



THE PERFORMANCE WEEKEND *for*
WAO Team Wales 2026
World Agility Open Championships

Date: 18th & 19th October, 2025

Venue: Alps Court Equestrian, CF56AA

Judged by: Ryan Hennessy

Team Wales Management: Aimee Kerton

Any queries should be directed to the team management by
email: teamwalesagility@gmail.com

THE WELSH TEAM PERFORMANCE WEEKEND is a compulsory event, open to all dog and handler partnerships who wish to be part of the 2026 Welsh Team. The selected team will compete at the World



Agility Open Championships held in the KNHS, Ermelo, Holland on the 13th – 17th May 2025.

Each height category will have a separate Pentathlon 'Win On', Biathlon 'Win On' and Games 'Win On' spot up for grabs, which will entitle the top partnership in each event to a place on the team, and a guaranteed place in the 2026 WAO events. To find out how scoring in these events work, please refer to the WAO guidelines.

Winning any of the 'Win On' spots, does not guarantee that you will be offered any other WAO events, other than the event that you have won.

All other available spaces on the team will be offered to the partnerships who showed the most potential at the Try-outs, to allow for the best possible Welsh Team to be chosen for the 2026 event. Results from 2025 CSJ, 2025 WAOs, Iconix Shows, UKA Masters, and Champ classes will also be reviewed to help decide team choices.

Eligibility criteria for Team Wales:

At the time of team selection, handlers must either be a citizen of Wales, have a Welsh birth certificate, or have parents or grandparents holding Welsh birth certificates or have permanent resident status.

There are 5 height categories for WAOs, please ensure you have had an official WAO measure and enter the correct height for your dog. If you win a spot at a lower height than your official measure, then you will have to forfeit your spot.

The Welsh Performance weekend will be held on 18th & 19th October 2025 at: **Alps Court Equestrian, Quarry Road, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA** Each day will run between 8:30am and 5pm.

Judging will be carried out by Ryan Hennessy.

Please arrive each day for an 8:30am briefing from the judge and the management team, course walking will follow this immediately.

You may choose to enter both days, or one day. Entering only one day will not hinder chances of team selection, but less results will be noted.

WAO rules apply, please ensure you familiarise yourself with these before the event to avoid any conflict.

DAY 1: Biathlon Jumping - Snooker - Biathlon Agility - Gamblers

DAY 2: Pentathlon Agility - Pentathlon Jumping - Pentathlon



Speedstakes

The partnership with the lowest overall time (with faults added as time) after the three Pentathlon rounds will be offered the 'Pentathlon Win On'. Pentathlon scoring will be used will be used in these three rounds (each fault turns into 3 seconds added on. Elimination = 100 seconds)

The partnership with the lowest faults and combined time over both Biathlon events will be offered the 'Biathlon Win On'. Biathlon scoring rules will be used in this round (faults are faults, not turned into time added)

The partnership with the highest number of points scored over the two rounds, will be offered the 'Games Win On'. If any partnerships have a joint score, the combined time of both events will be used to decide the winner.

If the winner of the 'Win On' spot declines the place on the team, the place will not be automatically transferred to the person in 2nd place.

Anyone who incurs more than 1 elimination over the 3 Pentathlon rounds, or time faults in any Biathlon or Pentathlon round, will not be eligible for the Win On spot.

The Performance Weekend is open to any grade partnership, the Welsh management are always on the lookout for future stars that could be part of Team Wales in future years, and this day is a great chance to show off your partnership, while helping to support Team Wales.

The team will consist of 4-5 dogs per height. Height classifications are shown below. You **MUST** enter the correct height for your dog to be eligible for the Win On spot.

