

Bulgaria Team Selection Guidelines for W.A.O. Championships 2018

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Bulgaria Team 2018

Any Bulgarian agility handler interested in representing their country at the 2018 WAO please contact the team manager to declare their interest. If you wish to participate, please send the following details to the Bulgarian Team Manager:

1. Handler's full name.
2. Handler's address.
3. Handler's phone number.
4. Handler's e-mail address.
5. Dog's name and registered name if applicable.
6. Dog's breed.
7. Dog's gender.
8. Dog's date of birth.
9. Dog's height.
10. Microchip ID.
11. Competition history.

Eligibility

1. All breeds or mixed are welcome.
2. All dogs must be at least 18 month of age on the date of the application.
3. Handlers must be registered members of BRFK (Bulgarian Republican Federation of Cynology).

Dogs' restrictions

1. Pregnant dogs.
2. Dogs in heat.
3. Dogs in sickness.
4. Aggressive dogs.

All registrations requests must be received by January the 1st 2018. If there is more interest than 3 dogs per height, the dogs for the team will be chosen based on following criteria.

Qualification criteria

For the last two years (2016 and 2017) over performance on national and international competitions:

- ✓ Each handler and dog will get 1 point if they were placed 1, 2 or 3 rd places in any agility or jumping run in A1 or if they had a clear run within SCT.
- ✓ Each handler and dog will get 2 points if they were placed 1, 2 or 3 rd places in any agility or jumping run in A2/A3 or if they had a clear run within SCT.
- ✓ Competitors with international experience will be considered.

The top three applicants in each WAO height will be chosen to run at the WAO 2018. If one or more of the qualifiers cannot attend, please notify the team manager no later than 90 days prior to the WAO. In that case, the place will be given as an option for the next applicant with closest results. If first place is tied, all will be offered biathlon and pentathlon. If four or more teams tie for first place then a run off will be required for the win on spot.

Team Requirements

To apply for a place on the 2018 WAO Team Bulgaria, you must meet the following requirements:

- ✓ Team members will need to be available to travel to Netherlands at least one week prior to the WAO competition dates to allow time to train with their dog(s);
- ✓ Team members will actively participate in fundraising efforts and will either raise the minimum goal or supplement the amount from their own funds;
- ✓ Team members should support, encourage and respect all team members and management before and during the WAO competition.

Funding

- ✓ All funding will be supported by the competitors themselves, including but not limited to travel expenses, hotel, food, dog certification fee and uniform. Full or part sponsorship is acceptable.

Heights

WAO jump heights and cut-off heights are as follows:

- ✓ The height cut off for the 300mm division is 320mm.
- ✓ The height cut off for the 400mm division is 410mm.
- ✓ The height cut off for the 500mm division is 500mm.
- ✓ All dogs over 500mm will be in the 600 division.

Full Jump Height divisions:

Jump Height Division	Dogs Height at Withers	Jump Height	A-Frame Height	Ascending Spread Length	Long Jump Length	Tyre Height at Centre
300	320mm & under	300mm	1.7m	260-280mm	600mm 2 boards	450mm
400	410mm & under	400mm	1.7m	350-370mm	800mm 3 boards	550mm
500	500mm & under	500mm	1.7m	440-460mm	1000mm 4 boards	650mm
600	Over 500mm	600mm	1.7m	530-550mm	1200mm 5 boards	750mm