

## Belgium WAO Selections 2021 – WAO 2022

- The selections will be organized on 13 and 14 November 2021 at Barelhof – Schipgrachtstraat 4 - Destelbergen. On Saturday, there will be a jumping, an agility and a snooker. On Sunday there will be a jumping, an agility course and a gambling. All parts count for the selection.
- Dogs will be scored by ranking:

<u>600 dogs</u>			<u>500, 400, 300 &amp; 250 dogs</u>	
Ranking	Score		Ranking	Score
1	15		1	10
2	12		2	7
3	10		3	5
4	9		4	3
5	8		5	1
6	7			
7	6			
8	5			
9	4			
10	3			
11	2			
12	1			

The overall 3 best will automatically be placed for the competition (described as below). The 4th dog will be chosen by the country manager and coach.

1st in ranking in the overall selection: pentathlon, biathlon and games

2nd in ranking in the overall selection: pentathlon and biathlon

3rd in ranking in the overall selection: pentathlon & games

4th (chosen by manager and coach): biathlon & games

Places left will be appointed by the country manager and coach.

Points will be given for the runs with up to 10 fault points.

- However, in case a selected candidate doesn't want to attend the WAO after all, the manager and coach will indicate another participant themselves.
- The combination (handler/dog) who participates at the selections will be the combination that can/will get selected for the WAO. Handlers can't be switched... No exceptions will be allowed.
- The entry fees of the selections will go to the WAO team (after having deducted the costs for the location, judges etc). Wendy Willemse will judge the selections. In case there are too many participants, a second judge will be contacted.
- The selection will be scored as per WAO rules. At the jumping and agility: clear round wins with time as tiebreaker. At the games: the highest number of points wins with time as tiebreaker.

- Concerning the Belgian team, the manager and coach will appoint the players for the first 4 courses. In case the Belgian team makes it to the finals, the manager and coach will decide (in consultation) at the event which dogs will be chosen to run these finals.
- The cost for participating at the WAO will be calculated as follows: we take the total entry fee and divide that by the number of runs that can be run by the whole Belgian team. The cost will be calculated proportionally and the participants will be informed beforehand.
- There will be organized at least 1 benefit for the benefit of the WAO participants. The profit will be divided per participating dog and is seen as a compensation of the entry and travelling costs. In order to be entitled to part of the profit of the benefit, one must have participated at the benefit.
- A facebook page will be created to communicate ALL info to the participants.
- The team will be consulted whether or not they prefer an additional training on site. If so, the costs will be divided between those who participate at the training. The team will also be consulted about the clothing they will wear during the event.
- While entering the selections, all participants considered for the selections, will pay 5 € extra (as it has been the case in the past). That money is also for the benefit of the Belgian team.
- Once the team has been selected, the manager and coach will organize a meeting, so everyone knows exactly who will represent the Belgian team, and so they can ask any question they like, so they will be more prepared to go to the WAO.
- The selected team will be consulted to know if they prefer an extra training (here in Belgium) in order to clarify once more the rules of the games.
- Every participant accepts that lack of payment or requested info in due time will result in exclusion from participating at the WAO.
- Junior eligibility is born on or after 21st May 2003. Handlers must produce a passport or Official Government Photo documentation that states their date of birth at Check in. Failure to produce this may exclude them from the event. The junior handler must be the sole handler of the dog at this event. As all handlers (including the junior handlers) will run the same courses at the WAO, the same goes for the selections
- If COVID forces the cancellation of any selection event and it cannot be rescheduled then the team will be selected at managers discretion and approved by WAO.

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