status at the time of the tryouts.
- The Swedish tryouts are open to any dog over 18 months, meaning you can participate no matter what grade you compete in. Bitches in season may compete at the event. Dogs that are sick, injured or blind are not eligible.
- A participant is one handler and one dog and they must be the same during all 6 runs. They must also be the same at the WAO event.
- All qualified handlers must decide whether to accept the spot or not by 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025. After this date a dropout without a valid cause such as illness or injury may result in exclusion from next year's tryouts. A document by a veterinarian or doctor is required.
- All reserves must decide whether to accept the reserve spot or not by 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025. They need to notify Team Managers their latest date to get called in. After this date a dropout without a valid cause such as illness or injury may result in exclusion from next year's tryouts.
- Everyone who accepts their spot must be prepared to pay for everything themselves, such as entry fee, clothes, travel expenses, hotel etc.
- Check in and official team practice will happen from Tuesday morning 12<sup>th</sup> May, therefore all team members must be able to be at site on Tuesday morning 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026.
- All team members are required to volunteer at the WAO due to event rules.
- Team Sweden does not allow any kind of bad behavior such as bullying, mental abuse or physical abuse against other human beings. People that do anything above will be suspended from the tryouts or/and the WAO event.
- Team Sweden does not allow any kind of bad behavior against animals. People that do not treat their dog well will be suspended from the tryouts or/and the WAO event.

## **SENIOR HANDLERS**

Team Sweden will send **4** participants per size category. The qualification for the Swedish WAO team will consist of two agility classes, two jumping classes, one snooker class and one gambler class. The qualification is based on a point system where all six runs count.

The **4** participants with the most points in total in each size category will be offered a spot on the Swedish WAO team. In case one of the top **4** chooses not to go, the spot will be offered to the 5<sup>th</sup> and so on.

**1<sup>st</sup> place** in each size category will be offered to represent Team Sweden in the Pentathlon-, Biathlon- and Games Championship.

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** in each size category will be offered to represent Team Sweden in two events, which two events are decided by Team Managers in consultation with team member.

**3<sup>rd</sup> place** in each size category will be offered to represent Team Sweden in two events, which two events are decided by Team Managers in consultation with team member.

**4<sup>th</sup> place** in each size category will be offered to represent Team Sweden in the remaining two events.

If any of the participants that has qualified for Team Sweden wishes not to attend in one of their offered events, the Team Managers will consider this. However the qualified participant must be prepared to run in all offered events at WAO or choose not to go at all.

A senior handler may represent Team Sweden in the Team event if they place top 4 at the tryouts, otherwise a Team run is not guaranteed.

## **JUNIOR HANDLERS**

Team Sweden will send **1** junior handler per size category. The qualification for junior handlers will consist of two agility classes, two jumping classes, one snooker class and one gambler class. The qualification is based on a point system where all six runs count. The tryouts for juniors will be the same tryouts as for senior handlers.

The junior handler with the most points in total in each size category will be offered a spot on the Swedish WAO team. In case the best placed junior handler chooses not to go, the spot will be offered to the **2<sup>nd</sup>** best and so on. The qualified participant in each size category will represent Team Sweden in the Pentathlon-, Biathlon-, Games- and Junior Championship.

A junior handler may represent Team Sweden in the Team event if they place top 4 at the tryouts, otherwise a Team run is not guaranteed.

If 2 junior handlers are placed top 5 at the tryouts, the best placed junior handler will be offered a senior spot and the second best junior handler will be offered a junior spot. Same rules apply if 3 or 4 junior handlers are placed top 5 at the tryouts. Junior handlers with a senior spot will still be able to compete in the Junior Championship.

Junior handlers must be born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007.

## **POINT CALCULATION**

The points are given according to the following in the agility and jumping classes:

- Fastest time with maximum five (5) faults sets the time for further ranking.
- Each second behind the fastest time is minus 10 points.
- Each fault/refusal gives a time addition of 3 seconds.
- If a participant is running clean and has the fastest time they get bonus points based on the time difference to the second placed participant (maximum 5 points).
- A disqualified participant gets 0 points.
- A participant that is more than 5 seconds slower than the fastest time gets 0 points.

The points are given according to the following in games:

- The participants will be awarded their points from each run (snooker and gambler), not by their place in the class.

If two participants have the same total points, the participant with the most points in the agility class runs, counting towards total points, is placed best.

If there still is a tie the jumping runs will be considered.

If this still does not separate the participants the Team Manager will choose.

### **Example 1 – Clean runs**

Placing	Faults	Time	Calculation	Points
Participant A	0	30 sec (Fastest time)	50 points + 1,55 bonus points as the time difference to the next participant is 1,55 sec.	51,55 points
Participant B	0	31,55 sec	Time deducted from the fastest time = $31,55 - 30 = 1,55$ . This is multiplied by 10 = $1,55 * 10 = 15,5$ and THIS number is deducted from 50 points = $50 - 15,5 = 34,5$	34,5 points
Participant C	0	31,82 sec	Time deducted from the fastest time = $31,82 - 30 = 1,82$ . This is multiplied by 10 = $1,82 * 10 = 18,2$ and THIS number is deducted from 50 points = $50 - 18,2 = 31,8$	31,8 points

**Example 2 - Each fault and refusal gives 3 seconds added time**

Placing	Faults	Time	Calculation	Points
Participant A	0	30 sec	Time deducted from the fastest time = $30 - 29,55 = 0,45$ . This is multiplied by 10 = $0,45 * 10 = 4,5$ and THIS number is deducted from 50 points = $50 - 4,5 = 45,5$	45,5 points
Participant B	One fault = 3 seconds added to the total time	29,55 (Fastest time) Total time $29,55 + 3 = 32,55$ sec	Time deducted from the fastest time = $32,55 - 29,55 = 3$ . This is multiplied by 10 = $3 * 10 = 30$ and THIS number is deducted from 50 points = $50 - 30 = 20$	20 points
Participant C	0	32,82 sec	Time deducted from the fastest time = $32,82 - 29,55 = 3,27$ . This is multiplied by 10 = $3,27 * 10 = 32,7$ and THIS number is deducted from 50 points = $50 - 32,7 = 17,3$	17,3 points
Participant D	One fault = 3 seconds added to the total time	31,57 Total time $31,57 + 3 = 34,57$ sec	Time deducted from the fastest time = $34,57 - 29,55 = 5,02$ . The total time is more than 5 seconds slower than the fastest dog = 0 points	0 points

**Example 3 - Points for GAMES**

Placing	Snooker	Gambler	Calculation	Points
Participant A	51 points	41 points	$51 + 41 = 92$ points	92 points
Participant B	42 points	20 points	$42 + 20 = 62$ points	62 points
Participant C	30 points	10 points	$30 + 10 = 40$ points	40 points