

Rules of selection of competitors of the Czech Republic for World Agility Open 2020 (WAO)

Date of the competition: 14th – 17th of May 2020 Ermelo, Netherlands

Implementation team:

Team manager: Karina Divišová
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If the need arises, additional members of implementation team for individual races will be announced after selection of competitors.

Only a member of Klub agility České republiky with Czech citizenship or with permanent resident status in Czech Republic may be nominated. Both the handler and the dog may represent only one country. Both the nominated dog and the handler must meet the conditions of WAO for attending the WAO. The rules of WAO are published on the <https://www.worldagilityopen.com/> website. By submitting the application for WAO qualifiers, the handler agrees and declares that he is familiar with the rules WAO and that he will abide according to the WAO rules and the conditions listed in it including the declaration of responsibility listed in the appendix of WAO rules. Situations not listed in the rules of WAO will be solved according to FCI agility rulebook/national rules of Klub agility České republiky, competing rules of Klub agility České republiky or other club regulations. In this case the qualifiers for WAO are considered a game according to čl. 4.1.3 of Competing Rules with rules declared by WAO.

The handler will submit his working book upon registration. The results of individual runs of QZ will not be noted into the performance card.

Any dog, whether FCI pedigreed or mixed, that is healthy and sound, and over 18 months of age as of the day of the qualifiers is eligible to participate in the qualifiers and the WAO competition. The competing team must accomplish an A2 trial on with excellent result or an A3 trial at latest on the day of the qualifiers.

The qualifiers will take place on 14th. - 15th of March 2020. In case of a larger number of competitors, the qualifiers may take place on 13th - 15th of March 2020. In that case it will be announced at latest on 24th of February 2020 by announcement on Klub agility website.

Registration form for representation

Registration for representation for individual competitions must be submitted electronically through web form, which will be published by KAČR committee on its website. Payment for qualifiers must be received on Klub agility account at latest on the day of entry form closure. Without meeting both of these criterions, the team can neither compete in the qualifiers nor be nominated.

Closure of entry forms has been set on 21st of February 2020.
The qualifiers will take place on 14th - 15th of March 2020.

WARNING!

In the case of higher number of competitors, the qualifiers may take place in the term 13th - 15th of March 2020. In this case, it will be announced at latest on 24th of February 2020 through Klub agility website.

The organiser of these qualifiers is Klub agility ČR. The instruction will be published on the website of Klub agility ČR and in the database kacr.info.

Through the duration of the qualifiers, each team will take part in 3 Agility runs and 3 Jumping runs. Division of the runs into individual day will be published after closure of the entrance exams. Runs are optional, and the team isn't obliged to entry all. In the case that a run couldn't be realised due to an act of a higher power, the number of runs may change.

Height categories:

Name of the HEIGHT category	Height of the dog at withers	Height of the jump	Height of A-frame	Width of double jump	Length of long jump	Height at the centre of the tire
300	320 mm & less	300 mm	1.7 m	260-280 mm	600 mm 2 elements	450 mm
400	410 mm & less	400 mm	1.7 m	350-370 mm	800 mm 3 elements	550 mm
500	500 mm & less	500 mm	1.7 m	440-460 mm	1000 mm 4 elements	650 mm
600	More than 500 mm	600 mm	1.7 m	530-550 mm	1200 mm 5 elements	750 mm

Rules of point awarding for WAO 2020:

The standard time is set by the judge for all categories, but it cannot be lower, than the figures listed below:

Category	jumping	agility
300	4,2 m/s	4 m/s
400	4,2 m/s	4 m/s
500	4,4 m/s	4,2 m/s
600	4,4 m/s	4,2 m/s

The results of individual runs will be evaluated according to the rules of Biathlon.

A team may run in all runs in the qualifiers, but it isn't compulsory. Teams will gain points according to the table listed below:

Place	Number of points
1st place	15
2nd place	12
3rd place	10
4th place	8
5th place	6
6th place	4
7th place	2

Points can only be gained by teams with at most 5 faults in the run (both faults and refusals)

Teams, which have time faults (going over the standard time) will not gain points.

