

Belgium WAO Try-outs 2022 – WAO 2023

The try-outs will be organized by DogSport Agility Belgium (DSAB).

- In order to participate at the try-outs, a combination (handler/dog) must have attended at least 2 events (organized by DSAB) throughout the precious 12 months before the try-outs. As it is short-notice, the try-outs of 2022 for the WAO for 2023 are an exception to this rule. This clause is valid as of the try-outs 2023 for the WAO in 2024.
- The first try-outs are on 2 and 3 July 2022 at Just4Fun – Populierenstraat 5 – 9280 Wieze. This concerns the selection of the teams. On Saturday as well as on Sunday, each combination runs a jumping and an agility course. Dogs will be scored on each course by ranking, according to the scoring table below. There will be no standard course time (time + faults + refusals = final result). The winner (of each night) after these 4 courses will be appointed to represent Belgium in the teams. In case of an ex-aequo, the total results of all 4 courses will be added. Less points wins. If there still is an ex-aequo than, there will be a run-off.
- The second try-outs will be on 15 and 16 October 2022 at Barelhof – Schipgrachtstraat 4 – 9070 Destelbergen. This concerns the selection for the individual courses. 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, according to the scoring table below. In case of an ex-aequo, the results of all 6 courses will be compared and the country manager will make a decision. He can also decide to have a run-off.

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 in ranking in the overall selection: biathlon & games

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

- Jumping and agility: Scoring will be given for the runs with up to 10 penalty points.
Games: A minimum of 20 points must be gained in order to get a scoring.
- Scoring table:

Ranking	Score
1	15
2	12
3	10
4	9
5	8
6	7
7	6
8	5
9	4
10	3
11	2
12	1

- 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). However, one must participate at the 2 selections weekends (all courses) in order to be entitled to part of this budget.
- 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.
- 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.
- A facebook page will be created to communicate ALL info to the participants.
- The Belgian 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.
- 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 20th May 2004. 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

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