



2021 World Agility Open Championships Team USA



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

- The 2020 team will be given right of first refusal on the equivalent runs at WAO 2021, including Juniors.
- A fourth place in each height will be available for the winner of the heights noted below in the Biathlon at the US Open 2020. The winner will get a place in all three individual events at WAO 2021, i.e. Biathlon, Pentathlon and Games.
 - Heights eligible are 12", 16", 20" and 24"
 - UKI jump height cutoffs have a greater range than WAO so dogs must be entered in the US Open based upon the equivalent WAO height cutoffs shown here:

WAO Jump Height in mm	WAO Jump Height in inches	WAO Dog's Height at Withers	UKI Jump height at US Open
300	11.81	12.60" & under	12"
400	15.75	16.14" & under	16"
525	20.66	19.69" & under	20"
600	23.62	Any	24"

- 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 Biathlon from the US Open will take the runs that the first placed handler has vacated. i.e., a competitor was on the 2020 team with runs in Biathlon and Games. They win the Biathlon at the US Open 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 2021.
- If the US Open does not occur, then the team will revert to three dogs in each height, as per WAO rules and we will retain our 2020 Team.
- If the winner of the Biathlon at the US Open is unable to attend or ineligible for WAO 2021 then the win on spot will move to second place. If second place is unable to attend or ineligible for WAO 2021, then the win on spot will move to third place. If third 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 that height as per WAO rules.
- We will also name one additional alternate from the Biathlon at the US Open 2020. If

the first placed dog accepts the win on spot, the alternate will go to second place. If the second placed dog declines or is ineligible, the alternate will go to third place. If the third placed dog declines or is ineligible, no alternate spot will be named.

- If any team members from the 2020 team are unable to attend the 2021 WAO an alternate will be used to fill their spot. This alternate can be from the alternates chosen for 2020 or 2021. Classes may be redistributed to get the best possible team performance at WAO 2021.
- If any additional dogs are required due to dogs and/or handlers being unable to attend these will be selected by the opinion of the management team.
- No additional Junior spots are available for 2021.
- Team USA will be retaining the same sponsors for the 2021 team with no additional sponsors being accepted.
- Funds that have already been raised for the 2020 team will remain with original 2020 team members who attend the 2021 WAO. Funds that are raised for the 2021 team will be divided among all 2021 team members. 2021 Fundraising will be limited to the practice ring at the 2020 US Open. Therefore, it is possible that new 2021 members will receive no additional funds and potentially could owe money back to Team USA to cover their entry fees and uniforms.
- Any “new” team members or alternates are accountable to follow and accept all of the points/details listed in the 2020 application which can be found here:
www.kineticdog.com/usa2020.pdf
- For questions or additional information, please contact Team Manager Mike Murphy at waoteamusa2020@gmail.com