

Portuguese Team World Open of Agility 2021

Selection Regulation

1. GENERAL

The world Agility Open Championship (WAO) is an independent agility dog world championship.

The main objective is to proportionate an opportunity to all dogs (whether pedigreed or not) and handlers, to compete in an environment exclusively focused on this sport.

The WAO organization strives to provide reasonable jump height divisions, an excellent competition surface and environment, and several varieties of contests with maximum runs to adequately test teams for all the skill sets necessary to be the best in dog agility.

Contests will take place accordingly the WAO Rules and Regulation document attached to this Selection Regulation and comprises:

- WAO Individual Agility Pentathlon World Champion
- WAO Agility Biathlon World Champion
- WAO Agility Games World Champion
- WAO Team Agility Pentathlon World Champion

2. ELEGIBILITY

a. DOGS

- Any dog, whether pedigreed or mixed, that is healthy and sound, trained, and over 18 months of age is eligible to participate in the selection to the WAO competition;
- Bitches in season may compete at the selection, but they will run last in each class after all other dogs in all height divisions have run.
- Note that all dogs will be submitted to measurement in order to be put in the right jump height.

b. HANDLERS

- The selection to the WAO is open to any person, without discrimination, whom acknowledges and agrees to abide by all regulations set forth by the WAO.
- Handlers must be Portuguese citizens, or have a birth certificate from Portugal, or have permanent Portuguese resident status (**more than three years**).
- All candidates to the WAO are volunteers and must declare their interest by e-mail to the Portuguese representative, in close coordination with his or her team leader and the Portuguese Kennel Club in the best interest of the Portuguese Sport of Agility.
- All candidates must declare their agreement and compromise to support their participation costs, both in the selection event and in the WAO.
- Note that a permanent resident who competes as a representative for Portugal will be ineligible to compete for his or her country of citizenship

for a period of 3 (three) years following the WAO competition in which he or her participated.

3. TEAM SELECTION

- a. Due to the cancelation of WAO 2020 for COVID reasons dogs that were due to run for Portugal in each Jump High / Competition will be offered the same place to run for Portugal for 2021;
- b. For any dogs or handlers unable to attend in 2021, that position will be filled by the selection system described below;
- c. In this situation Portugal can be represented by a 4th pair (dog and handler) for 2021 in each jump high;
- d. The country manager can select one pair (dog and handler) per jump height based on his own opinion and individual recognized sportive value;
- e. The country manager will select the pairs (dog and handler stated in 3.a.) to the WAO Team Agility Pentathlon World Champion based on his own opinion;
- f. **Should there be more than 15 candidates to represent the Portuguese Team a Selective Competition will be held during two weekends not conflicting with other competitions five months prior to the WAO If necessary;**
- g. This Selective Competition will include the following events:
 - Two Individual Agility Pentathlon Championship
 - Two Agility Biathlon Championship
 - Two Games Championship
- h. The two first qualified in final results in each event and jump height will be selected to the Portuguese team to the WAO;
- i. Two reserves will be selected to each event and jump height to meet any case of *Force Majeure*;
- j. **Should there be a number of candidates lower than 15, the selection is based on the qualification of the CPC National Championship at January 31;**
- k. Shouldn't there be enough candidates to represent Portugal in the WAO the country manager will invite directly the pairs regarded as deserving of representing Portugal in the competition.

4. RESPONSABILITIES

- a. The country manager will be responsible for the liaison to the WAO entities;
- b. The country manager will be responsible to gather all documentation required by the WAO entities;
- c. Selected handlers will compromise to support all the costs of their one participation in the WAO Including: their own fees (**even if he or her quit and no reserve handler will be interested in the participation**), **Official Equipment, travelling, food and lodging**;
- d. The country manager will be responsible for the payment of fees as soon as he gathers the money from the participants.

5. FINAL NOTES

- a. National representative will seek the good cooperation and coordination with all Agility entities from Portugal in the best interest of the sport.
- b. If any selected handler perpetrates any ethics, deontology or moral violation, or attempt to the wellbeing of any dog, national representative will take proportional measures.
- c. Proportional measures cover the verbal admonition and Expulsion.