JUMP HEIGHT NAME	DOG HEIGHT AT WITHERS	JUMP HEIGHT	A-FRAME HEIGHT	ASCENDING SPREAD LENGTH *	LONG JUMP LENGTH	TYRE HEIGHT AT CENTER
250	320mm & under (12.60")	250mm (9.84")	1.7m (5'7")	215-235mm (8.86"-9.65")	500mm (19.69") 2 boards	400mm (15.75")
300	380mm & under (14.96")	300mm (11.81")	1.7m (5'7")	260-280mm (10.24-11.02")	600mm (23.62") 2 boards	450mm (17.71")
400	440mm & under (17.32")	400mm (15.75")	1.7m (5'7")	350-370mm (14.17-14.96")	800mm (31.49") 3 boards	550mm (21.65")
500	500mm & under (19.69")	500mm (19.69")	1.7m (5'7")	440-460mm (17.33 -18.11")	1000mm (39.37") 4 boards	650mm (26.57")
600	Over 500mm (19.69")	600mm (23.62")	1.7m (5'7")	530-550mm (20.86 - 21.65")	1200mm (47.24") 5 boards	750mm (29.53")



Anyone being selected for the Welsh Team must be available to travel to Ermelo on the pre-mentioned dates. They are responsible for ensuring their dog can travel abroad, with all documentation & rabies injections. Team members are required to arrive by the evening of May 11th at the latest.

All team members **MUST** attend both Welsh Team training days (dates to be confirmed)

All team members must be able to cover their own travel costs, and camping/grooms pass costs. You may be asked to pay towards team kit and entry costs closer to the time (a maximum of £60 each)

All team members are expected to ensure that they use social media as much as possible, to promote our team sponsors regularly.

All team members are expected to read the WAO rules & regulations and make themselves aware of the rules for each class that they will run.



WELSH TEAM JUNIOR SPACES

There will be one Super Win On spot per height available for a Junior handler.

Each junior will be offered all three events: Pentathlon – Biathlon – Games.

All Juniors must be accompanied by an adult to Holland.

Any Junior trying out must attend both days of the performance weekend to get the 'win on'

All Juniors must be born on or after the 1st May, 2007.

Juniors will be selected based on results from Performance weekend, results from qualifiers or Iconix shows during 2025 and at managers discretion.

Juniors must attend all Welsh team training events (unless it clashes with OJAC or JOAWC)

Juniors must be available to arrive in Holland and compete during the pre-mentioned dates.

Junior's must supply a copy of birth certificate or passport to prove eligible date of birth.

To be eligible for the Super Win On, no more than 1 elimination and 1 round with time faults is to be incurred over all rounds



Welsh WAO Team Selection Form

By completing this form, you are confirming that you would like to try out for the 2026 Welsh team.

Please complete and return the entry to teamwalesagility@gmail.com before **4th October, 2025**

Alternatively, post the form to:

Mrs.A.Kerton

West House

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All forms returned after 4th October, will not be processed.

Entry fee:

If entering one day, £26 per dog.

If entering both days, £50 per dog

PAYMENT MUST BE SENT AT SAME TIME AS ENTRY – PLEASE PAY ON EASY AGILITY ONCE YOU HAVE ENTERED, FAILURE TO PAY WITHIN 48 HOURS WILL CAUSE YOUR ENTRY TO BE DELETED.

Entries to be done via EasyAgility

Forms to be sent on via email or post once entry paid for and accepted, must be received at the latest 4th October.



DOG / HANDLER INFORMATION

HANDLER: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

DOG NAME: _____ DOG BREED: _____

DOG D.O.B.: _____ GRADE: _____

MICROCHIP NO.: _____

JUNIOR TRYOUTS ONLY - D.O.B.: _____

- Are you a citizen of Wales, or do you hold a Welsh Birth certificate for your parents or grandparents? YES NO
- If not, do you have permanent residence in Wales? YES NO
- Are you trying out for a Junior team space YES NO
- Team members will be required to attend both of the pre-WAO training sessions. Can you commit to this? YES NO
- Are you financially able to pay for your own travel costs, team kit and entrance fees that are not covered by sponsorship (Up to £60)? YES NO
- How tall is your dog? _____
- Have they had an official WAO measurement? YES NO
If yes: what did they measure? _____

Any dog to be found to be competing at the incorrect height, will be ineligible for a win on the spot place in the team

SIGNATURE : _____ (APPLICANT)

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE : _____ (PARENT/GUARDIAN IF <18)

DATE: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH A LIST OF ANY 2025 RESULTS FROM CHAMP CLASSES, UKA MASTERS, CRUFTS/AGILITY STAKES QUALIFICATIONS AND ANY RESULTS FROM ANY ICONIX SHOWS



