



Tryout and Selection Information

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND WAO 2023 TEAM

Date:	20 th August 2022
Location:	Fingal Dog Club, Streamstown, Malahide, Co. Dublin
Cost:	€ 20 per team
Closing date:	22 nd July 2022 (received)
Judge:	Judith Owens Poole judging courses from WAO 2023 Judges

The World Agility Open (WAO) is an exciting and extremely well run event and we are looking forward to taking a team to Ermelo in The Netherlands in 2023. The competition runs from 17th - 21st May 2023. Full details about the WAO competition and rules can be found at www.worldagilityopen.com and you should familiarise yourself with them before the Tryouts. The team for WAO 2023 will be managed by Frieda Baragwanath.

In order to facilitate the smooth running of the Tryouts, we would really appreciate if you could let Frieda know as soon as possible if you are intending to try out. Please dm **Support the Republic of Ireland WAO Team** or email roiwaoteam@gmail.com.

The Tryout competition will consist of an optional Warm Up Jumping round, which will not be scored, and then for competition, a Jumping Round followed by an Agility Round. The courses will be from two of the three WAO 2023 judges.

Tryout Schedule

10:30 Check in and guideline measuring if required. All three course maps given at check in.

11:00 Judges briefing

11:10 Course walking Optional Warm Up Jumping (8 minutes)

11:30 Optional Warm Up Jumping round (not scored) 400, 500, 600, 250, 300

Biathlon Jumping 500, 600, 250, 300, 400

Biathlon Agility 600, 250, 300, 400, 500

Please email entry form to roiwaoteam@gmail.com and Paypal fee to the same address. Email any enquiries to roiwaoteam@gmail.com or direct message the Facebook page **Support the Republic of Ireland WAO Team**.

Please like and follow the Facebook page **Support the Republic of Ireland WAO Team** for updates

Eligibility for WAO Team Ireland

At the time of team selection handlers must be an Irish citizen, or have an Irish birth certificate, have parents or grandparents born in Ireland or have permanent resident status in Ireland.

Criteria for entering Tryouts

Dogs must be competing at G5-G7 in I.K.C., I.A.D.S.A. or K.C. on 20th August 2022. You may submit an entry to the Tryout competition if you are not yet competing at G5-G7 but hope to be by 20th August.

In the case where a team is not competing at G5-G7 but believe that, following outstanding performance at international events such as CSJ Agility Open, IFCS, EO or KCI AF, they expect to be able to perform to the required standard at WAO, they may submit a Tryout application form detailing their achievements and explaining why they should be included in Tryouts. This exception is limited to teams competing in G4 in I.K.C., I.A.D.S.A. or K.C.

Selection Information

A maximum of three dogs per height handled by adults (250, 300, 400, 500 and 600) will be on the team. In addition the team may include one junior handler and dog per each height, allowing possibly four dogs per height to be sent to the competition. Junior handlers are those handlers with a date of birth later than 20th May 2004.

A partnership can achieve a team place in one of two ways:

1. WIN ON

There will be one WIN ON spot in each height category, to be determined by a Biathlon style event. This will consist of two rounds, one jumping and one agility and the combined result of the two classes will determine the WIN ON spots. The scoring is cumulative. Least faults wins with time as tie breaker only. In the event of a tie the score for the agility takes precedence. If there is still a tie, the dogs will compete in a run-off on the Agility course. An elimination is 50 faults plus you will be given a time of 50 seconds regardless of standard course time. The maximum course faults a dog can accumulate is 50, whether by elimination or other combined course faults. Partnerships with 2 eliminations will not be eligible for the Win on spot. Please consult the *Rules and Regulations* section of the WAO website for more information

on Biathlon scoring. The winner of the WIN ON spot will be entitled to run in both Pentathlon and Biathlon at WAO.

