



## World Agility Open 2023 Selection

### Information about the World Agility Open:

The World Agility Open 2023 will take place in ERMELO (NETHERLANDS), at the KNHS National Equestrian Center from 16 to 21 May 2023.

Official training will take place on 16 and 17 May 2023 and the opening ceremony will take place on 17 May 2023.

The WAO is an international event created and organized by agility competitors.

It offers several tests:

- BIATHLON (jumping + agility)
- PENTATHLON (2 jumpings + 2 agility + final speed event)
- PENTATHLON IN TEAM (2 jumpings + 2 agility + relay)
- GAMES (Snooker + Gamblers)

The categories and heights of jumps are different from the French and FCI regulations, you will find below an explanatory table:

JUMP HEIGHT NAME	DOG HEIGHT AT WITHERS	JUMP HEIGHT	A-FRAME HEIGHT	ASCENDING SPREAD LENGTH	LONG JUMP LENGTH	TYRE HEIGHT AT CENTER
250	320 mm & under	250 mm	1.7 m	215-235 mm	500 mm 2 boards	400 mm
300	380 mm & under	300 mm	1.7m	260-280 mm	600 mm 2 boards	450 mm
400	440 mm & under	400 mm	1.7m	350-370 mm	800 mm 3 boards	550 mm
500	500 mm & under	500 mm	1.7m	440-460 mm	1000 mm 4 boards	650 mm
600	Over 500 mm	600 mm	1.7m	530-550 mm	1200 mm 5 boards	750 mm

## Selection Committee

Manager : Sophia TUIS

Coach : Laurina KIEFFER

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Coach : Sarah FABRE

Coach : Morgan ROSSETTI

Coach : Camille PASSEY

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## Participation Criteria

- The selection committee is honoured not to give any free pass to anyone, and therefore will continue to follow this directive of objectivity.
- Only candidates who are willing to respect the rules set out from the start, are sure to commit to **the entire** adventure and who demonstrate **a good state of mind** are welcome.
- The selection committee gives itself the right to **exclude from** the selection or the team any person who does not show kindness to his animal, but also in case of disrespectful behavior towards the people and sites that will host the selection and preparation or towards the selection committee.
- The selection committee gives itself the right to **exclude from** the selection or the team any dog that has physical or mental discomfort on the practice of agility.
- Note that candidates **undertake** to be present at **all** stages (selection, 1 weekend of preparation and WAO for **6 days**) and are aware of the financial investment that this represents (travel to the Netherlands, accommodation, outfits ...)
- Dogs must be over 18 months old
- Open to all dogs with or without pedigree
- Candidates will participate in the competition in the official WAO jump height corresponding to the size of the dog
- Candidates are **responsible for** the toise of their dog. In case of error, they may be refused participation by the WAO and a non-refund of fees (registration, outfits, ...)
- WAO registration fee 135€ senior, 100€ Junior
- If presentation and qualification of **several** dogs, only **one** of the dogs will be selected; this will be discussed with the candidate who will have to choose the selected dog
- The previous year's medallists in the Biathlon, Pentathlon or Games events are automatically **selected** by the WAO to compete in the event where they won a medal but must **participate in** the selection and select themselves if they want to be able to compete on the other events.
- In the event that the medalists of the previous year in the Biathlon, Pentathlon or Games events get a Winspot on the 2023 selection it is then the **2nd of this Winspot** who is selected to defend only this event in Ermelo.
- The selection limits the number of participants to **100 teams** in all categories (**80** grade 3 teams and **20** grade 1 or 2 teams - the quota will be readjusted according to the number of grade 3 or 1/2 files). In order to be able to respect the selection specifications (7 courses in 1 weekend), **3 excellent results on Agility Grade**

3 type courses for candidates in **Grade 3** or **Agility Grade 2 / Agility 2 \*** for candidates in **Grade 1 or 2**, will be requested from **June 2021** to calculate an average rate of change per candidate. We will thus select applications starting from the highest speed of evolution.

- Candidates for selection **undertake to help in the field to the** smooth running of the selective, in case of non-compliance with this point, the committee reserves the right to **exclude** the team from the selective and / or the team.
- Only juniors over the age of 12 and under the age of 18 can participate in the **2023** selection on WAO Day
- The dog competing with the junior candidate must not participate in parallel in the senior selection
- Juniors must be accompanied by an adult accompanist at all stages of the WAO.

### Selection procedures

The selection of Team France will take place during the weekend of **03 and 04 September 2022** judged by Mr PINCHETTI Giuseppe (WAO international judge) on the grass field of the **Club de Criquebeuf-sur-Seine**, Rue de la grosse Pierre 27340 Criquebeuf-sur-Seine.

