



2019 WAO Wildcard Application

Handler: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's PET name: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle dog's height: 600 / 500 / 400 / 300. Dog's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

List all your results with this dog from 2017 & 2018 in the following events; WAO, EO, IFCS AWC, FCI AWC and FCI Championship of America. (Please ONLY include these events)

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\_\_\_\_\_

List all your NATIONAL FINAL results with this dog from 2017 & 2018: (Please ONLY list top 3s at National Finals, no other results will be considered from normal shows & trials)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly state why you are not part of your country's national team; (This will be confirmed with the country manager.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please state next to each event combination using a 1, 2 or 3 to indicate your preference if you are offered two individual events.

(1 is your favorite choice, 3 your least favorite.)

Events	Choice	Events	Choice	Events	Choice
Pentathlon & Games		Biathlon & Games		Biathlon & Pentathlon	

Video Requirements: List the website address of the 1 run for the WAO selection committee to review: Please also **copy these links into the email** text on submission of this form.

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DECLARATION. I accept and agree to be bound by World Agility Open Championships rules and regulations and the specific rules outlined to Wildcards in the Wildcard application document.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2018/19



### Submission Instructions

- **Make sure you have read 1.6 of the WAO rules (copied below).**
- **No refunds will be issued for any reason.**
- **Videos not meeting the specified requirement will be deemed an ineligible application. Please read below.**
- **The link to the video must be able to be copied & pasted into a web browser from the document you submit the application form in as well as from the email you send the application form in.**
- **The wildcard selection committee will choose the dog and handler partnerships that, in their opinion, have demonstrated an ability to be successful at WAO.**
- **If there are more than 5 applicants per height that have demonstrated this ability, the selection committee will vote on who they would like to select and rank these applicants. This will be opinion based and could be;**
  - **the most successful partnerships**
  - **a young, up and coming dog**
  - **a true wildcard dog that shows great speed but not always consistency.**
- **When applying for a wildcard position you acknowledge and accept that you are entering a selection process that is opinion based.**
- **Unless a dog has an existing WAO measurement, he will be officially measured at the 2019 event. If the dog measures too high for the height category entered, he will be excluded from competing in that height division. Entry into the higher height is not guaranteed. No refunds will be issued.**
- **Each application is €20 (euro). If you are successful and offered a wildcard position this will be transferred towards your entry fee. If you are offered all 3 (three) individual events the entry fee will be €150 (euro). If you are offered Pentathlon and Games or Pentathlon and Biathlon the entry fee will be €120 (euro). If you are offered biathlon and games the entry fee will be €70 (euro).**
- **Wildcard tops must be worn and anticipated cost per top is €45 (euro). You will need to purchase a minimum of 1 top. If you wish you may also purchase additional training time on the Wednesday of the event, camping and stabling.**

#### Video requirement.

The video submitted with this application must be of an official competition. This can be any competitive run of the handlers choosing but you are advised to pick an event/run/style of course, that helps demonstrates the partnerships ability to medal at the 2019 WAO.

Please make sure the video is edited to under 45 seconds and shows only the chosen run. Any link over 1 minute will NOT be viewed and the application will be deemed an ineligible application. Please submit the link for the run on YouTube or Vimeo

Send 1 copy of this application by email to: [info@worldagilityopen.com](mailto:info@worldagilityopen.com). Please state "Wildcard Application" in the email subject field and copy the video link into the body of the email.

If you do not receive an acknowledgement of your application within 3 business days, please email the above address to confirm that we have received it – do NOT resend the application unless we request that you do so.

On the day you of sending your application, please also send 20€ (euros) by PayPal to [info@worldagilityopen.com](mailto:info@worldagilityopen.com).

- Please pay in Euros.
- PayPal fees must be covered by the applicant. (On PayPal please fill in the “recipient gets” field).
- Please reference your name in the payment information.

Applications received without full payment will not be considered.

### **Deadlines**

All applications and fees must be received by day end on **28 February 2019 GMT**.

The WAO will announce its decision by 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### **WAO Rules**

#### **Wildcard Entries**

The WAO Organising Committee may select a maximum of 7 (seven) dogs per jump height (in addition to the returning WAO medal winners and international champions from the previous year, as described in Section 1.5) to attend the event as individual competitors in two or three of the individual events, Pentathlon, Biathlon, and Games championships events. There will be a maximum of 5 (five) wildcards in each individual event per jump height.

There are NO restrictions or competition requirements on who applies for these positions. Therefore, any handler can apply but only partnerships the Wildcard Selection Committee believes could achieve success at the event will be offered a wildcard spot.

The selection committee will rank the applicants, and this will dictate what events they compete in.

If there are 5 (five) or less successful applicants, then they will all be invited to compete in all 3 (three) individual events. If there are 6 (six) successful applicants, the top 3 (three) applicants will run in all 3 (three) individual events. The remaining 3 (three) will run in 2 (two) individual events with applicants stating their preference on the application form. If there are 7 (seven) or more applicants, 7 (seven) will be selected. From these successful applicants, the top applicant will run in all 3 (three) individual events. The remaining 6 (six) will run in 2 (two) individual events with applicants stating their preference on the application form

The applicants must state on their application form their order of preference for the two individual events

- Biathlon & Pentathlon
- Biathlon & Games
- Pentathlon & Games

Their ranking will dictate which events they are offered.

If you are a competing member of a country’s team with one dog, you cannot apply for a wildcard entry with that dog or another dog. If you apply for your country’s team and are offered a position, you cannot decline the team spot and then apply as a wildcard with any dog.

If you are offered a reserve/alternate spot on your country’s team, you may apply as a wildcard entry. If, however, you are selected as a wildcard and accept the reserve spot, you are obligated to take the team spot if you are called in as a replacement. In that case, you cannot compete as a wildcard and any fees you have paid are forfeited. This does not apply if you do not accept the reserve spot on your team.

Handlers must complete the wildcard entry form and submit it to the WAO Organising Committee by the Wildcard entry deadline (see the website) in order to be considered for a wildcard spot.

Once a wildcard entry is accepted by the WAO Organising Committee, the handler has the right to join the country manager's Facebook page and attend the manager's meeting on Wednesday.

Wildcard competitors will run under the WAO flag and must wear a WAO uniform that they have purchased in ceremonies, course walking, competing and prize giving's.