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The WAO has just released a letter to all 2012 team managers to inform them that preliminary selection documents for 2013 must be submitted to the WAO by 30th June, 2012.

On 7th July, 2013 the WAO will publish a list of the countries we haven't received a selection document from. At that time we will accept applications for new team managers for those countries.

To help country managers develop their selection criteria, the WAO has announced the following information, which will be of interest to competitors as well:

- For 2013 a country's team selection process must allow for at least 1 (one) dog from each height to win its way into both the Biathlon and the Pentathlon. This must be stated in each country's selection rules. If your team only has 1 (one) win-on spot in each height, that dog is therefore entitled to run in both events. Therefore, the WAO urges countries to consider awarding at least 2 (two) win-on spots in each height, one spot for each event.
- For 2013 we plan to continue to allow each country to run 3 (three) dogs in each height for each event. If, however, we have a large number of new countries wanting to participate in the 2013 WAO, we reserve the option to change this to 2 (two) dogs. While we have several new countries expressing interest, we do not anticipate this happening; however, if a change is necessary it will be announced on 1st October, 2012.
- The 2012 WAO Gold, Silver, and Bronze medalists in each height of the Individual Agility Pentathlon, Agility Biathlon, and Agility Games events will automatically be invited to the 2013 WAO to compete as Wildcards in the event for which they won a medal in 2012 (for example, the 2012 Agility Biathlon medalists are automatically invited to compete in the 2013 Agility Biathlon).
- We will accept Wildcard applications in 2013; however, only handlers who officially applied for their country's team may apply for a Wildcard spot. Someone would be considered for a Wildcard, for example, if they applied for the team and met all the requirements but were not able to attend the team tryouts, or they had a particularly bad day at tryouts.
- There will be no changes to the jump heights or height cutoffs for 2013.
- Teams must complete their selection process and announce their squads by 1st March, 2013.
- Wildcard applications will be accepted after teams are announced, and must be submitted no later than 31st March, 2013.

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