



## Team Ireland Selection Information

**Try-out date:** 29.08.2021 under IADSA licence and rules (subject to licence approval). All entrants must be IADSA members.

**Judge:** Curt Mullan

**Venue:** TBC

**Cost:** €20 per dog entering payable by Revolut, PayPal or other prearranged agreement to Jill Aston 0872841304

**Show secretary:** Jill Aston, Farside. 34, Wolverton Glen, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

**Closing date:** 16.07.2021 (postmark or email and Revolut payment receipt).

**Strictly no late entries will be accepted.**

### Schedule for try-out day

10.00 Check-in, Covid safety measures & dog measuring if needed

11.00 Judges Briefing

11.05 Course maps received

11.10 Course walking Pentathlon Agility 11.10 (8 minutes)

11.30 Competition Begins

Class order

1. Agility 250, 300, 400, 500, 600
2. Jumping 250, 300, 400, 500, 600

Running order will be drawn at random on the day. See entry form for dog heights for each category.

**Please note:** If public health measures prevent the event from running, then the Management Team reserves the right to select the team. In addition, the try-out schedule may change if a large entry is received to maintain COVID-19 safety measures.

### About the World Agility Open 2022

The WAO Championships will take place 19th – 22nd May 2022 at The KNHS National Equestrian Centre in Ermelo, Netherlands. The Opening Ceremony is planned for Thursday 19th May. For information about the event, please visit the WAO web page – [www.worldagilityopen.com](http://www.worldagilityopen.com).

Team Ireland aims to send a competitive squad showcasing the best of Irish agility and allow the selected team to develop and advance their agility performance.

Please read ALL the information below carefully.

### Eligibility to enter the try-out:

**Dog:** To enter a dog must be eligible to compete at IKC/KC or IADSA Grades 3-7 on the try-out entry closing date (16th July 2021).

**Please note:** Grade 5 is typically deemed the minimum level for trying out for the Irish WAO team. However, given the current extenuating circumstances, handlers may enter dogs who are Grade 3 or Grade 4 on the try-out closing date (16th July 2021). Grade 3 and 4 dogs who qualify for a place will be expected to reach Grade 5 before travelling to the Netherlands. Should public health measures prevent adequate competing opportunities, these handler-dog teams must demonstrate Grade 5 level performance or above through skills tests at team training.

Dogs must be eligible to travel to the Netherlands. Each team member will be responsible for both their own and their dogs' travel and vaccination documentation.

**Handler:** Must be an Irish citizen or have an Irish birth certificate, or have parents or grandparents born in the Republic of Ireland or have permanent resident status at the time of the try-outs (29th August 2021).

Valid passport/documentation will be required for each travelling handler-dog team and must be shown by the March team training session.

Try-out eligibility queries may be sent to: [TeamIrelandagility@gmail.com](mailto:TeamIrelandagility@gmail.com)

### Try out Information

Up to 3 dogs per height (250, 300, 400, 500, 600) may be selected to represent Ireland and one additional junior handler per height.

There will be one 'win on' spot in each height category. All other places, including juniors, will be selected by the management based on performance at the try-out day, the information provided to the management team (on the day and via the entry form), related to recent performance and prior international experience.

The win-on places will be determined by a pentathlon style event. There will be two rounds, agility and jumping. Scoring is cumulative, with faults added to time. Eliminations carry 100 points. The lowest score wins at each height.

Any partnerships interested in being selected for the team **must** attend the team try-outs. The only exception will be where there are extreme extenuating circumstances, and an application with supporting evidence has been made and approved by the management team **before** try-outs.

### Junior team members

Junior handlers must be born **on or after 21st May 2003**. At the WAO, juniors will compete against adults on the same courses. Our try-out competition will be run in the same way.

A parent or legal guardian **must** accompany each junior at all times (i.e. during try-outs, team training, travelling to and from the Netherlands, and during the WAO competition) at full expense to the parent/guardian.

### Additional Information

The team and reserves will be announced no later than 1st October 2021

All team members accepting a team place understand and agree to the following Team Ireland participation requirements:

- All team members will participate in any team activities with integrity, honesty and good sportsmanship.
- All team members must participate in at least two of the four training sessions to be held in 2022 (dates will be provided with team position acceptance)
- Attending the winter team planning session is mandatory (this may be held via Zoom if necessary).
- All team members will put their dog's needs ahead of their personal aspirations.
- All team members will support, encourage and respect fellow team members and management before and during the WAO competition.
- Team members must be in the Netherlands on the morning of 18th May 2022 for team training. They must remain there for the duration of the competition.
- Team members agree to self-fund their trip to the Netherlands covering all costs associated with competing abroad. Costs may include but are not limited to: entry fees, training fees, uniforms, accommodation, transport costs, travel insurance, vet checks, vaccinations. PCR tests etc. We will endeavour to fundraise to subsidise some of the costs. However, there may still be substantial expenses incurred by each team member.
- All team members will support and organise fundraising and sponsorship activities for Team Ireland. Fundraising efforts will be pooled for the benefit of the team as a whole.
- All handlers must wear the entire Republic of Ireland uniform, as selected by management, at official team training, opening ceremony and at all times during the competition.
- All handlers wishing to accept an offer of a team place will be asked to sign a commitment agreeing to the participation requirements and returning by 1st October 2021 with a €100 non-refundable deposit.

Queries related to projected costs to handlers in travelling to the Netherlands may be emailed to: [TeamIrelandagility@gmail.com](mailto:TeamIrelandagility@gmail.com)



### ROI WAO TEAM 2021 ENTRY FORM

Handlers full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dogs Name, age and microchip number: \_\_\_\_\_

IADSA membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's current grade (specify organisation if competing in one than one organisation e.g. KC, IKC, IADSA):

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Anticipated height you think your dog will compete at: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note measuring will take place at the try-out for all new dogs competing at 500 height or lower.*

JUMP HEIGHT NAME	DOG HEIGHT AT WITHERS	JUMP HEIGHT
250	320mm & under (12.60")	250mm (9.84")
300	380mm & under (14.96")	300mm (11.81")
400	440mm & under (17.32")	400mm (15.75")
500	500mm & under (19.69")	500mm (19.69")
600	Over 500mm (19.69")	600mm (23.62")

Any additional information you feel we should know about you or your dog?

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Detail your dog's recent agility performance that highlights your skill level as a team:

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**Junior Handlers:**

Is your birthday on or after 21st May 2003                      YES \_\_ NO \_\_

I, the parent/guardian of try-out junior entrant \_\_\_\_\_ agree to accompany the \_\_\_\_\_ at all times during tryouts, and if selected during training, while traveling to and from the Netherlands and during the WAO competition, at full expense to myself.

YES \_\_ NO \_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**All handlers including Juniors**

By signing this entry form, I agree to abide by all terms set down in the selection document

Signed ..... Date .....

Print name:.....

Please return by post with cheque payable to: Jill Aston. Farside. 34, Wolverton Glen, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Or email your completed and signed form to [Teamlrelandagility@gmail.com](mailto:Teamlrelandagility@gmail.com) and Revolut payment, payable by Revolut, PayPal or other prearranged agreement to Jill Aston 0872841304.

***Only fully completed and paid entries received by the closing date will be accepted.***