2. SELECTION ON MERIT

Teams who have not won on will be assessed on their performance at the Tryouts. The selectors will be looking for people who show that they have the ability to handle tough international style courses and dogs who are trained to this high standard. Team selection will be carried out by **Anne Collen** and **Diana Collie**. It is hoped that the team selected will be announced in early October.

The following skills will be taken into account when we review your performance at the Tryouts:

Your **start line** – were you able to lead out with confidence, having placed your dog a reasonable distance from the first jump, and your dog staying where it was left?

Were you able to handle **weaves** from either side and handle weave entries and exits efficiently?

Did your dog demonstrate that it is well capable of jumping the maximum length **Spread** and **Long Jump**?

Were your dog's **contact** performances fast *and* consistent?

Were you able to go clear within the Course time?

Are you confident handling **Obstacle Discriminations**?

As well as your performance at the Tryouts, we will also take into account your performance at this year's WAO (if you were on the team) or ANY performances at a high level, in particular on International/European style courses.

Please state on the Entry form anything you would like us to take into account.

All rounds will be videoed to assist the selection process.

Any partnerships interested in being selected for the team are strongly encouraged to attend the team tryouts. In exceptional circumstances where a handler and dog are unable to attend the Tryout Competition, the selectors reserve the right to offer a place to the handler and dog at a later stage. These circumstances include, but are not limited to, dog or handler injury or where the partnership is on international duty, e.g. travelling from KCI AF. to IFCS. Any handlers in these circumstances must submit an entry to the Tryout Competition stating why they should be considered for selection. Handlers who have not attended the Tryouts will be required to attend a Skills Test Session at a later date before they will be considered for the team.

As Bitches in season are eligible to compete at WAO they may compete at Tryouts. They will run in their assigned position in the running order, but with a notation in the running order (such as BIS) so that both other competitors and ring crew are aware. A protective mat will be used at the start line.

At WAO juniors compete against adults on the same courses and our tryout competition will be run in the same way.

Additional Information

All juniors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times during Tryouts and, if selected, while travelling to and from the Netherlands and during the WAO competition, at full expense to the parent/guardian.

All handlers will be required to sign an Insurance Release Form at Check in at the Tryouts.

Tryout measurement is for guidance only and all selected dogs must be measured officially at the World Agility Open. Management take no responsibility for dogs' official measurement.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have valid passports for you and your dog(s) to travel to the Netherlands, taking into consideration that you may travel through the UK.

All handlers selected must be in the Netherlands on the morning of 15th May 2023 for team training and remain there for the duration of the competition.

All handlers agree to abide by a code of sportsmanship and agree to refrain from any harsh handling of their dog.

This is a self-funded trip and handlers need to cover all costs associated with competing abroad including entry fees, training hire, uniforms, accommodation, ferries, vet checks and so on. We will endeavour to fundraise and it will be a requirement for all handlers to contribute to and organise fundraising activities but there may still be substantial costs involved. You will be required to attend a fundraising/team meeting in November 2022.

Handlers who are offered a place on the team will be asked for a € 100 non-refundable deposit, to be paid by 30th September 2022. This money will go towards sending the team to WAO.

All handlers must wear full Republic of Ireland uniform, as selected by management, at Official Team Training, Opening Ceremony and at all times during the competition.

There will be at least three training days during 2023 and partnerships are required to attend at least two of these.

All decisions by management are final.

ROI WAO TEAM 2023 ENTRY FORM

Please submit one entry form per partnership

Handler name:

Address:

Email address:

Phone number:

Dog's Name:

Dog's IKC/IADSA height:

Dog's IKC Grade: Dog's IADSA Grade:

Dog's KC Grade:

WAO height (please estimate if you have not had an official WAO measurement):

250 300 400 500 600

Please include any additional information you feel would be useful for the selectors to know about you and your dog, including previous international experience

Is your date of birth on or after 20th May 2004? Yes No

By signing this entry form you agree to abide by all terms set down in the selection document and agree that all management decisions are final.

Signed Date:

(Signature of parent or legal guardian in the case of those under 18)