Registration cost for the selection weekend: 45€ per master/dog team

Provisional programme:

	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday (Finals)</b>
<b><u>Morning</u></b>	Jumping Pentathlon 250-300-400-500-600	Speedtakes x % of the cumulative jump & agi penta 250-300-400-500-600
	Agility Pentathlon 250-300-400-500-600	Agility Biathlon 100% jump Bia 250-300-400-500-600
<b><u>Afternoon</u></b>	Snooker 600-500-400-300-250	Gamblers x % du Snooker 600-500-400-300-250
	Jumping Biathlon 600-500-400-300-250	Awards ceremony

At the end of the various selective rounds on Saturday, **60 teams** (master / dog, all categories combined in proportion to the number of participants in each category) will be able to access the Speedstakes and **60 teams** to the Gamblers. Regarding the Agility Biathlon the **100 teams** will do the test in order to be able to take the results into account for the Winspot Team but only **60 Teams** will be in the race for the **Winspot Biathlon**. The distribution between the jump heights (250, 300, 400, 500, 600) will be proportional to the number of starters for each category. We will communicate this distribution a few days after the closing of registrations.

Example:

	Number of teams registered in the selective	Number of teams qualified for the finals
250	10	6
300	18	11
400	20	12
500	14	8
600	38	23
Total	100	60

On the day of selection the teams that win the Winspots will have **to pay** their commitment of 135 €, the check will be cashed in March 2023.

➤ **Selection 1: WinSpot Pentathlon**

The selection for the pentathlon takes place in **3 events** : an agility, a jumping and 1 speedstakes event. Travel time and course penalties are cumulated; mistakes (including time overruns) are added to the time. The team with the lowest result will be ranked first.

An elimination on one of the events will penalize the team with 50 penalty points and a time of 50 seconds or **100 sec.**

The TPS will be calculated as follows: time of the best dog with 5 penalty points maximum + 10%, on each of the rounds, cumulating the heights 250/300/400 and 500/600.

Based on a cumulation of the first two rounds (Agility + Jumping) **60 teams** (master / dog, all categories combined in proportion to the number of participants in each category) will take the start of the **Speedstakes**. **The Speedtake** being an event entering the cumulation of the **Winspot Teams**, the teams that do not take the start of this event will be awarded 50pt of penalty and a time of 50 sec or a total of **100sec** on this event for **the cumulation Teams**.

At the end of the 3 rounds, in each jumping height, the ranking will be determined by the accumulation of the 3 results. The team that ranks first will automatically earn a spot in the individual Pentathlon event.

Team 1 will be selected for the pentathlon.

In the event of a tie, the result in the speed test will make it possible to decide between the teams; if the tie persists we will take into account the best result on agility, then on jumping.

If equality persists, the choice will be made by the Selection Committee.

➤ **Selection 2: WinSpot Biathlon**

The selection for biathlon takes place in 1 agility event and 1 jumping event. The results of these **2 events** are cumulative, the team that has the least fault with the shortest time is selected.

An elimination on one of the events will penalize the team with **50** penalty points and a time of **50** seconds.

The TPS will be calculated as follows: time of the best dog with 5 penalty points maximum + 10%, on each of the rounds, cumulating the heights 250/300/400 and 500/600.

At the end of the first round of biathlon, **60 teams** (master /dog, all categories combined in proportion to the number of participants in each category) will be in list to claim the Winspot Biathlon, however the **100 teams** will start the second round in order to compete for **the Winspot Teams**. The teams eliminated in the first round will not be on the list to claim the **Winspot Biathlon**.

In each jumping height, the ranking will be determined by the combination of Agility Biathlon and Jumping Biathlon. The team that ranks first will automatically win a place in the Biathlon event.

Team 1 will be selected for Biathlon.

In the event of a tie, the result on agility will make it possible to decide between the teams; if the tie persists we will take into account the best result on the Jumping.

If equality persists, the choice will be made by the Selection Committee.

➤ **Selection 3: GAMES**

The selection takes place in 2 tests; 1 event called Snooker and 1 event called Gamblers. In each jumping height, the ranking will be determined by the accumulation (time and score) of **the 2 events**.

At the end of the first round (snooker), **60 teams** will start the Gamblers.

The teams will be ranked by number of points (accumulation of snooker and gambler points) and decided if necessary by the accumulation of times. In case of a tie, the result of the Gamblers (number of points then time if necessary) on the event will make it possible to decide between the teams.

The first team of each jump height (having obtained the best score in the aggregate of the 2 events), will be selected. 5 teams will be selected for the Games events

➤ **Selection 4: TEAM Pentathlon**

A cumulation will be established on all **5 events**: Pentathlon (Agility Penta / Jumping Penta and Speedtakes) and Biathlon (Agility Bia and Jumping Bia) to determine the **Winspot Team Pentathlon**.