Regulations for nomination for WAO 2020:

In each height category, four teams, who will have, after the end of the qualifiers, gained the most points and who will be meeting the conditions set by this conception, will be nominated for WAO. They will be nominated according to the key below, where “yes” stands for qualifying for the individual competitions. After discussing it with the manager of representation and the nominated teams, the nomination into individual competitions or teams may be changed, but only in a way that all the teams are running in a maximum of three competitions and at the same time a maximum of three teams are allowed to run in every individual run. Junior team is allowed to compete in all three individual competitions.

Placing in qualifiers	Pentathlon	Biathlon	Games	Teams
1.	yes	yes	yes	yes (minimum 1 run)
2.	yes	yes		
3.	yes		yes	
4.		yes	yes	

Due to the fact that on the WAO is at the same time a competition for the title of WAO Junior World Champion, which's winner will be selected by the sum of all results in all competitions of individuals, a following rule will be applied during nomination: In the case that a handler, meeting the condition of age for the junior category, as listed below, will place in the first five teams, he will be moved to the 5th place automatically and he will start in all three runs of individuals. The other teams will be sorted in the table according to the gained points.

In the case that a more than one team meeting the condition for junior category, as listed below, will place amongst the first four teams, the decision about nomination into individual runs is up to the manager of the representation.

A junior is a handler born after 16th of May 2001.

A one team from each height category will be nominated for the team competition (Teams). As there are more runs in Teams in each category, the team placed first is guaranteed to enter at minimum one run in the Teams competition, the other nominations to the Team runs depend on the team manager's decision, considering the program of the WAO.

In the case, that any of the nominated teams will give up his place before the sending of the registration forms for WAO, everyone will be moved automatically one place up in the results (with the exception of the junior team). In the case that there will be any change in the teams attending WAO (e.g. due to a dog injury) the decision about nomination of the remaining teams into individual runs is up to the manager of the representation.

Wild cards

The granting of wild cards is regulated by WAO regulations.

Tereza Pospěchová Králová with Say (Explosive Essay) has earned, according to the WAO rules, a wild card for winning EO 2019.

Additional wild cards may be awarded to individual teams upon submitting a form to the WAO. Forms for the granting of a wild card are not arranged by the implementation team and it is up to the individual teams only.

Assortment into a height category:

All dogs will be assorted into a height category according to the shoulder height of the dog, as noted in their respective performance cards. In the case that the dog won't have a height noted in his performance card, he will be remeasured by the three judges attending the qualifiers and he will be assorted into the correct WAO category. The result of the measuring will be noted down in his performance card.

In the case that a dog will have a height noted in his performance card, with which the handler will not agree, the dog may be remeasured by the three judges attending the qualifiers upon a request of the handler, and the dog will be assorted into the correct WAO category. The result of the measuring will be noted down in the dog's performance card. In this case it is a remeasurement according to čl. 5. 4. of the Competing Regulations.

All the dogs, who are to be nominated for the WAO according to their qualifiers results will be remeasured by the three judges attending the qualifiers. The result of the measuring will be noted down in the dog's performance card. In this case, it is also remeasurement according to čl. 5. 4. of the Competing Regulations, with all the consequences. If this result of measuring shows that the dog has not ran in the correct category in the WAO qualifiers, the team's results will be annulated, and the team cannot be nominated to WAO. The next team in the results will be nominated in his place. If a dog, who is to be nominated to WAO according to his results, will not submit to remeasurement, the results of the team will be annulated, and the team cannot be nominated to WAO. The next team in the results will be nominated in his place.

There is no fee for the remeasurement.

Financial requirements:

With submitting the registration form, the handler is bound to pay starting fee for WAO, in the case of his nomination, which is 135 Euro. He is also obliged to pay for all his travelling and other expenses and to paying expenses for the representation outfit (approx. 500 Kč/ks). The handler acknowledges that Klub agility doesn't financially subsidize participation in this event, but if a sponsor will be arranged or the financial outcome of the qualifiers will be positive, these financial means will be used for the WAO representation. Two members of the implementation team will attend the competition, to whom the travelling and housing requirements will be reimbursed by Klub agility.

Generally:

The draft of the nomination for WAO 2020 will be submitted to Klub agility České republiky committee for approval. In the case, that the rules of this conception will be met, the committee will approve this nomination.

The selected representatives are obliged to act according to the codex of a representative, the rules of WAO and all effective norms connected to agility and protection of animals. Their violation may lead to expulsion from the selection of representatives.