



W.A.O 2021

Team England Selection

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 WAO event due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the following decisions have been made by Team Management in relation to Team Selection for the 2021 event, according to WAO guidelines.

- The October 2020 team will be given first refusal on the equivalent runs at WAO 2021.
- The October 2020 Junior Team will be given first refusal on a place at WAO 2021.
- A 4th place in each height will be available for the winner of each height at the Masters Series Final, to be held at the UKA Grand Finals 2020. The winner will get a place in all three individual events at WAO 2021, i.e. Biathlon, Pentathlon and Games.
- Should a current team member gain that win on spot, they will take their place in all three events and the second placed competitor in that height at the Masters Series Final will take the runs that the first placed handler has vacated. EG a competitor was on the October 2020 team with runs in Biathlon and Games. They win the Masters Series Final and take their place in all three events at WAO 2021. The second placed competitor in their height can now take their Biathlon and Games runs at WAO 2020.
- If the Masters Final does not run in October due to Covid then it will be run when permitted by Government directives. If it is not possible to run it by the end of January, then the team will revert to three dogs in each height, as per WAO rules.
- If the winner of the Masters final is unable to attend or ineligible for WAO 2021 then the win on spot will move to 2nd place. If 2nd place is unable to attend or ineligible for WAO 2021, then the win on spot will move to 3rd place. If 3rd place is unable to attend or ineligible for WAO 2021, then the win on spot will not move down and the team will revert to three dogs in each height as per WAO rules.
- If any team members from the October 2020 team are unable to attend the 2021 WAO then in the first instance the reserve will be brought into the team. Classes may be redistributed to get the best possible team performance at WAO 2021.
- If any additional dogs are required due to dogs and handlers being unable to attend these will be selected by the opinion of the management team.