5 teams will be selected (1 per jump height).

➤ Junior Selection

The junior candidate participates in **all** the tests of the selection as described above. A specific ranking will be established between juniors of the same jump height. At the end of all the selective rounds (3 pentathlon courses, 2 biathlon courses and 2 games courses) a ranking will be established and will automatically designate the junior selected in each of the jump heights.

The Junior team will be composed of 5 juniors: 1 in 250, 1 in 300, 1 in 400, 1 in 500 and 1 in 600.

Failure to participate in one of the rounds of the selection will automatically result in the non-selection of the team.

As the WAO regulations are being finalized, the specific rules for juniors will be clarified later.

➤ Special cases

If the 1st team in the Biathlon, Games and Team Pentathlon cumulation has already won one of the previous Winspot, will then be chosen the next one in the ranking of the cumulation in question.

Example:

Jean and Fido finished<sup>1st</sup> in the 600 on the Pentathlon cumulation, so he won the Winspot Pentathlon.

Jean and Fido also finished<sup>1st</sup> of the 600 on the Biathlon cumulation, Marie and Jack were 2nd behind Jean on the Biathlon cumulation, given that Jean was already selected on the Pentathlon, it was Marie and Jack who won the Winspot Biathlon.

The order of the selections is as follows:

- Pentathlon
- Biathlon
- Games
- Pentathlon Team

➤ Summary diagram selection 2023

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1 Winspot Pentathlon / jumping height: accumulation of blue events

1 Winspot Biathlon / jumping height: accumulation of green events

1 Winspot Games / jump height: accumulation of pink events

1 Winspot Team / jump height: cumulation of blue and green events

1 Winspot Junior / jump height: cumulation of blue, green and pink events

The distribution of events will be made as follows according to the Winspot won:

Winspot pentathlon + Biathlon + Games  
Winspot Biathlon + Pentathlon  
Winspot Games + Pentathlon  
Winspot Team + Biathlon + Games  
Winspot Junior Pentathlon + Biathlon + Game

The WAO Team France 2023 will be composed in addition to one junior per jump height, 20 teams master / dog. 25 teams will be selected according to the rules explained above.

➤ **Replacements**

5 substitute teams will be chosen by the Selection Committee (1 per jump height) and will be present throughout the preparation weekend.

➤ **Entries**

You can apply **from 01 July to 17 July 2022 midnight**. The file must be complete. After this period and incomplete file **no** registration file will be retained.

The final selection and the detailed results will be communicated no later than **September 17, 2022** after verification and validation by the selection committee.

The selected teams undertake to be present **throughout** the preparation weekend:

- Weekend of **11 and 12 March 2023** at AGISPORT 2060 route de Bièvres 38140 Rives

All team members must be present during this preparation weekend. Injured dogs and/or handlers will be present on these weekends of preparation. The **non-presence** of a master/dog pair will result in the **loss of its selection**.

To complete your registration, please return the registration form (last page of the document) by email.  
The list of participants selected for the selection will be posted on the Facebook page "WAO TEAM FRANCE" on 19/07/2022.

The payment will be made before 02/08/2022, if it is not made on time the application will be automatically canceled, then the people on the waiting list will be contacted.

The final list (i.e. up to date of payment) of the participants in the selective will be posted on the facebook page "WAO TEAM FRANCE" on 05/08/2022.

The full rules of the competition are available on the World Agility Open website:

<http://www.worldagilityopen.com/WAORulesRegulations.pdf>

For any questions you can contact us at: [waoteamfrance@gmail.com](mailto:waoteamfrance@gmail.com)

**To apply:**

Please return the following document to the email address: [waoteamfrance@gmail.com](mailto:waoteamfrance@gmail.com) accompanied by 3 excellent results on Agility Grade 3 type courses for Grade 3 and Agility Grade 2 / Agility 2\* type for Grade 1/2 candidates will be requested from June 2021



## Candidacy

### → Driver

Photo of the master/dog pair:

Name:

Forename:

Mobile phone:

Mail :

Facebook nickname if different from the surname/first name:

### → Dog

Name of the Dog:

Identification Number:

Breed of dog:

FAPAC Number:

Date of birth:

Current level (Grade 1, 2, 3):

Driver Category: Senior / Junior

WAO Category:

Size at the withers (attention: precise measurement):

Attach this last completed page as well as 3 excellent scores type Agility Grade 3 for candidates in Grade 3 and type Agility Grade 2 / Agility 2\* for candidates in Grade 1/2 from June 2021 to the email address: [waoteamfrance@gmail.com](mailto:waoteamfrance@gmail.com)